

The Body of Christ

— The Ears of Christ —



Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 10, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.
Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Big Bend Lutheran Church
Kviteseid Lutheran Church
Milan, Minnesota

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... on this fourth Wednesday of Lent.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the *italicized texts* silently in your heart as your own words.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P We are tied up in the knots of sin and death, O God.

C *From your temple you heard our voice, and our cry came to your ears.*

P Often we deceive ourselves, being hearers only and not doers of the word.

C *From your temple you heard our voice, and our cry came to your ears.*

P You always hear our cries for help, our pleas for mercy, and our groans of agony; but we remain deaf to your call to love and serve.

C *From your temple you heard our voice, and our cry came to your ears.*

P We desire to hear your word, “Ephphatha; be opened,” O Lord, and to speak it to others. Open our ears and release our tongues to hear and to speak your love for us all.

C *From your temple you heard our voice, and our cry came to your ears.*

P You are always more willing to hear than we are to pray; you are always more willing to give than we are to ask. But you can open our ears to your voice.

C *You have done all things well; you have even made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

OPENING HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Lord Jesus, you draw near us
In garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us,
To kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken
On the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token
Of glory yet to be.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C **Amen.**

P God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Fountain of living water,

C *pour out your mercy over us.*

Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.

Wash us in your cleansing flood.

Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,

as healers and restorers of the world you so love.

Amen.

P Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ,

the wisdom and power of God, your sins are ✠ forgiven,

and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C *Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Move us to hear each other with Spirit-given love. May we, such grace receiving, become, with one accord, in all our daily living, the Body of the Lord. Guide us to love and serve our neighbor, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Bend down your ear, O Savior,

And hear our urgent cry.

Assure us of your favor,

And to our need draw nigh.

O Word-made-flesh, forever

Your name shall be adored.

Oh, let us cherish ever

The ears of Christ, our Lord.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 22:2-7

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

PSALMODY: from Psalm 86

L Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

C *O Lord, in mercy bend your ear
To hear my urgent cry.*

L You are my God; be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry all day long.
Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C *In time of trouble turn and hear;
With saving love draw nigh.*

L For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

C *O Lord, in mercy bend your ear
To hear my urgent cry.*

L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; listen to my cry of supplication.
I call on you, for you will answer me.

C *In time of trouble turn and hear;
With saving love draw nigh.*

SECOND READING: James 1:19-25

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

PSALMODY: from Psalm 86

L O Lord, in mercy bend your ear
To hear my urgent cry.

C *Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry come to you!
Incline your ear to me, answer me speedily in the day when I call!*

L In time of trouble turn and hear;
With saving love draw nigh.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 7th chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON "The Ears of Christ"

HYMN OF THE DAY "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW #759

THE 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 FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, hear our prayer.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing the word of your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **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.

HYMN

tune of ELW #351

The ears of Christ, our brother,
That hear from heav'n above,
Move us to hear each other
With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord hear you and comfort you.
The Lord be with you always and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Now the Day Is Over”

ELW #570

DISMISSAL

P Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

Lenten Services: All Wednesday evening Lenten services will be joint with Big Bend and held at Kviteseid at 7:00 p.m. There will be no suppers. The theme of our services this year is “The Body of Christ.” Tonight’s worship service will focus on “The Ears of Christ.”

Big Bend Members: Please use the labeled envelopes on the table in the hallway for any offerings given during the Lenten worship services if you would like it to go back to Big Bend or you can also write a check to Big Bend. All undesigned loose offering will stay at Kviteseid.

Recycling container for bulletins: If you don’t want to take your bulletin home after worship, please put it in the blue recycling wastebasket in the hallway so it can be recycled. This was a suggestion from one of our youth.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 14th. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour.

Sunday, March 14th Worship:

Kviteseid In-Person and Facebook Live Worship	9:00 a.m.
Big Bend In-Person, Parking Lot and Facebook Live Worship	10:30 a.m.

2021 Lenten Theme: The Body of Christ

February 17 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	The Feet of Christ
February 24	The Hands of Christ
March 3	The Mouth of Christ
March 10	The Ears of Christ
March 17	The Eyes of Christ
March 24	The Heart of Christ
April 1 - <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	The Blood of Christ
April 2 - <i>Good Friday</i>	The Body of Christ
April 4 - <i>Easter</i>	The Risen Body of Christ

*The Vision of Kviteseid Lutheran Church is to grow
and send disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to serve in families, communities and the world,
witnessing to the love of God
and the empowerment of Christ's Spirit.*



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