

Second Sunday after Epiphany



January 15, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “God is faithful; by him we were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Corinthians 1:9, NRSV).

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Loving God,

C **we confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways.
Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly;
we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us;
we have hurt those we have yet to know;
we have thought more about ourselves than others;
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God’s love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of † Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!”	ELW #308
	“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult”	ELW #696
	“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”	ELW #789

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C Amen.

OPENING HYMN	“This Little Light of Mine”	ELW #677 (Alternate words)
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INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Today’s gospel opens with further reflection on Jesus’ baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 49

P Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

C God has called each of us before we were even born.

P It was God who named us.

C It is God who claims us.

P The light of God’s love shines in us.

C Let’s shine God’s love into all the world!

OPENING PRAYER

Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1

C God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, but your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we pray to hear your call afresh. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work. You walked with us before we were even born, and you continue to hold us by the hand each and every day of our lives. We pray with the confidence of those who have been filled with your light. We pray with the assurance of those who have been called into fellowship with your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #815

GREETING

P God who sent the Light into the world,
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,
God who spread the Spirit's rays, be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

LESSON: Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant, identified as Israel, speaks for herself and describes her honored mission. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not only to restore Israel. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

PSALM 40:1-11

L ¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.

C ²The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

L ³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

C ⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD!
They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

L ⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!
In your plans for us, none can be compared with you!
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!
But they are more than I can count.

- C **6Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**
- L ⁷And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:
- C **8‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’ ”**
- L ⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly; I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.
- C **10I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.**
- L ¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

John the Baptist’s witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574

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 We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW #884

OFFERING PRAYER

P Generous God, you have already given us all that we need. Help us trust your continued care, that we may share with others the abundance of your blessings. Strengthen us for service. Accept our gifts as we celebrate the opportunity to be in ministry, in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

Isaiah 49, 1 Corinthians 1

P Go in the love of the One who strengthens us for the work to which we are called. Go in the fellowship of Jesus Christ, who claims us as sisters and brothers. Go in the community of the Holy Spirit, who binds us together with all the saints. Go with grace to shine God’s love into all the world.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come!” ELW #314

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Let your light shine.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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