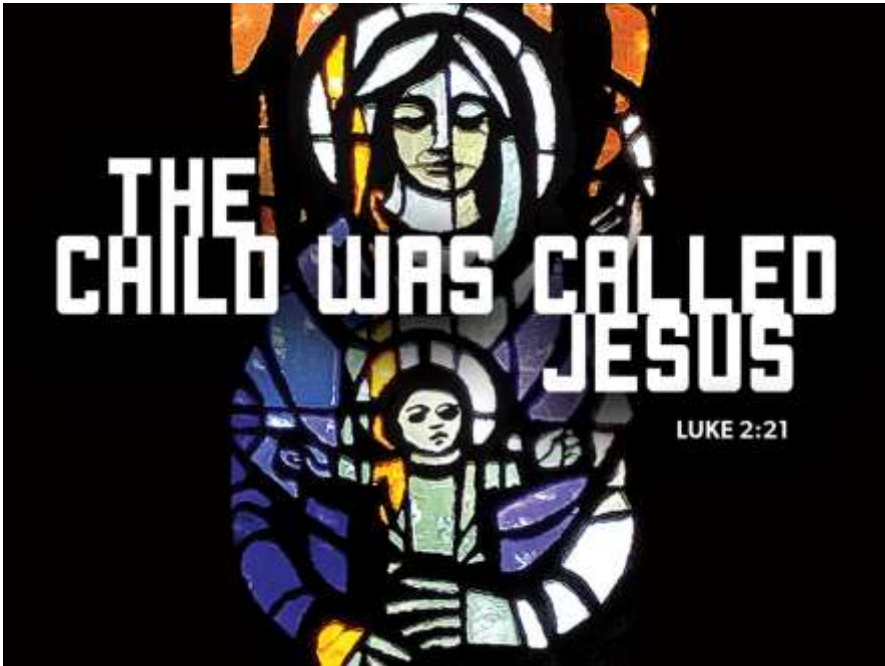


First Sunday of Christmas



December 29, 2024 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Merry Christmas — yes, still! As the church continues to celebrate Christ’s birth, we invite you to bask in the goodness of God. Welcome to worship!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #270

CALL TO WORSHIP

P God is telling a story in our lives.
It’s quite a story—
full of the promises God makes
and our struggles to trust;
full of mystery and angels
with surprising news;
and unexpected new beginnings.

Come, hear the story.
Then join all creation
in worshipping the God
who tells it full of grace and truth;
who comes in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
and makes our story holy.

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 OF THE DAY

C **Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #283

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

DIALOGUE

- P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.
- C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**
- P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.
- C **We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**
- P To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.
- C **In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

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.**

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" (vs. 1-2) 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” (vs. 1) 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” (vs. 1, 3 & 4) 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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God of grace,
C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE 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.

BENEDICTION

P Let us look for Christ wherever we go.
Let us never stop seeking,
believing that there is a light that shines in the darkness,
which the darkness shall not overcome.
And may the love of the Creator, the joy of the Spirit,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be with you in this New Year, and evermore.

C Amen.

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

DISMISSAL

P Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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