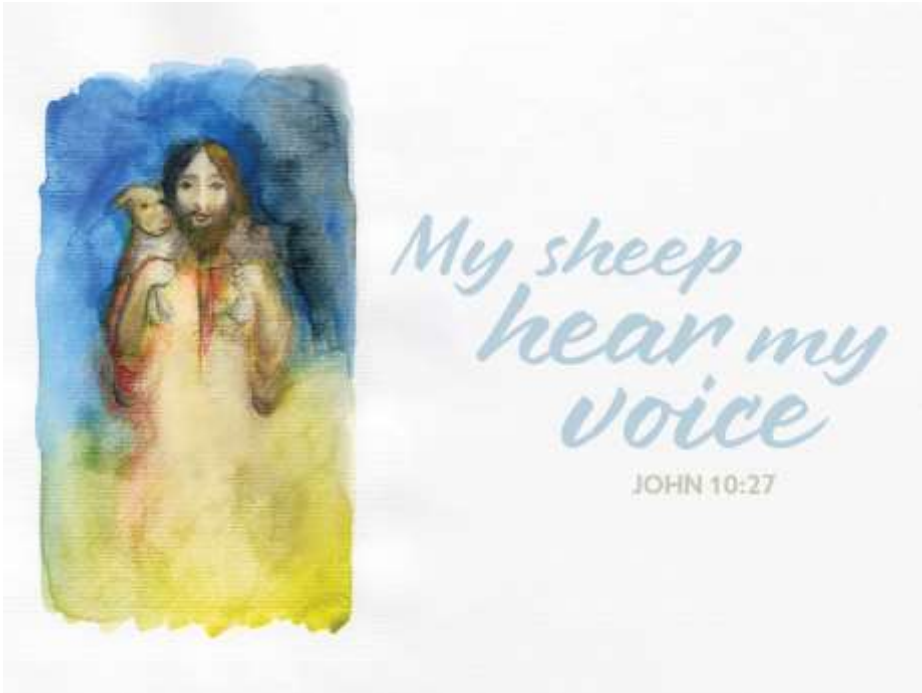


Fourth Sunday of Easter



May 11, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome, and Happy Mother's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (vs. 1, 3 & 4) ELW #855

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

OPENING PRAYER

C With joy we come this day to the house of the Lord. God provides for us abundantly even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away. God is faithful. Open our hearts today to hear your word for us that we may become faithful disciples of our Lord all our days. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God is present to guide our journey and eager to forgive us when we go astray; therefore, in humility and faith, let us confess our sins against God and neighbor.

C **Holy God,** *Ps. 23; Luke 1:79*
we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationship and peace, and we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation; we repent of these hurtful ways. Forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others, and guide our feet into the way of peace. Amen.

P God's mercy overflows as a healing spring *Ps. 23; Acts 9:41*
to cleanse us of our offenses;
therefore, know that you are forgiven
and receive new life in Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Have No Fear, Little Flock" ELW #764

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 of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

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: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

C We have heard your voice, Lord.

You have spoken to us plainly.

We will follow you as you guide us on the right paths.

We will respond to you, as you open our hearts and minds
and fill us with life in all its fullness.

Hear our prayer, Lord, in the name of the Savior. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (vs. 1-4) ELW #502

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 commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are
always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

**OFFERING PRAYER

P Holy God, Divine Shepherd, you anoint us with the oil of gladness; your love overflows our hearts. Accept our offering for the good of the world as we joyfully give thanks for our life in you. In Jesus’ name we pray.

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 Go forth to follow paths of righteousness;
go forth to follow paths of peace; and may God’s goodness
and mercy follow you as you serve the risen Lord.

Ps. 23:3, 6

BENEDICTION

Psalm 23, Revelation 7

P The Lord is our shepherd; we want for nothing.
We hunger and thirst no more.
The Lord gives rest and comfort to our souls.
God keeps us in perfect peace.
The Lord sustains us in the midst of trouble.
Our lives overflow with God’s love and grace.

C Goodness and mercy will surely follow us always.
And we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW #789

DISMISSAL

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God.

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