

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



November 10, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “Family of Christ, welcome to worship!
May you sense Jesus’ presence and be strengthened in his love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Praise and Thanksgiving” ELW #689

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY VETERANS

HYMN “This Is My Song” (v. 3) ELW #887

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows’ houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn’t see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

P These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C **Amen.**

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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSON: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

PSALM 146

L ¹ Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C ² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

L ³ Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.

**C ⁴ When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

L ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

**C ⁶ who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

L ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

**C ⁸ The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

L ⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**C ¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

LESSON: Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 12:37b-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Take My Life, That I May Be" (vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6) ELW #685

NEW MEMBER WELCOME

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 Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

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

OFFERING PRAYER

C **God, fill our hearts with gratitude for all the gifts You give to us; help us use them as Jesus would; fill us with generosity to share your good gifts with all. Bless all that we offer now, that it may be a blessing to others. 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 “Day by Day” ELW #790

 “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” ELW #712

 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly” ELW #461

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P **Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

C **Amen.**

****BENEDICTION**

P May the abundant goodness of God, the generous mercy of Christ,
and the sustaining power of the Spirit be with you today and every day
until the coming of God's joyous reign.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

ELW #679

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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