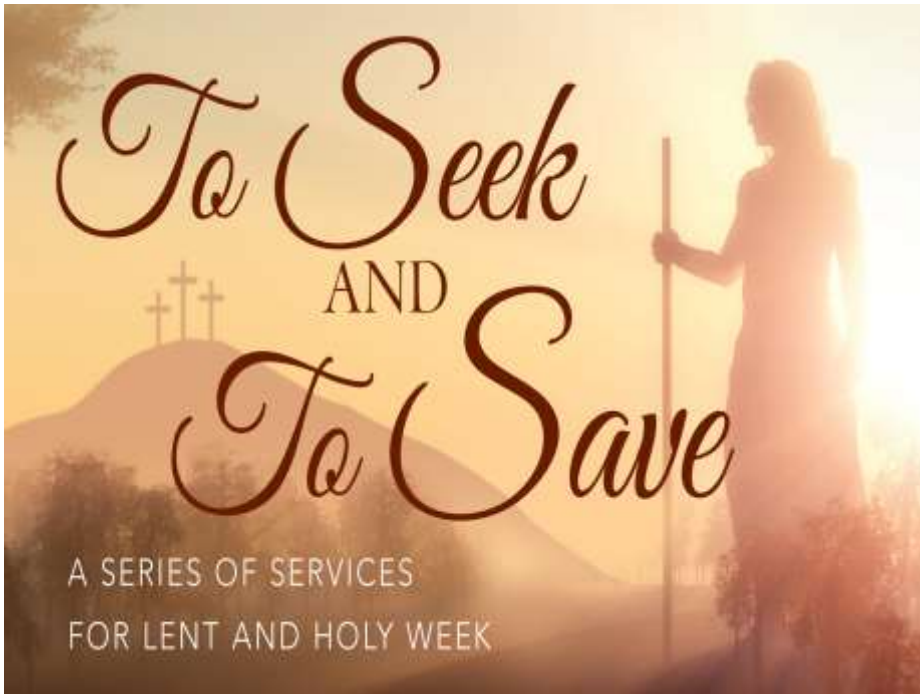


Lenten Service



Wednesday, April 6, 2022 / 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 sixth Wednesday of Lent.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

- Luke 19:10

INTRODUCTION: To Save the Lost

All through Lent we are reminded that Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. In our worship, we will see how Jesus finds one lost sinner—up in a tree! Jesus came to seek us out and to save us, setting us free from our sins through his suffering, death, and resurrection.

OPENING HYMN

tune of ELW #533

1. Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain, Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain, Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide, Opened when our Savior died.
2. Come in poverty and meanness, Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness, From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
3. They that drink shall live forever; 'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never, Break his covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died, Sealed when he was glorified.

INVOCATION AND LITANY

Psalm 119:173-176

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let your hand be ready to help me,

C For I have chosen your precepts.

P I long for your salvation, O Lord,

C And your law is my delight.

P Let my soul live and praise you,

C And let your rules help me.

P I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,

C For I do not forget your commandments.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C **Almighty God, we have gone astray like lost sheep. We have turned away from your Word to listen to the tempting voices of the world around us. We have followed our own desires instead of following your will. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

P God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to seek and to save the lost, to seek and to save us. Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead to bring us forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

C **Be our Shepherd, Lord, and hold us safely in your mighty hand!**

HYMN “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” ELW #789

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C **Almighty God, you promised through the prophet Isaiah that you would come to search for your lost sheep. You would rescue them all. In the person of Jesus your Son, you kept your promise to seek and to save the lost. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection, we have been rescued from sin, death and the devil and brought safely into your kingdom.**

Fill us with your Spirit so that we will be bold witnesses for our Savior, seeking those still lost in the darkness of sin and sharing with them the good news of the Shepherd who came to give his life to save them. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 19th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

THE ZACCHAEUS SONG

video

SERMON HYMN “Have No Fear, Little Flock” ELW #764

SERMON

“To Save the Lost”

HYMN OF RESPONSE “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (vs. 1-4) ELW #502

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Jesus, Good Shepherd,

C **You came to seek and to save the lost.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

BENEDICTION

Ezekiel 34:11-12; Numbers 6:24-26

P For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

C **As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered,**

P So will I seek out my sheep,

C **And I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered.**

P The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN "Now the Day Is Over" (vs. 1, 4-6) ELW #570

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

Media Operator tonight: Julian Bowen

Video Recorder tonight: Theresa Erickson

April Usher Group: Group 2 with Captain Char Johnson, Connie Fragodt, Jody Molden, Kim Olson, Sue Streed, Kim Thompson and Teresa Olson

Thank you to the Luther League for serving supper tonight.

Big Bend Members: Please use the labeled envelopes on the table in the narthex or 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 undesignated 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 one of the blue recycling wastebaskets in the narthex or in the hallway so it can be recycled.

Please remember in your prayers for recovered health: Waunita Kanten, Dorraine Thompson, LeRoy Hanson, Rod Olson, Ron Streed and all those who are in need of healing.

Holy Week Worship

Palm Sunday	April 10	9:00 a.m.	Worship at Big Bend with palm processional
		10:30 a.m.	Worship at Kviteseid with palm processional
Maundy Thursday	April 14	7:00 p.m.	Joint Worship at Kviteseid with communion
Good Friday	April 15	7:00 p.m.	Joint Worship Tenebrae Service at Kviteseid
Easter Sunday	April 17	7:00 a.m.	Sunrise Worship at Big Bend with communion
		8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at Big Bend
		8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast at Kviteseid
		8:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt at Kviteseid
		9:00 a.m.	Worship at Kviteseid with communion



The Waiting Game

Life involves lots of waiting. We wait in groups, in lines, in cars. We wait for packages, for the bus, for the sun to rise. We wait in doctors' offices, at the post office, at the DMV. Waiting implies we're at someone else's mercy, but it's also usually linked to hope. Perhaps that's why Paul Tillich called waiting a metaphor for faith. Why would one wait if there weren't the firm belief that the object of one's wait will eventually materialize?

Waiting can be enervating, which is why Isaiah 40:31 is so promising: "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Yet waiting is tough if you have nothing to do while waiting. That's why Jesus, when talking about waiting, also talked about working — work for the night is coming. Sometimes it's less tiring to work than it is to wait.

There's a lot of waiting during Lent. You're waiting for a payoff. You're waiting for the Resurrection. You're waiting for spiritual growth. And then you realize this isn't waiting at all. It's life. It's joy. It's opportunity. It's blessing.

—Timothy Merrill

*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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