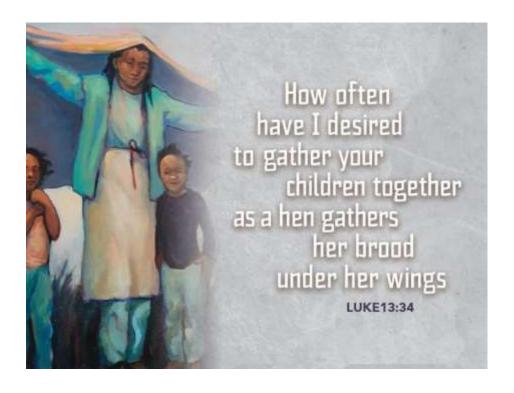
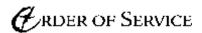
Second Sunday In Lent



March 13, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.

Kviteseid Lutheran Church 308 North Third Street Milan, Minnesota



Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... "The Lord is [our] light and [our] salvation. ... The Lord is the stronghold of [our] life" (Psalm 27:1, NRSV). Welcome to worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"God Loved the World"

(vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #323 (Alt. tune: ELW #434)

Introduction

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

OPENING PRAYER

Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Philippians 3

God of promises fulfilled, P we gather as descendants of Abraham; we stand before you as faithful testimony to your covenant; we assemble as living proof that your love for humanity knows no limits. When we feel overwhelmed by the stresses of daily life, we need only look at the stars in the sky to remember your abiding faithfulness. When we are overcome with despair by the pain of war and poverty in our world, we need only see the light of a single candle to remember the one you sent as our light, our strength, and our salvation. We pray now in the name of that light, Jesus Christ, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Genesis 15. Psalm 27

C Eternal God, we are quick to join Abram's doubt and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy Abraham's faith and trust.

We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love. Amen.

P When God is with us, whom shall we fear?
The God of salvation will never forsake you.
God's patience knows no limits.
Wait for the Lord.
Be strong and take heart. Amen.

LENTEN HYMN

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

ELW #767

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 God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

PSALM 27

- L The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

- L ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- C 4One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.
- L ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- C ⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me. Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- L ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- C 8My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face." Your face, O LORD, I will seek.
- L ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.
- C 10Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.
- L ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.
- C ¹²Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.
- L 13This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!
- C 14Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!

LESSON: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thy Holy Wings"

ELW #613

Apostles' Creed

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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 Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

Genesis 15, Luke 13

C Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER page 154

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.

BENEDICTION

- P Go in the love of God, whose promises are never broken.
- C We go in the light of Christ, whose love transforms us.
- P Go in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose fire sustains and encourages us.
- C We go now into the world as witnesses of God's love, light, and power. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Faith of Our Fathers"

ELW #812

DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
- C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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