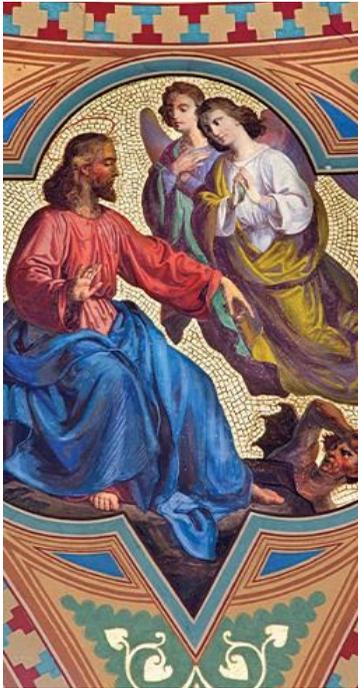


# *First Sunday in Lent*



**WORSHIP  
THE LORD  
YOUR GOD**

**MATTHEW 4:10**

*February 22, 2026 | 10:30 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...** *We're gathered to praise a faithful God whose promises never fail. Scripture reminds us, "For all the promises of God find their Yes in him" (2 Corinthians 1:20, ESV). May our worship today echo that "Amen," bringing glory to Christ who is always with us.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING HYMN**      "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"      ELW #325

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

WL    Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
      whose mercy endures forever.

C    **Amen**

WL    Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from  
      whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the  
      inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and  
      worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C    **Amen**

WL    Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
      Gracious God,

C    **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given  
      ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent.  
      In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things  
      we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you,  
      and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in  
      newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WL    God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and  
      made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the  
      name of †Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen  
      you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts  
      through faith.

C    **Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL Let us pray.

**C Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us 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** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" vs.1-2 ELW #504

**READING** *Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7*

## PSALM 32

L <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

**C <sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

L <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

**C <sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

L <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**C <sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

L <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**C <sup>8</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

L <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

**C <sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**

L <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

## **GOSPEL**

WL The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11**

WL The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN**

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

WL With the whole people of God, Let us confess our faith

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:*

WL Merciful God

C receive our prayer

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

WL Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

C Amen.

## **OFFERING**

### **JINGLE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**            "Create in Me a Clean Heart"            ELW #186

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

WL Gather into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

**BLESSING**

**WL** Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** Amen

**SENDING HYMN** “The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve” vs. 1 & 4 ELW #551

**WL** Go in Peace and serve the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God!

**Dismissal**

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