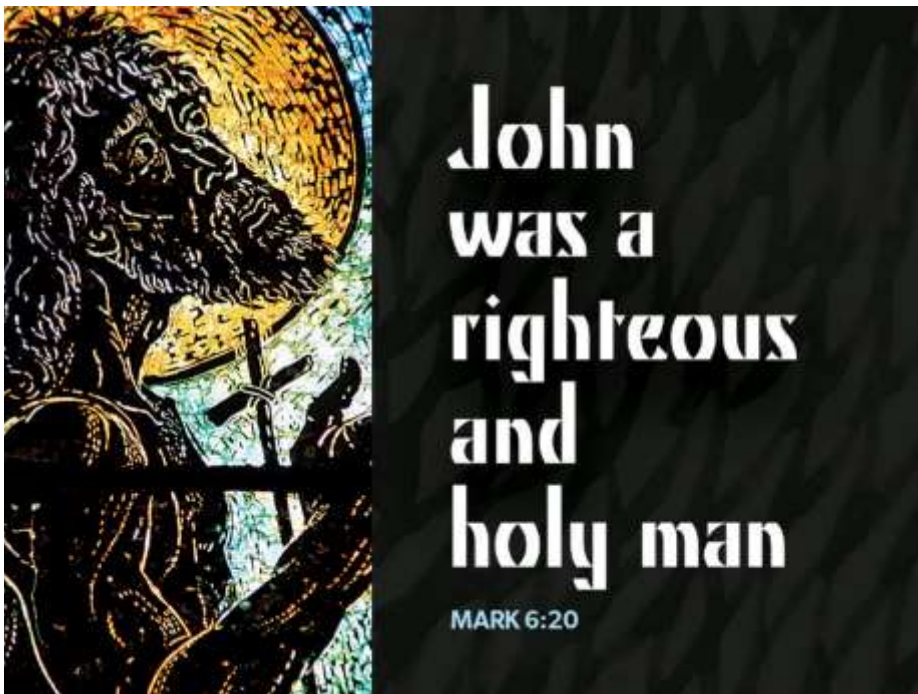


Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 14, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

*Kviteseid Lutheran Church
308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ ... according to the riches of his grace” (Ephesians 1:3, 7, NRSV). Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” ELW #697

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God’s saving love.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P God has accomplished all things through Christ, *Eph. 1:5, 11–12*

C so that we might live as God’s own children.

P Let us give thanks to God

C and live for the praise of God’s glory.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Jesus loves us with steadfast tenderness;
therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

**C Holy God,
you call us to be your beloved children and to care for one another,
yet we fail to love others and ourselves.**

Helpless and ashamed, we turn our hearts to you.

Forgive us, and then tenderly teach us

**to stand strong and courageous in the fullness of your love,
by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.**

P Sisters and brothers, God forgives us and strengthens us for love;
therefore be at peace. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Lead On, O King Eternal!” ELW #805

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

PSALM 85:8-13

L ⁸ I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you.

C ⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land.**

L ¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

C ¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

L ¹² The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

C ¹³ **Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Faith of Our Fathers”

ELW #812

APOSTLES’ CREED

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilot,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P In your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend
ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way,
the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

(vs. 1 & 4)

ELW #689

****OFFERING PRAYER**

C Thank you for filling us with every spiritual grace
that we might be a blessing for others.
Consecrate the gifts we offer for the increase of your love.
May they bring blessing to others
and praise to your glorious name. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" ELW #494

 "Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW #471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

****CHARGE**

P Go forth in joy and peace, for you are God's beloved.

****BLESSING**

P May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ,
fill you with every blessing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

ELW #771

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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