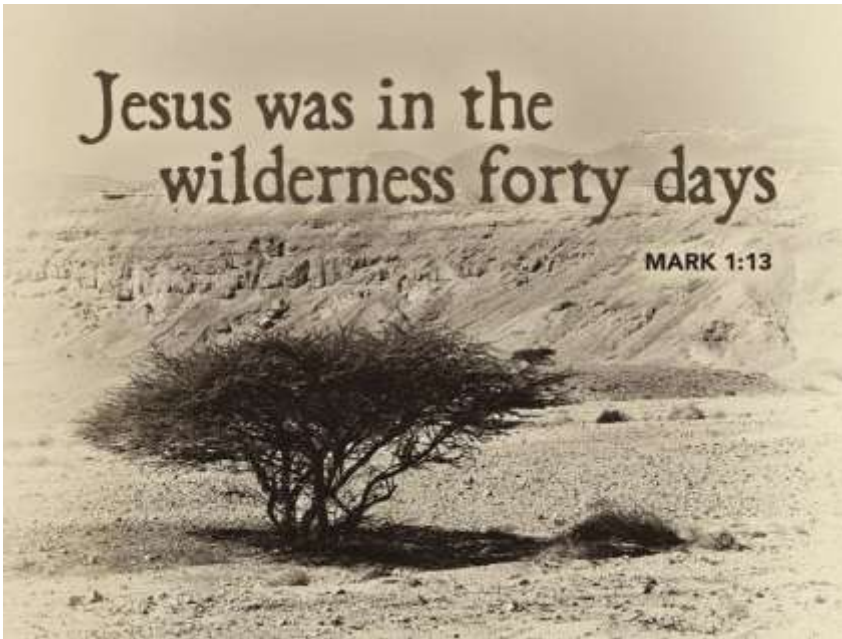


# *First Sunday in Lent*



*February 21, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Greetings, in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit on this first Sunday in Lent. Let us walk with Jesus and one another these sacred 40 days.

## INTRODUCTION

*On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.*

## 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.*

**OPENING HYMN**      "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"      (vs. 1, 3 & 4)      ELW #504

## \*\*CALL TO WORSHIP

P      From water to wilderness:

C      *God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.*

P      On stone and in hearts:

C      *God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.*

P      From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

C      *God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.*

P      We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

C      *for where he is, we would be also.*

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P      Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant,  
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

C      **Amen.**

P      God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.  
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Fountain of living water,  
 C *pour out your mercy over us.*  
*Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.*  
*Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.*  
*Wash us in your cleansing flood.*  
*Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus,*  
*as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.*

P Beloved, God's word never fails.  
 The promise rests on grace:  
 by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God,  
 your sins are † forgiven, and God remembers them no more.  
 Journey in the way of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

**SUFFRAGES**

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,  
 C *have mercy on us.*

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.**

**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.**

**SUFFRAGES**

P O Lord, I cry to you for help.

C *In the morning my prayer comes before you.*

P Let my mouth be full of your praise

C *and your glory all the day long.*

P Every day will I bless you,

C *and praise your name forever and ever.*

P Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,

C *O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.*

P Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C *and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.*

P You redeem my life from the grave,

C *and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.*

P Lord, hear my prayer,

C *and let my cry come before you.*

**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 *Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**HYMN** "Bless Now, O God, the Journey" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #326  
(Alt. tune: ELW #805)

## LESSON: Genesis 9:8-17

*Today's reading is the conclusion to the flood story. Because of human sin, God destroys the earth by flood, saving only Noah, his family, and the animals on the ark. Yet divine destruction gives way to divine commitment. As in the first creation, God blesses humanity and establishes a covenant with all creatures.*

### PSALM 25:1-10

L <sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C <sup>2</sup>*My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

L <sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

C <sup>4</sup>*Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.*

L <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

C <sup>6</sup>*Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.*

L <sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

C <sup>8</sup>*You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.*

L <sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

C <sup>10</sup>*All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.*

## LESSON: 1 Peter 3:18-22

*As God acted through Christ's suffering and death to bring us to God, so God acts through baptism to save us from a sinful existence. This spiritual cleansing marks our new life in Christ.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

### GOSPEL: Mark 1:9-15

*The Spirit that comes upon Jesus at his baptism sustains him when he is tested by Satan so that he might proclaim the good news of God's reign.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

ELW #517

**SHARING THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ, be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**OFFERING**

**\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** God of steadfast love and faithfulness,  
we are humbled as we try to do what is right  
and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings,  
and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation.  
We pray in Jesus Christ.

*Ps. 25:9*

**C** Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**P** Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**\*\*CHARGE**

**P** Emerging from the waters of baptism,  
Jesus became the first citizen of God’s new realm.  
We, who are baptized into Christ, now live under God’s rule.  
In this season of Lent, practice the way of life to which we have been called—  
the way of Jesus Christ.

**\*\*BLESSING**

**P** May the God of covenant faithfulness enfold you;  
the beloved Son encourage you;  
and the Holy Spirit descend upon you in blessing; this day and forever.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer” (vs. 1 & 2)

ELW #618

**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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