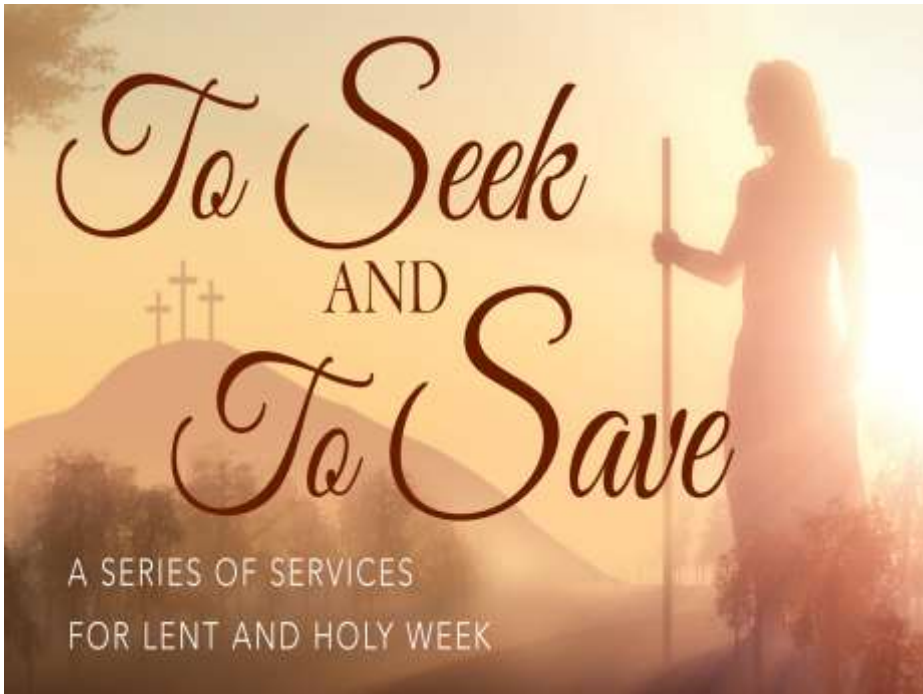


# *Ash Wednesday*



*March 2, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.  
Kviteseid Lutheran Church*

*Big Bend Lutheran Church  
Kviteseid Lutheran Church  
Milan, Minnesota*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... On Ash Wednesday* we mark the cross on our foreheads with ashes. Ashes remind us that we are creatures. Ashes remind us that we are sinners. We are called to repentance. We receive Christ's body and blood, a reminder that we are forgiven and raised to life and freedom.

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

tune of ELW #517

1. When in the hour of deepest need  
We know not where to look for aid;  
When days and nights of anxious thought  
No help or counsel yet have brought.
2. Then is our comfort this alone  
That we may meet before your throne;  
To you, O faithful God, we cry  
For rescue in our misery.
3. For you have promised, Lord, to heed  
Your children's cries in time of need  
Through him whose name alone is great,  
Our Savior and our advocate.
4. O from our sins, Lord, turn your face;  
Absolve us through your boundless grace.  
Be with us in our anguish still;  
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

### INVITATION TO LENT

P Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy. We are created to experience joy in communion with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation. But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor. I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent—self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love—strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most holy and merciful God,

**C we confess to you and to one another,  
and before the whole company of heaven,  
that we have sinned by our fault, by our own fault,  
by our own most grievous fault, in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

P We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy,  
and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our self-indulgent appetites and ways,  
and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our negligence in prayer and worship,  
and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our neglect of human need and suffering,  
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors,  
and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,  
we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Our waste and pollution of your creation,  
and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

**C Have mercy on us, O God.**

P Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

C **Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.**

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

P Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth. May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

*Please come forward. Ashes will be placed on your forehead or, if you prefer, in the palm of your open hand, with the words of God to Adam:*

***“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”***

*(Children are invited to come forward with their parents.)*

P Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

C **that we may show forth your glory in the world.**

P By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,

C **bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.**

P Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

C **Amen.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

C **Almighty God, while we were sinners, still bound by our sins and unable to free ourselves, you sent Jesus to save us. With his death and resurrection he defeated our enemies of sin, death and the devil. Through faith in his name, we have forgiveness for our sins and the gift of eternal life. During this season of Lent and always, help us to bear fruit in keeping with repentance so that others will see the love of Jesus reflected in our lives. Hear our prayer and accept our praise this day in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

#### HYMN

tune of ELW #310

1. Savior, when in dust to thee, Low we bow the adoring knee;  
When, repentant, to the skies, Scarce we lift our weeping eyes;  
O, by all thy pains and woe, Suffered once for us below,  
Bending from thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

2. By thy helpless infant years, By thy life of want and tears,  
By thy days of deep distress, In the savage wilderness,  
By the dread, mysterious hour, Of the insulting tempter's pow'r,  
Turn, O turn a fav'ring eye', Hear our penitential cry!
3. By thine hour of dire despair, By thine agony of prayer,  
By the cross, the nail, the thorn, Piercing spear, and torturing scorn,  
By the gloom that veiled the skies, O'er the dreadful sacrifice,  
Listen to our humble sigh; Hear our penitential cry!
4. By thy deep expiring groan, By the sad sepulchral stone,  
By the vault whose dark abode, Held in vain the rising God,  
O, from earth to heav'n restored, Mighty, re-ascended Lord,  
Bending from thy throne on high, Hear our penitential cry!

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:11-14**

**Second Reading: Romans 6:3-8**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: John 11:20-27, 38-44**

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**“Unbind Him”**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (vs. 1, 2 & 5) ELW #609

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**P** Lord Jesus, you are the Resurrection and the Life,

**C** **Lead us to walk in newness of life.**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## 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.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### BLESSING

**P** We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

**C** **We too might walk in newness of life.**

**P** For if we have been united with him in a death like his,

**C** **We shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.**

**P** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

tune of ELW #722

1. Your hand, O Lord, in days of old was strong to heal and save;  
It triumphed over ills and death, o'er darkness and the grave.  
To you they came, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,  
The lepers in their misery, the sick with fevered frame.
2. Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight;  
And youth renewed and frenzy calmed revealed you, Lord of light.  
And now, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty as before,  
In crowded street, by beds of pain, as by Genes' ret's shore.

- O be our great deliv’rer still, the Lord of life and death;  
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, with your life-giving breath.  
To hands that work and eyes that see give wisdom’s healing pow’r  
That whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore.

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### **Ash Wednesday Worship**

For this Ash Wednesday evening, those desiring the imposition of ashes will be ushered forward. Ashes will be placed on your forehead in the form of the cross or, if you prefer, in the palm of your open hand. Children are invited to come forward with their parents. Ashes will be administered with the words of God to Adam:

***“Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.”***

**Holy Communion:** We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers and apple juice are available.

**Lenten Services:** In this worship series for Lent and Holy Week, “**To Seek and To Save**”, we follow Jesus as he turns toward Jerusalem and the Cross. Walk in his footsteps, from the miracle of the raising of Lazarus to Jesus’ own empty tomb on Easter morning. This was the purpose for which Jesus had come—to seek and to save the lost.

**March 2 - Ash Wednesday: Unbind Him**

Today, Ash Wednesday, begins the 40-day season of Lent. We will receive the mark of ashes, a sign that we are sinners, but sinners redeemed by our Savior Jesus Christ. Just as Lazarus was released from his burial shroud, Jesus our Lord releases us from the bonds of sin that entangle us.

**All Wednesday Lenten services** will be joint with Kviteseid and Big Bend and held at 7:00 p.m. with supper at 6:00 p.m. We are, however, still looking for a group to serve supper March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If interested, please contact the Kviteseid church office.

**March 9** at Big Bend *That One Man Should Die*

**March 16** at Kviteseid *For My Burial*

**March 23** at Kviteseid *Up to Jerusalem*

**March 30** at Kviteseid *The Cup That I Drink*

**April 6** at Kviteseid *To Save the Lost*

**Lector tonight:** *None needed*

**Media Operator tonight:** Rich Isder

**Video Recorder tonight:** Jon Hanson

**Acolyte tonight:** Scarlett Trager

**March Usher Group:** Group 1 Luther League

**Thank you** to the Helping Hands Board for serving supper tonight.

**Big Bend Members:** Please use the labeled envelopes on the table in the narthex or 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 one of the blue recycling wastebaskets in the narthex or in the hallway so it can be recycled.



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