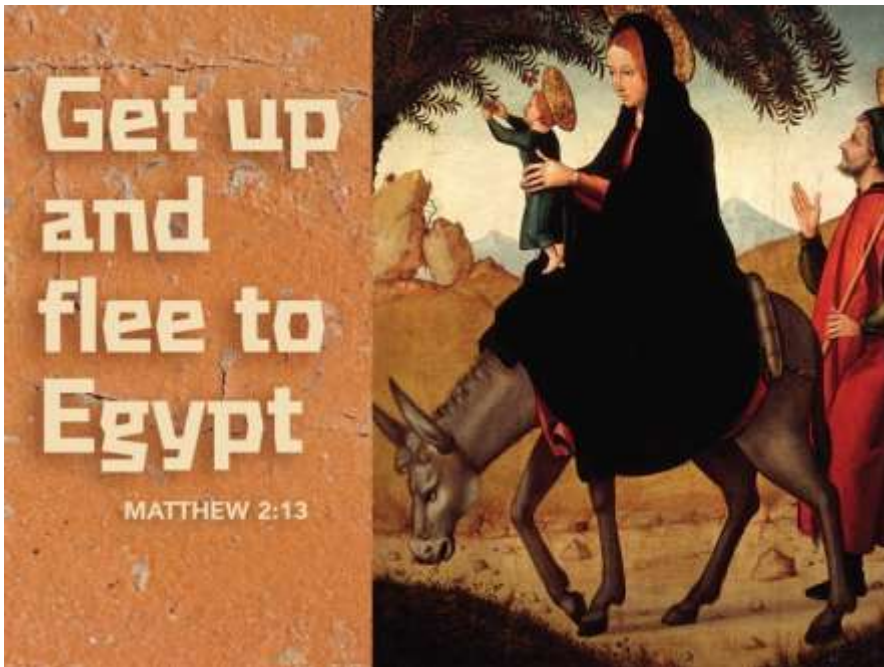


First Sunday of Christmas



December 26, 2021 | 10:30 a.m.

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

RDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship as we continue to revel in the Christmas season. Friends, we're glad you're here!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

ELW #283

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In this was manifested the love of God toward us,
because of that God sent His only begotten Son into the world,
that we might live through Him.

C **For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
hath shined in our hearts to give light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Maker of heaven and earth,
the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life.

C **Amen.**

P Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of peace,

C **we confess that we are not at peace—
with others or with ourselves.
We bring to you all that tears us apart:
discord in our families,
violence in our world,
our own conflicted hearts.
In your mercy, mend us.
Reconnect us to one another and to you.
Let peace reign over all the earth,
through the Prince of peace,
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P In the Word who has come to dwell with us,
God has given us grace upon grace:
forgiveness that is stronger than our sins,
love that can heal every broken heart.
Hear this word of God's pardon and peace:
in the name of † Jesus our Savior,
you are free from all your sins.
Rise, shine, for your light has come.

C **Amen.**

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER

P Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became
flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN "It Came upon the Midnight Clear" ELW #282

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

READING: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 *God Promises a King*

READING: Micah 5:2, 4-5a *The King will come from Bethlehem*

HYMN "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ELW #279

READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38 *The Annunciation to Mary*

P The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:

C "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." Gloria!

P Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.

C "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria!

READING: Luke 2:4-7 *The Birth of Jesus*
HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" ELW #276

READING: Luke 2:8-16 *The Shepherds go to see the Savior*
HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1-2) ELW #275

READING: Luke 2:21 *Jesus Receives his Name*

READING: Luke 2:22-38 *Jesus is Presented in the Temple*
HYMN "What Child Is This" ELW #296

READING: Matthew 2:1-11 *The Magi follow the Star*
HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 3-4) ELW #275

READING: Matthew 2:13-23 *The Slaughter of the Holy Innocents*
HYMN "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" ELW #286

READING: John 1:1-5, 14 *The Mystery of the Incarnation*
HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" ELW #281

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" ELW #288

CHRISTMAS CREED

All **I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent his Son as my Savior.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P Good and loving God,

C **we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be blessing for others. With all of creation, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

HYMN "The Bells of Christmas" (vs. 1, 2, & 4) ELW #298

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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