

# *Second Sunday in Lent*



*February 28, 2021 | 9:00 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...* Brothers and sisters in Christ, grace and peace be to you as we join in worship.

## INTRODUCTION

*The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

## 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.*

**OPENING HYMN**            "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"            (vs. 1 & 2)    ELW #759

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P     Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,  
      following Jesus wherever he leads us.

C     *Lent calls us to journey: to the place where God covenants with us,  
      to receive the new names we are given.*

P     Lent calls us to worship together, to tell future generations the good news.

C     *Lent calls us to practice justice, to bring God's hope to all people.*

P     Lent calls us to faithful living, to trust the One who gives us life.

C     *Lent calls each of us to take up our cross, to trust the One who bears it with us.*

P     Lent calls us to journey with God.

C     *Let us worship God, who walks with us, this and every day.*

### GREETING

P     The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
      and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:13*

C     **And also with you.**

### DIALOG

P     The word is near you,

C     *on your lips and in your heart.*

P If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,  
C *and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

P Faith comes from what is heard,  
C *and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.* *Romans 10*

**SCRIPTURE SONG** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #597

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C *O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**LESSON: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

*As with Noah, God makes an everlasting covenant with Abraham and Sarah. God promises this old couple that they will be the ancestors of nations, though they have no child together. God will miraculously bring forth new life from Sarah’s womb. The name changes emphasize the firmness of God’s promise.*

**PSALM 22:23-31**

L <sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob’s line, give glory.  
Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel.

C <sup>24</sup>*For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither is the LORD’s face hidden from them; but when they cry out,  
the LORD hears them.*

L <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C <sup>26</sup>*The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!*

L <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C <sup>28</sup>*For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.*

L <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

C <sup>30</sup>*Their descendants shall serve the LORD,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.*

L       <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

**LESSON: Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as the example for how a person comes into a right relationship with God not through works of the law but through faith. Though Abraham and Sarah were far too old for bearing children, Abraham trusted that God would accomplish what God had promised to accomplish.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P       The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8<sup>st</sup>h chapter.

C       *Glory to you, O Lord.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 8:31-38**

*After Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah, Jesus tells his disciples for the first time what is to come. Peter’s response indicates that he does not yet understand the way of the cross that Jesus will travel.*

P       The Gospel of our Lord.

C       *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**        “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”       (vs. 1-3)   ELW #324

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

P       In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C       *We believe in him and are marked with the seal  
of the promised Holy Spirit.*

*Ephesians 1:13-14*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

P       Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

## DIALOG

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C *pray in the Holy Spirit.*

*Jude 20*

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C *look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Jude 21*

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C *Everything old has passed away;*

*behold, everything has become new!*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.  
Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness,  
and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*Silence.*

P Merciful God,

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

*Silence.*

C *We were silent when we should have said something.*

*Silence.*

C *We acted when we knew better.*

*Silence.*

C *We were still when we know we should have moved.*

*Silence.*

C *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 People of God, look to the ✝ Son, given to heal you and set you free  
because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

C **Amen.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another,  
agree with one another, live in peace.

*2 Corinthians 13:11*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### **OFFERING**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray.

P Gracious God,

C *in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you,  
O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **CHARGE**

P Go now with God, on your journey through Lent.

C *We will discover the new name given to each one we meet.*

P Go now with Jesus, walking wherever he leads.

C *We will put all our fears, as well as our longings, behind us.*

P Go now with the Spirit, who is always full of surprises.

C *We will share the good news called Jesus with everyone.*

### **BLESSING**

P May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
fill you with every spiritual blessing.

C **Amen.**

P May the God of faithfulness and encouragement  
grant you to live in harmony with one another,  
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Romans 15*

**CLOSING HYMN** “Savior, Again to Your Dear Name” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #534

**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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