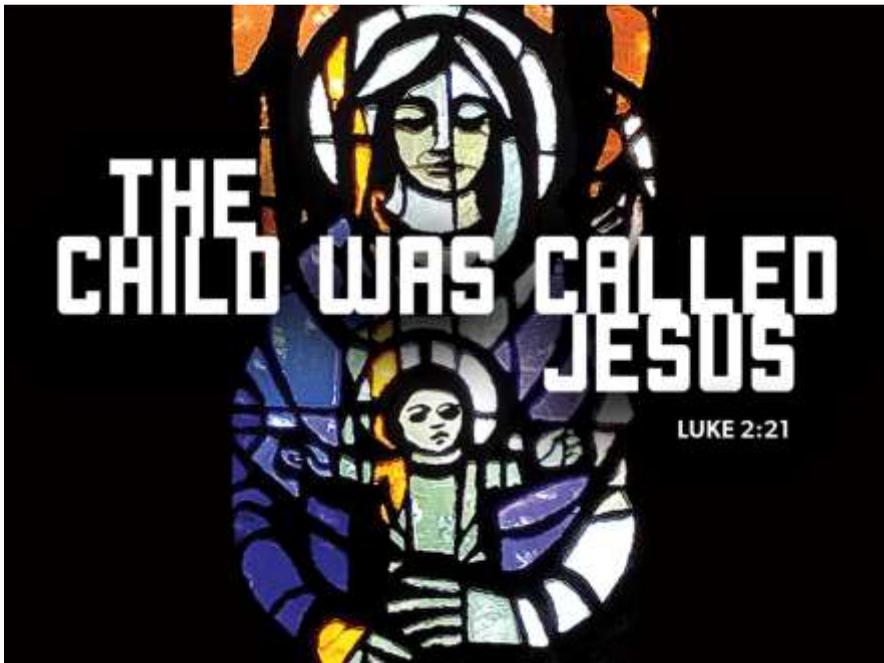


First Sunday of Christmas



January 1, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to 2023 and to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... We begin worship and this new year as we always live: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" ELW #270

DIALOGUE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

P For everything there is a season:

C **And a time for every matter under heaven:**

P A time to be born and a time to die.

C **A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

P A time to break down, and a time to build up.

C **A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

P A time to keep and a time to throw away.

C **A time to be silent and a time to speak.**

P A time to love and a time to hate.

C **A time for war and a time for peace.**

P God has made everything suitable for its time.

C **God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

P God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

C **Whatever God does endures forever.**

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

P Let us pray. Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever — the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

HYMN "O Come, All Ye Faithful" ELW #283

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

DIALOGUE

- P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
- C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**
- P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
- C **In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

PRAYER

- P Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 *God Promises a King*

READING: Micah 5:2, 4-5a *The King will come from Bethlehem*

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW #279

READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38 *The Annunciation to Mary*

- P The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:
- C **"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!**
- P Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.
- C **"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!**

READING: Luke 2:4-7 *The Birth of Jesus*

HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" ELW #276

READING: Luke 2:8-16 *The Shepherds go to see the Savior*

HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1-2) ELW #275

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P Good and loving God,

C **we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With all of creation, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“The Bells of Christmas” (vs. 1, 2, & 4) ELW #298

DISMISSAL

P Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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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.*