

Third Sunday of Advent



December 12, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... How astounding to know that you rejoice over me, O God! (Zephaniah 3:17). Help me live in and share this assurance of your deep love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

ADVENT HYMN "We Light the Advent Candles" *printed*

Verse 1: *We light the Advent candles
against the winter night
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light;
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light.*

Verse 4: *Three candles now are gleaming
and show us the true way.
Rejoice, the Baptist cries out:
your Lord has come today!
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your Lord has come today!*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

P Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

C **And our spirits rejoice in you.**

P We will praise you as long as we live.

C **We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.**

P We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

C **But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,**

P the One who gives food to the hungry,

C **the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.**

P Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

C **As we worship you in this place,**

As we light these candles in hope, peace, joy and love.

FIRST READING: Micah 5:2-5a

HYMN "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" ELW #254
(Alt. tune: ELW #631)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

C **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.
We fail in believing that your good news is for us.
We falter in our call to tend your creation.
We find our sense of self in material wealth.
We fear those different from ourselves.
We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.
Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.
Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C **Amen.**

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 **Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and
might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and
serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Luke 1:26-38

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 1st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

PSALM: Luke 1:46-55

L ^{46b}My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
⁴⁷my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

C ⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

L ⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

C ⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you,
from generation to generation.**

L ⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,

C ⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

L ⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

C ⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,**

L ⁵⁵the promise made to our forbears, to Abraham and his children forever.

HYMN "My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness" ELW #251
(Alt. tune: ELW #282)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW #279

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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 God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect.
Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "What Child Is This" (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #296

OFFERING PRAYER

C **Dear God, you have blessed us with the gift of your Son, and indeed, with the gift of life itself. Out of all these blessings, we give you back these offerings this day. Knowing that your promises will be fulfilled, we pledge our lives to you in anticipation of the coming of the one who brings us peace. 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.**

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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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“Hark, the Glad Sound!”	ELW #239
	“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”	ELW #241
		(Alt. tune: ELW #820)
	“Your Little Ones, Dear Lord”	ELW #286
	“The First Noel”	ELW #300

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Most High God, you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit’s power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	“Joy to the World”	ELW #267
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C Thanks be to God.

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