

# *The Body of Christ*

— *The Mouth of Christ* —



*Lenten Service*  
*Wednesday, March 3, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.*  
*Kviteseid Lutheran Church*

*Big Bend Lutheran Church*  
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*Milan, Minnesota*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...on this third 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 O God, our mouths are often full of lies and deceit; our lips drip the poison of asps that would strike and destroy the happiness of others.

C *The words which proceed out of your mouth are gracious, O Lord.*

P Not one of us is righteous, O God. We do not seek after you as surely as we seek after the things of the world. We hunger for bread and many things but not for everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

C *The words which proceed out of your mouth are gracious, O Lord.*

P Our mouths are like open graves, O God; but you preach good news to the poor, you proclaim release to the captives, your words bring sight and liberty, you proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

C *The words which proceed out of your mouth are gracious, O Lord.*

P To whom shall we go, O Lord? You have the words of eternal life.

C *Speak to us now that we may hear again the gracious words which proceed from your mouth.*

### 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 Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

C *we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.*

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

C *Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### **HYMN**

tune of ELW #351

Oh, speak to us, dear Savior,  
Your true and faithful word.  
Proclaim to us your favor,  
Let us be thus assured.  
O Word-made-flesh, forever  
Your name shall be adored.  
Oh, let us cherish ever  
The mouth of Christ, our Lord.

#### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-3**

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALMODY: from Psalm 81**

L I heard a voice I had not known:

C *With great compassion speaks God's voice  
To those he holds most dear.*

L "I took the burdens from your backs. When you were in trouble you called to me, and I saved you."

C *Let all the faithful now rejoice  
God's words of love to hear.*

L "O Israel, if you would but listen to me! I am the Lord your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."

C *With great compassion speaks God's voice  
To those he holds most dear.*

L "Oh, that my people would listen to me. Then I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

C *Let all the faithful now rejoice  
God's words of love to hear.*

**Second Reading: Romans 3:10-18**

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALMODY: from Psalm 81**

L With great compassion speaks God's voice  
To those he holds most dear.

C *Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants you have brought perfect praise,  
O Lord. Give us faith to praise you perfectly with our lips, and love to praise you  
perfectly with our lives.*

L Let all the faithful now rejoice  
God's words of love to hear.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-22a**

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

**SERMON**

**“The Mouth of Christ”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

ELW #676

**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, speak the word and it shall be.*

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray, believing the word of 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.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

tune of ELW #351

The mouth of Christ, our brother,  
Still speaks from heav'n above,  
As we address 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 speak graciously and tenderly to you.  
The Lord breathe His Spirit upon you and give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

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# Announcements

**Lenten Services:** All Wednesday evening Lenten services will be joint with Big Bend and held at Kviteseid at 7:00 p.m. There will be no suppers. The theme of our services this year is “The Body of Christ.” Tonight’s worship service will focus on “The Mouth of Christ.”

**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 undesigned loose offering will stay at Kviteseid.

**Red Cross Bloodmobile** will be here Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: Milan Community.

**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, March 7<sup>th</sup> Worship:**

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

## **2021 Lenten Theme: The Body of Christ**

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