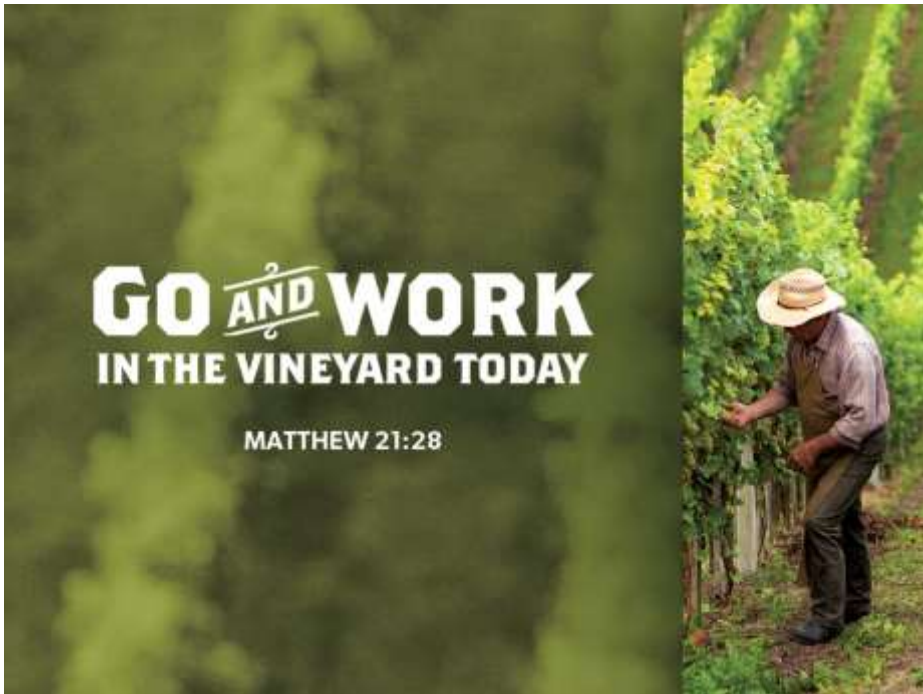


Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 1, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “Let us give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds.” (Psalm 107:8, NIV)

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“God Is Here!”

ELW #526

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Jesus’ parable about two sons who don’t do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

**CALL TO WORSHIP

P At the name of Jesus every knee should bend *Phil. 2:10–11*
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

C **Glory to God. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P The Lord spoke through Ezekiel, saying, *Ezek. 18:31*
Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed
against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit.
Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

C **Righteous God, we confess that we have not lived as your obedient children.
We have honored you with our words,
but we have denied you with our actions.**

**We have not pursued the mind of Christ, who took the form of a servant,
for we have acted with selfish ambition.**

**We have put our interests before the interests of others
and have not regarded them in humility.**

Phil. 2:3–4

**Forgive us our arrogance, awaken our hearts to sincere repentance,
and enable us to will and to work for your good pleasure,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Phil. 2:13

P Brothers and sisters,
God offers forgiveness of our sin and abundant life to those who repent.
Turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Ezek. 18:32

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #520

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 **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

LESSON: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot reverse their own previous behavior. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

PSALM 25:1-9

L ¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C ²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

L ³Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C ⁴**Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

L ⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

C ⁶**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

L ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me
according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C ⁸**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

L ⁹You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

LESSON: Philippians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 21st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

ELW #772

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 Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept the offering of our lives in union with Christ’s offering for us, and make us humble and obedient servants who will work for your good pleasure; through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Phil. 2:13

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”

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“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

ELW #712

“Be Thou My Vision”

ELW #793

“O Master, Let Me Walk with You”

ELW #818

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

**CHARGE

P Beloved, let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus. *Phil. 2:5*
Love the Lord and serve others for the glory of God.

**BLESSING

P The blessing of God be with you, the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you, now and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #551

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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