

The Body of Christ

— *The Heart of Christ* —



Lenten Service
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | 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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the *italicized texts* silently in your heart as your own words.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Lord, we have stubbornly followed our own evil hearts; we have rebelled against you, the Lord our God; we have not obeyed your voice.

C *Create in us clean hearts, O God.*

P According to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!

C *Create in us clean hearts, O God.*

P Your heart is a heart of love and compassion, O God.
We wish to be motivated by your heart, O Lord.

C *Create in us clean hearts, O God.*

P You know the secrets of our hearts and all our hidden thoughts.
Give us a thirst for your Spirit.

C *We believe in your promise: Out of our hearts shall flow rivers of living water.*

OPENING HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Lord Jesus, you draw near us
In garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us,
To kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken
On the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token
Of glory yet to be.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart.
Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Merciful God,

P forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.
We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

Silence.

P We were silent when we should have said something.

Silence.

P We acted when we knew better.

Silence.

P We were still when we know we should have moved.

Silence.

P For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do,
have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Enfold us, precious Savior,
 Within your loving heart.
Assure us of your favor
 That we may never part.
O Word-made-flesh, forever
 Your name shall be adored.
Oh, let us cherish ever
 The heart of Christ, our Lord.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 3:12-18

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

PSALMODY: from Psalm 51

L Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgression.

C *Lord, look with mercy on my heart;
There let your will be seen.*

L Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

C *Lord, let me ne'er from you depart
But be restored, made clean.*

L You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

C *Lord, look with mercy on my heart;
There let your will be seen.*

L Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

C *Lord, let me ne'er from you depart
But be restored, made clean.*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 8:8-12

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

PSALMODY: from Psalm 51

L Lord, look with mercy on my heart;
There let your will be seen.

C *With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments.*

L Lord, let me ne'er from you depart
But be restored, made clean.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: John 11:17-44

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

“The Heart of Christ”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

ELW #337

THE 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 FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C *Lord, have mercy.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **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.**

HYMN

tune of ELW #351

The heart of Christ, our brother
Who reigns in heav'n above,
Moves us to love each other
With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord have mercy and compassion on you.
The Lord enfold you in his love and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Now the Day Is Over" (vs. 1, 2, 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.**

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Announcements

Holy Week Worship Services: Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be joint with Big Bend and both held at Kviteseid at 7:00 p.m. Holy communion will be received on Maundy Thursday with our fifth graders receiving First communion. The theme of our Lent, Holy Week, and Easter services this year is “The Body of Christ.” Tonight’s Lenten worship service will focus on “The Heart of Christ.”

Face masks are still required (unless you have a medical condition). The CDC now says if you’re in a small group of people who have all been vaccinated, you don’t need to wear masks. That does not apply to us at church. Not everyone has been vaccinated. Social distancing will also continue to be followed at all in-person worship services.

Big Bend Members: Please use the labeled envelopes on the table 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 the blue recycling wastebasket in the hallway so it can be recycled. This was a suggestion from one of our youth.

Palm Sunday, March 28th Worship:

Kviteseid In-Person and Facebook Live Worship (with Palm procession)	9:00 a.m.
Big Bend In-Person, Parking Lot and Facebook Live Worship (with Palm procession)	10:30 a.m.

2021 Lenten Theme: *The Body of Christ*

February 17 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	The Feet of Christ
February 24	The Hands of Christ
March 3	The Mouth of Christ
March 10	The Ears of Christ
March 17	The Eyes of Christ
March 24	The Heart of Christ
April 1 - <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	The Blood of Christ
April 2 - <i>Good Friday</i>	The Body of Christ
April 4 - <i>Easter</i>	The Risen Body of Christ

*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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