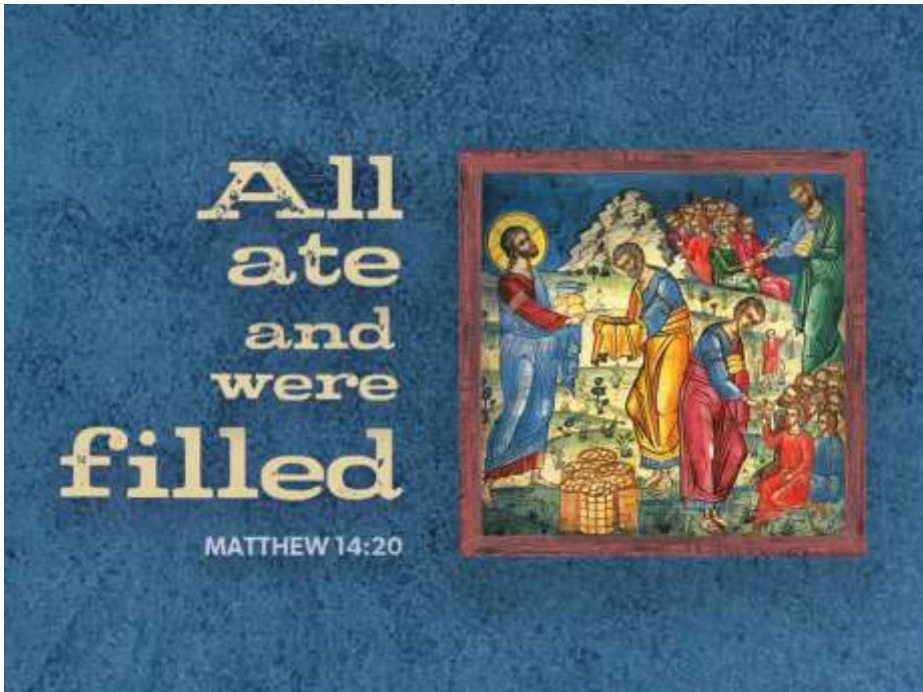


Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



August 6, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Through Isaiah, God calls, “Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters” (Isaiah 55:1, ESV). We come today to the Living Water made known in Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW #461

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In today’s first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

OPENING PRAYER

- P Lord, the eyes of all look to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.
- C **We, too, turn to You again, longing to be filled—to eat of the Bread of Life, to drink from Your life-giving streams, to taste Your goodness and live.**
- P May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples.
- C **For You alone are God, the Source and Sustainer of life. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P The promise of our faith is this: *Ps. 145:18*
for all who call out in truth, God is near.
Therefore let us honestly confess our sin.
- C **God of justice and mercy,
we admit that we are not always free of deceit. *Ps. 17:1*
We are fooled by the false promises of the world
into pursuing things that do not truly nourish us. *Isa. 55:2*
Hear our cry and save us, dear God, *Ps. 145:19*
in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

P Here is good news for everyone:
God is gracious, merciful, abounding in steadfast love, *Ps. 145:8*
and gives us forgiveness and grace.
We do not have to earn it with sacrifice
because it is a free gift from a generous God. Amen. *Isa. 55:1*

HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” *ELW #712*

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 **Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

PSALM 145:8-9, 14-21

L ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C ⁹**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

L ¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

C ¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

L ¹⁶You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

C ¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

L ¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

C ¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

L ²⁰You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy.

C ²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God’s holy name forever and ever.**

LESSON: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

ELW #515

APOSTLES' CREED

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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 Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise and Thanksgiving" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #689

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **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.**

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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.**

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COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW #479

"Come, Let Us Eat"

ELW #491

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The Spirit sends us forth to serve. Go in peace, knowing that God will always be by your side in all that you do. Go in love, offering healing and hope to others. Go in joy, that others may be lifted and inspired in service.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” ELW #674

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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