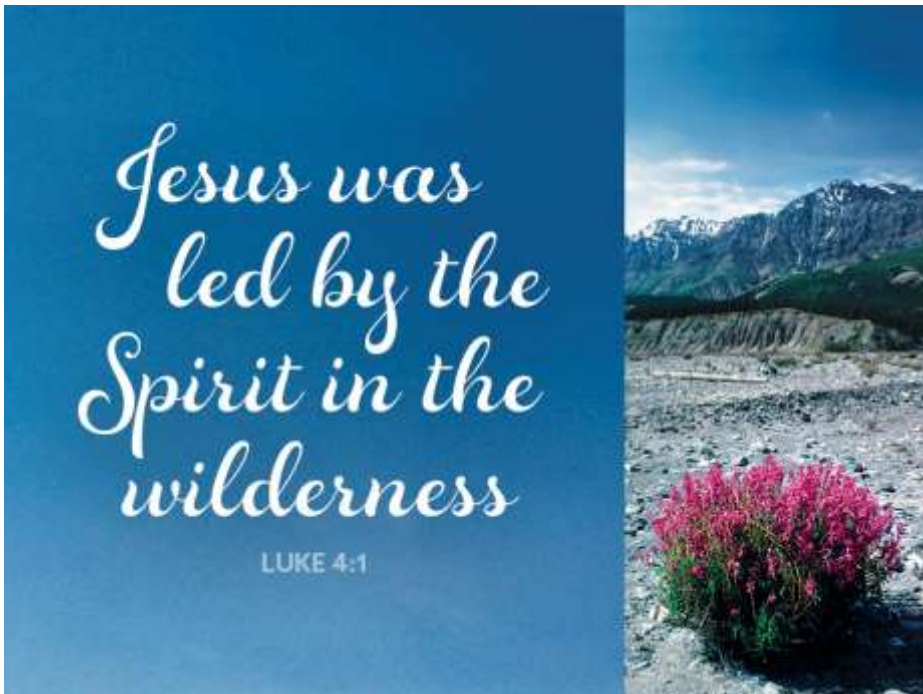


First Sunday in Lent



March 9, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... The apostle Paul wrote: “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Romans 10:13). So we call on God’s name and rejoice!

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Bless Now, O God, the Journey” ELW #326
(Alt. tune: ELW #805)

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God’s grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

OPENING PRAYER

C Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We need your healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. Amen.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P God is faithful, leading us into freedom,
but we are conditioned to the slavery of sin.
Comfortable with the way things are,
we lose sight of the way God intends them to be.
We bring our confession before the One
who is mightier than the devil in the wilderness.**

**C O God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you. *Ps. 91:2; Luke 4:4, 10;*
**We fall to temptation; we are swayed by false words; *Rom. 10:10–11*
we speak false words of our own.
We choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims upon us and upon the world.
In turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God.****

**Hear us as we call to you and show us your salvation.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

P Scripture declares, *Rom. 10:12, 13*
The Lord is generous to all who call on God's name.
Believe the good news: God does not turn away from us,
but desires to bring us into the glorious freedom offered in Jesus Christ.
Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "The Glory of These Forty Days" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #320

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

The prayer of the day likens us to the Israelites, and our Lent to their time in the desert.

P Let us pray.

C O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

**C God of signs and wonders, who speaks the world into being, speak again your words of life and death.
May your word be ever near us, on our lips, and in our heart.
Transform us as we hear your word this day,
that we may respond with faithful praise. Amen.**

LESSON: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

L ¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty-

C ²**you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**

L ⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

C ¹⁰**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

L ¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways.

C ¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

L ¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

C ¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

L ¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

C ¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

LESSON: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “O Lord, throughout These Forty Days”

ELW #319
(Alt. tune: ELW #632)

APOSTLES’ CREED

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 God, in your mercy,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

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	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“Abide with Me”	ELW #629
	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW #471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P You who live in the shelter of the Most High and abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will find in God your refuge and fortress. Go now, in the blessing of the Triune God who shelters you and rescues you, that we all might be a shelter and a rescue for and with one another.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN	“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”	ELW #618
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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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