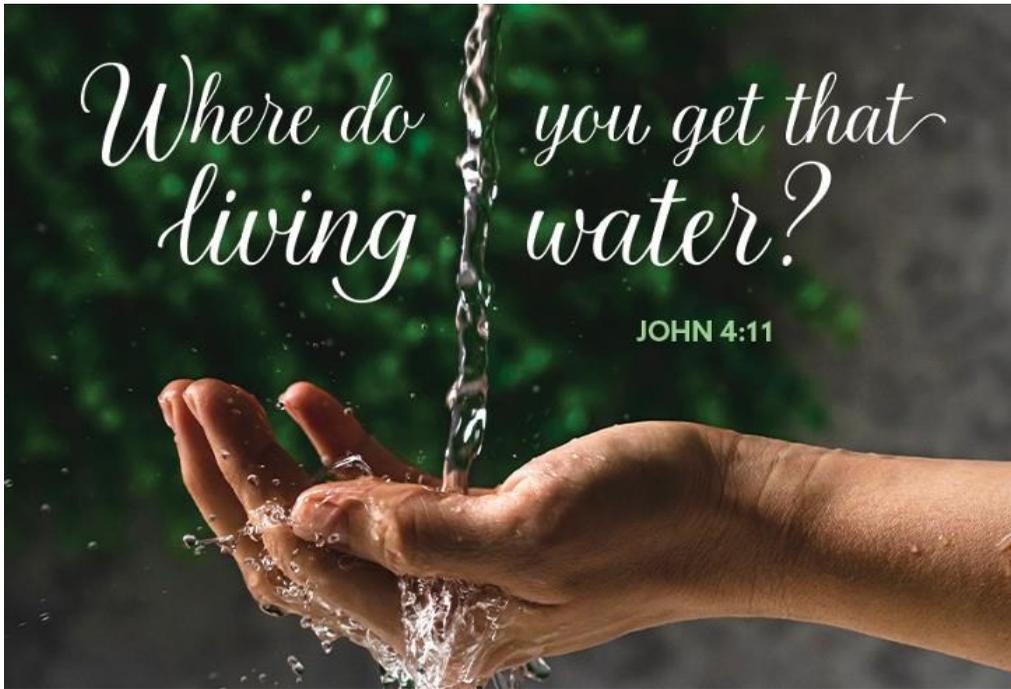


# *Third Sunday in Lent*



*March 8, 2026 | 10:30 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...** *As we spring forward into a new season, may we also step into the fresh grace God provides each day. Though we may have lost an hour of sleep, we gain time together in His presence—a reminder that His mercies are new every morning.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING HYMN**      “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”      vs. 1-2 ELW #533

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

WL    In the name of the Father, and of the, † Son, and of the Holy Spirit..  
C      **Amen**

WL    Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C      **Amen**

WL    Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
      Most merciful God,  
C      **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

WL    In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C      **Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL Let us pray.

**C Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

HYMN

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW # 335

READING

*Exodus 17:1-7*

## PSALM 95

L <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**C <sup>2</sup> Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

L <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**C <sup>4</sup> In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

L <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**C <sup>6</sup> Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

L <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand. Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!

**C <sup>8</sup> “Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

L <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**C <sup>10</sup> Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

L <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

## **GOSPEL**

WL The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.  
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

WL The Gospel of our Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

**HYMN** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" ELW # 618

## **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:*

WL Hear us, O God

C **Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

WL Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C **Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**JINGLE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

WL The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C **Amen**

WL Go in Peace and serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

### Dismissal

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Wed., Mar. 11	TWC Bible Study Lent Supper Worship Facebook Live Worship	1:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 15	Sunday School <i>Children's Choir singing</i> Coffee Fellowship Worship	9:15 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

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