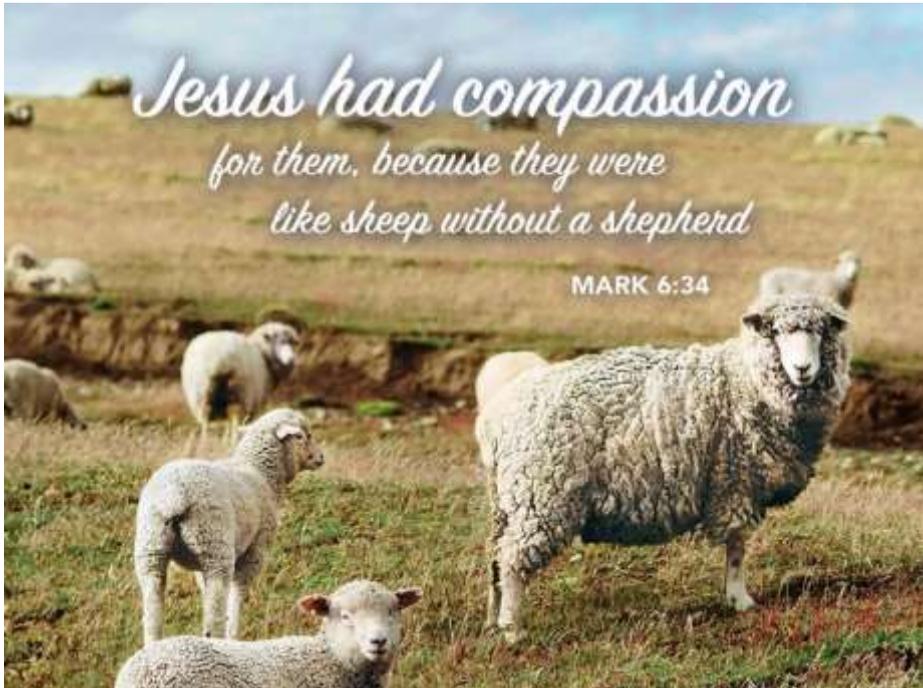


Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



July 18, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Jesus urged his disciples, “Come away ... and rest a while” (Mark 6:31). He calls us also to leave our busyness for a time of Sabbath. Welcome to worship and rest.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW #611

INTRODUCTION

Mark’s gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today’s gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn’t think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers’ need. We are sent from Christ’s table to care for others and for ourselves.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We gather together in the name of Jesus Christ—
C **members of God’s family, and brothers and sisters to one another.**
P There are no outsiders here among us,
C **no one has any special standing or bragging rights.**
P For we have been brought together by the redeeming love of Jesus.
C **Let’s join together in worship!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.
C **Amen.**
P Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our provider,
C **help us.**
It is hard to believe there is enough to share.
We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in
which we live.
We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.
We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

**Turn us again to you.
Where else can we turn?
Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.
Amen.**

P Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, † the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" (vs. 1-3) ELW #883

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

PSALM 23

L ¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

L ³You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

LESSON: Ephesians 2:11-22

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak"

ELW #676

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 We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God,
confident in the promise of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

****OFFERING PRAYER**

P God of green pastures and still waters,
bless these gifts that we have been given
that they may become part of your banquet for the world.

Ps. 23:2

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 In the power of the Holy Spirit we now go forth into the world,
to fulfil our calling as the people of God, the body of Christ.

BLESSING

P Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Christ;
and may the love of God the Father rest upon you,
may the grace and the mercy of Christ Jesus the Son dwell within you,
and may God the Holy Spirit strengthen, comfort, and sustain you
both now and forevermore. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW #789

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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