

# *The Body of Christ*

— *The Eyes of Christ* —



*Lenten Service*  
*Wednesday, March 17, 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 fifth 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 We so often look on the outward appearance, O God, but you look on the heart.

C *Your eye, O Lord, is on those who revere you,  
on those who hope in your steadfast love.*

P Lord, you see how evil are our deeds and how wicked are our ways, but we confess to you our sin and ask for your mercy and forgiveness.

C *Your eye, O Lord, is on those who revere you,  
on those who hope in your steadfast love.*

P Lord, you have not only forgiven sins, but you have also given new eyes to the blind that the works of God might be clear to us.

C *Your eye, O Lord, is on those who revere you,  
on those who hope in your steadfast love.*

P Lord, we so easily see the speck in our neighbors' eyes, but are blind to the log in our own. Give us new sight to view neither their sins nor our own, but rather to see their righteousness and ours through your holiness.

C *Your eyes, O Lord, are upon the righteous,  
and your ears are open to their prayers.*

## 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 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.**

*Silence.*

P Gracious God,

C *we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.  
All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

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. As we view one another with Spirit-given love, may we, such grace receiving, become, with one accord, in all our daily living, the Body of the Lord. Guide us to love and serve our neighbor, through 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

Behold us, precious Savior,  
With deep and loving eyes.  
Assure us of your favor  
When trouble 'round us lies.  
O Word-made-flesh, forever  
Your name shall be adored.  
Oh, let us cherish ever  
The eyes of Christ, our Lord.

**FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-7**

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALMODY: from Psalm 33**

L The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind.

C *The Lord looks down with watchful eye;  
All things are in his sight.*

L From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth—he who fashions the hearts of them all—and observes all their deeds.

C *Then let our eyes be raised on high  
To see his saving might.*

L Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love, to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

C *The Lord looks down with watchful eye;  
All things are in his sight.*

L Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield. Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

C *Then let our eyes be raised on high  
To see his saving might.*

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:8-12**

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALMODY: from Psalm 33**

L The Lord looks down with watchful eye;  
All things are in his sight.

C *I know that my Redeemer lives, and at last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then from my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.*

L Then let our eyes be raised on high  
To see his saving might.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

**GOSPEL: John 9:1-11**

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**SERMON** "The Eyes of Christ"

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

ELW #759

**THE 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** *O Lord, behold, and have 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.**

## 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.**

## HYMN

tune of ELW #351

The eyes of Christ, our brother,  
Behold us from above,  
As we view one another  
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 watch over you and protect you.  
          The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C**     **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” (vs. 1, 2 & 5) ELW #565

## 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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# 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 Eyes of Christ.”

**Face masks** are still required (unless you have a medical condition). The CDC now says if you’re in a small group of people who have all been vaccinated, you don’t need to wear masks. That does not apply to us at church. Not everyone has been vaccinated. Social distancing will also continue to be followed at all in-person worship services.

**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, March 21<sup>st</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 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	The Feet of Christ
February 24	The Hands of Christ
March 3	The Mouth of Christ
March 10	The Ears of Christ
<b>March 17</b>	<b>The Eyes of Christ</b>
March 24	The Heart of Christ
April 1 - <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	The Blood of Christ
April 2 - <i>Good Friday</i>	The Body of Christ
April 4 - <i>Easter</i>	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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