

# *Ash Wednesday*



*February 17, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.  
Kviteseid Lutheran Church*

*Big Bend Lutheran Church  
Kviteseid Lutheran Church  
Milan, Minnesota*

*On Ash Wednesday* we mark the cross on our foreheads with ashes. Ashes remind us that we are creatures. Ashes remind us that we are sinners. We are called to repentance. We receive Christ's body and blood, a reminder that we are forgiven and raised to life and freedom.

**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 God, ruler of the universe, heaven is your throne and the earth is your footstool.

*C We fall at your feet and worship you.*

**P** Lord Jesus, savior of the world, sin and death are in subjection under your feet.

*C We fall at your feet and worship you.*

**P** Lord Spirit, guide of our lives, you lead our feet in the way of salvation.

*C We fall at your feet and worship you.*

**P** Lord Jesus, you have forgiven us much because you have loved us much.

*C Teach us also to love and forgive ourselves as well as others. Amen.*

**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.

**INVITATION TO LENT**

**P** Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

### CONFESSION OF SIN

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most holy and merciful God,

C *we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.*

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy,  
and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,  
and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P Our neglect of human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

C *Have mercy on us, O God.*

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C *Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.*

#### **IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**

*Please come forward. Ashes will be placed with a cotton swab on your forehead or, if you prefer, on the back of your hand, with the words of God to Adam:*

***“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”***

*(Children are invited to come forward with their parents.)*

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C *that we may show forth your glory in the world.*

P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C *bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.*

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C **Amen.**

#### **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. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy 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.*

## HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Draw near us, precious Savior,  
With footsteps sure and true.  
Assure us of your favor;  
Let us draw near to you.  
O Word-made-flesh, forever  
Your name shall be adored.  
Oh, let us cherish ever  
The feet of Christ, our Lord.

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17 - 66:2

P The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

### PSALMODY: from Psalm 119

P Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

C *The feet of those who trust the Lord Pursue God's righteous ways.*

P Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who do no wrong but walk in his ways.

C *The paths of those who love God's Word Lead to their Maker's praise.*

P Oh, that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

C *The feet of those who trust the Lord Pursue God's righteous ways.*

P When I learn your righteous ordinances, I will praise you with an upright heart. Do not let me stray from your commandments.

C *The paths of those who love God's Word Lead to their Maker's praise.*

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-28

P The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

### PSALMODY: from Psalm 119

P The feet of those who trust the Lord Pursue God's righteous ways.

P Bring our hearts into subjection under your holy will, O Lord, to share your joy of obedience to the Father.

C *The paths of those who love God's Word Lead to their Maker's praise.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 7:36-50**

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON** “The Feet of Christ”

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #818

**PRAYERS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

P let us pray.

C *Draw near, O Lord, in 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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P God of steadfast love, at this table you gather your people into one body for the sake of the world. Send us in the power of your Spirit, that our lives bear witness to the love that has made us new in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

tune of ELW #351

The feet of Christ, our brother,  
Approach us from above,  
As we draw near 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 lead you as you take up your cross to follow him. The Lord grant you salvation and guide your feet in the way of peace.  
**C** Amen.

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### Ash Wednesday Worship

For this Ash Wednesday evening, those desiring the imposition of ashes will be ushered forward. Ashes will be placed with a cotton swab on your forehead in the form of the cross or, if your prefer, on the back of your hand. Children are invited to come forward with their parents. Ashes will be administered with the words of God to Adam:

*“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”*

**Holy Communion:** We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing.

**Instructions for Communion:** Please use hand sanitizer before going to the railing. Hand sanitizer has been placed at the front of the aisle. We will not be kneeling. Please distance 6 feet from other people who are not members of your household. Gluten free wafers are available. Please indicate to Pastor Kristine that you would like a gluten free wafer and a deacon will give you one. There is apple juice available. Please indicate to the deacon that you would like apple juice.

**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.

**Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> Worship:**

Kviteseid In-Person Worship	9:00 a.m.
Kviteseid Online Video Worship	10:00 a.m.
Big Bend In-Person and Parking Lot Worship	10:30 a.m.
Big Bend Online Video Worship	10:30 a.m.

*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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