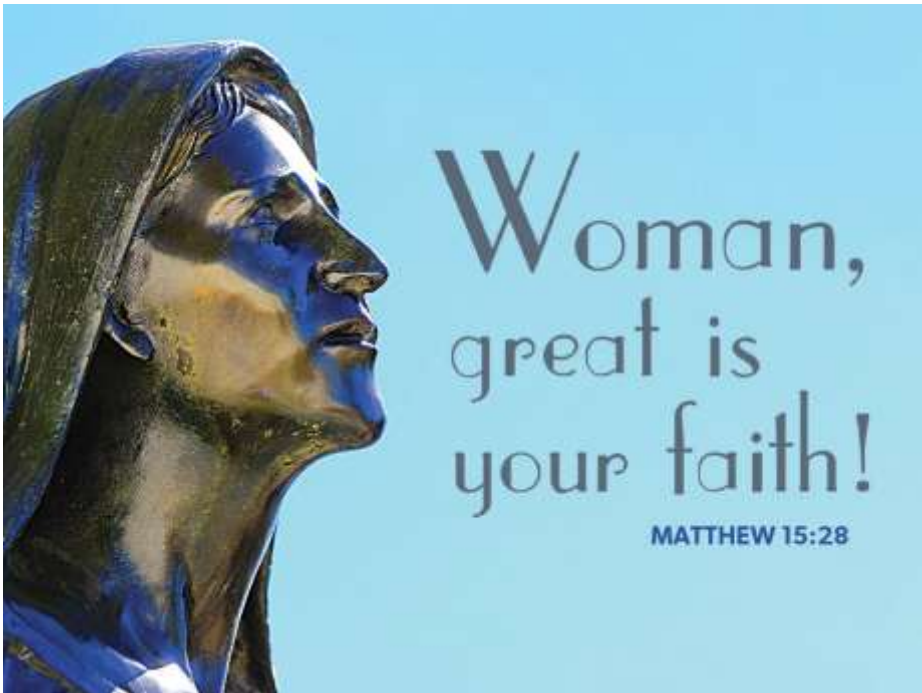


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



August 20, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

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

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Paul writes: “The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable” (Romans 11:29, NRSV). God has called you, so receive his gifts for you today: his love, his forgiveness, his life.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELW #858

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In Isaiah we hear that God’s house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today’s gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We gather here this day to hear God’s word for us.

C **We praise God for the opportunity to gather together.**

P We are sent forth from this place to share God’s transforming love.

C **Lord, encourage us and empower us to do your will. Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God declares: *Isa. 56:1*
Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come
and my deliverance be revealed.
Confident in our deliverance,
let us confess our sins before
God and one another.

C **Holy God,**
we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. *Rom. 11:30*
We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others.
We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our
relationships.
We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered
mercy to those who have sinned against us. *Rom. 11:31*
By the power of your Holy Spirit
free us from the prison of our disobedience. *Rom. 11:32*

Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ. Amen.

P The gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. *Rom. 11:29*
Receive the gift of forgiveness and share that gift with others,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 1-2, 5-6) ELW #886

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 all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God’s imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

PSALM 67

L ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

C ²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

L ³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

L ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C ⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L ⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

ELW #588

(Alt. tune: ELW #777)

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 “We Give Thee but Thine Own” (vs. 1-2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of abundance and joy, we thank you for the many blessings you have poured on our lives. Receive these gifts, lovingly given, and bless them in your service.

C Amen.

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.**

**CHARGE

P By the power of the Holy Spirit, go forth to serve your neighbor, to love your enemy, and to embody God's mercy in the name of Jesus Christ.

**BLESSING

P The blessing of God, source of life, power of life, redeemer of life, be with you now and always.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

ELW #650

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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