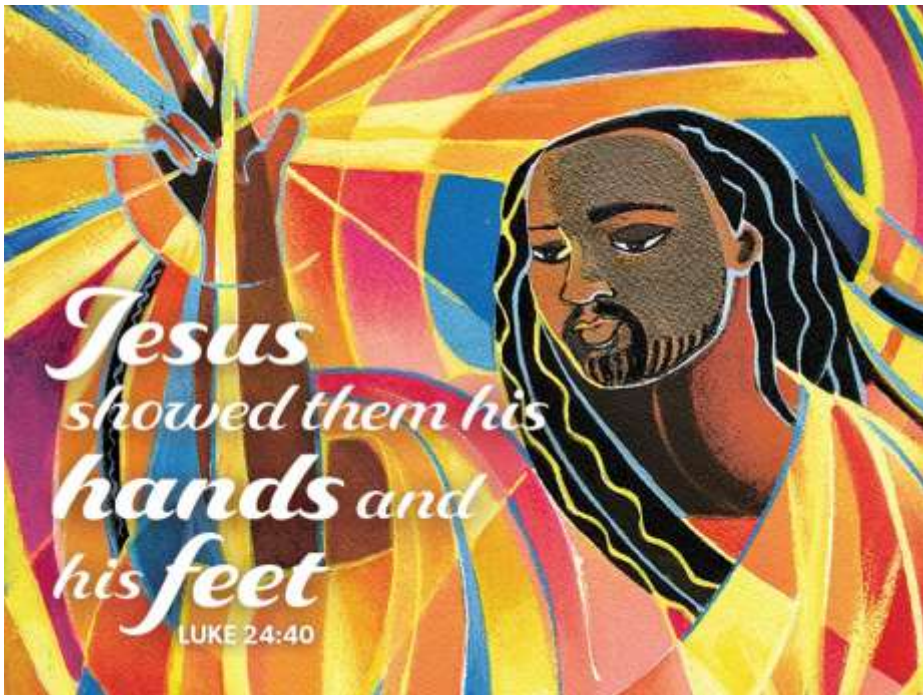


Third Sunday of Easter



April 14, 2024 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... in the name of the God of life, the risen Jesus, and the Holy Spirit who empowers our discipleship. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “The Day of Resurrection!” ELW #361

P The Lord is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing you may have life in his name.

C The Lord is risen!

P He is risen indeed!

C Alleluia!

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the communion meal we share. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We are witnesses,

C to the love God has poured into us.

P We are witnesses of God's love,

C sharing it with each person we meet.

P We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

C little children like us, sisters and brothers in God's family.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

C Wondrous God, we confess that at times our doubts and fears override our hope and faith. Forgive us when we lose sight of the joy of Your love and instead fall into despair and gloom. Lift up our spirits, Lord, and help us to remember the promise of new life here and now, not just the hope of resurrection for the future. We give thanks for Your Son, Jesus the Christ, who continues to offer us new life, who continues to turn us around and upside down, who continues to break down the walls of death in our own life. Forgive us, restore us and renew us. In the name of our risen Savior, Jesus the Christ, we pray. Amen.

P The tomb is empty. The stone is rolled away. There is no darkness now, only light. God continues to renew us and restore us. We are forgiven, loved and restored, receiving the gift and promise of new life and resurrection now. Go and share the wondrous news of God's love in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW #367

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 **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

PSALM 4

L ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

C ²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

L ³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.

C ⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

L ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

C ⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?"
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

L ⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

C ⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" (vs. 1-4) ELW #377

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 God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #686

OFFERING PRAYER

C **Giver of all gifts, we thank you for the many blessings of our lives. Receive now these gifts and transform them with the power of your love. May they become witnesses to your resurrection, proclaiming your power and forgiveness in our community and throughout the world. Amen.**

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.**

CHARGE

P Go now, to be God's children in the world.

C **We will open our minds to understand the needs around us.**

P Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.

C **We will open our hands to share our blessings with all.**

P Go now, to be the Spirit's hope for the world.

C **We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one to care for them.**

BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!” (vs. 1, 3-4) ELW #382

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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