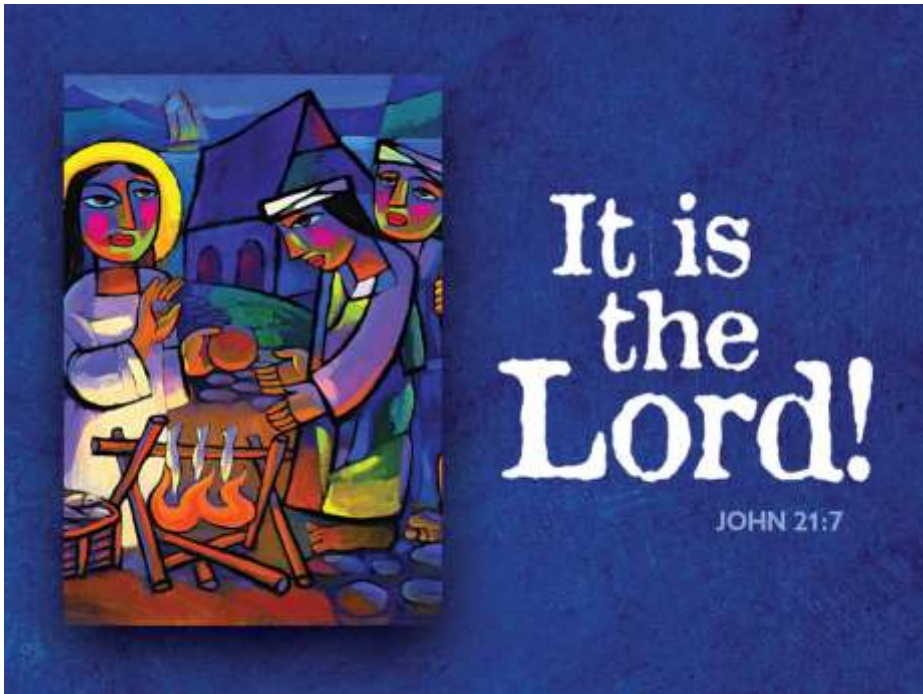


Third Sunday of Easter



May 4, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real.

PRELUDE

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!**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #384

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the life beyond all death,
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

C **Amen.**

P Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of life,

C **by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.
Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.
We have not listened to voices that challenge us.
We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.
Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**

**Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.
Through the waters of baptism
you have been born anew by the living word of God.
Know that your sins are forgiven in ☩ Jesus' name
and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT AND TEACHER RECOGNITION

CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF PRAISE "You Servants of God" (vs. 1) ELW #825

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 **Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud
your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to
us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 9:1-6, 17-20

*Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of
Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an
encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

PSALM 30

L ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

C ²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.**

L ³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

C ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.**

L ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

C ⁶**While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.**

- L ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.”
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
- C ⁸**I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
- L ⁹“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
- C ¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”**
- L ¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
- C ¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

LESSON: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple’s love and obedience.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “What Wondrous Love Is This” (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #666

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 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.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love’s sake.

C **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	“The Day of Resurrection!”	ELW #361
	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”	ELW #385
	“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”	ELW #392

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (vs. 1 & 5) ELW #389

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.

POSTLUDE

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