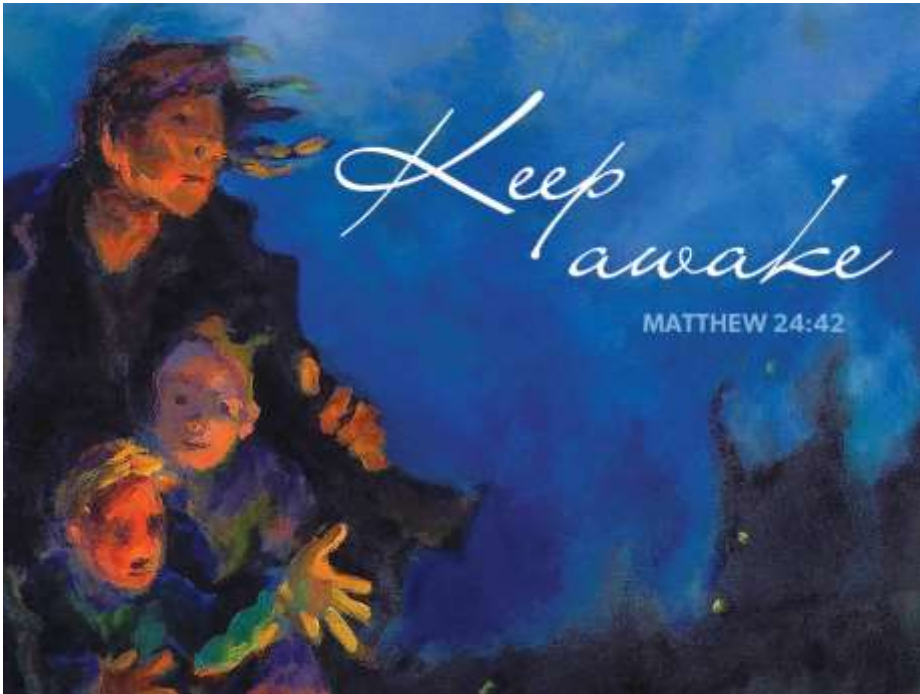


# *First Sunday of Advent*



*November 27, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Today is the first Sunday of Advent and a new church year. Welcome to this rich season of worship.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

“The King Shall Come”

ELW #260

(Alt. tune: ELW #863)

## INTRODUCTION

*The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today’s readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord’s coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rom. 13:11-14 and Matt. 24:36-44*

P The day is near.

C **And so we wait.**

P We wait with hope,

C **for the brokenhearted to be healed,**

P for the downtrodden to be lifted up.

C **We wait for the coming of the Christ child.**

P In this meantime, we will sing into the silence.

C **We will light a candle against the darkness.**

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

### ADVENT HYMN

“We Light the Advent Candles”

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**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 2:** *The first one will remind us  
that Christ will soon return.  
We light it in the darkness  
and watch it gleam and burn.  
We light it in the darkness  
and watch it gleam and burn.*

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## OPENING PRAYER

P Holy God of Hope, Give us ears to hear and hearts to trust the promises you offer to us in this season of Advent. As we worship together, we offer ourselves to you and we open ourselves to your abundant grace.

C **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

C **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins, and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of new beginnings,

C **we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths.**

**We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,**

**and welcome your coming among us.**

**Amen.**

P People of God,

a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.

You have put on † Christ, and your sins have been washed away.

Rejoice in the way of the Lord.

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. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Savior of the Nations, Come” (vs. 1, 4-6) ELW #263  
 (Alt. tune: ELW #685)

**LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5**

*The visionary message presented in this reading focuses on a future day when God establishes a universal reign of peace. Divine decisions will make war obsolete, and the worshiping community responds: “Let us walk in the light of that Lord now!”*

**PSALM 122**

L <sup>1</sup>I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

C <sup>2</sup>**Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

L <sup>3</sup>Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;

C <sup>4</sup>**to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,  
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the LORD.**

L <sup>5</sup>For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.

C <sup>6</sup>**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.**

L <sup>7</sup>Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.

C <sup>8</sup>**For the sake of my kindred and companions, I pray for your prosperity.**

L <sup>9</sup>Because of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek to do you good.”

**LESSON: Romans 13:11-14**

*Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ’s coming in the future.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

*Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-to-day lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN’S SERMON****SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

ELW #241  
 (Alt. tune: ELW #820)

**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 God, in your mercy,  
C hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs.  
By your Spirit, gather our prayers  
and join them with the prayers of all your children.  
In Jesus' name we pray.**

**C Amen.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**P The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW #885  
(Alt. tune: ELW #257)

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

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**\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

P We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
that you have built us up in faith and bound us together in love.  
By your grace, may all that we do show the glory of your name  
and serve the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Ps. 122:3, 9*

C **Amen.**

**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.**

**BLESSING**

P God the eternal Word, who dwells with us in Jesus,  
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

ELW #244

**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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