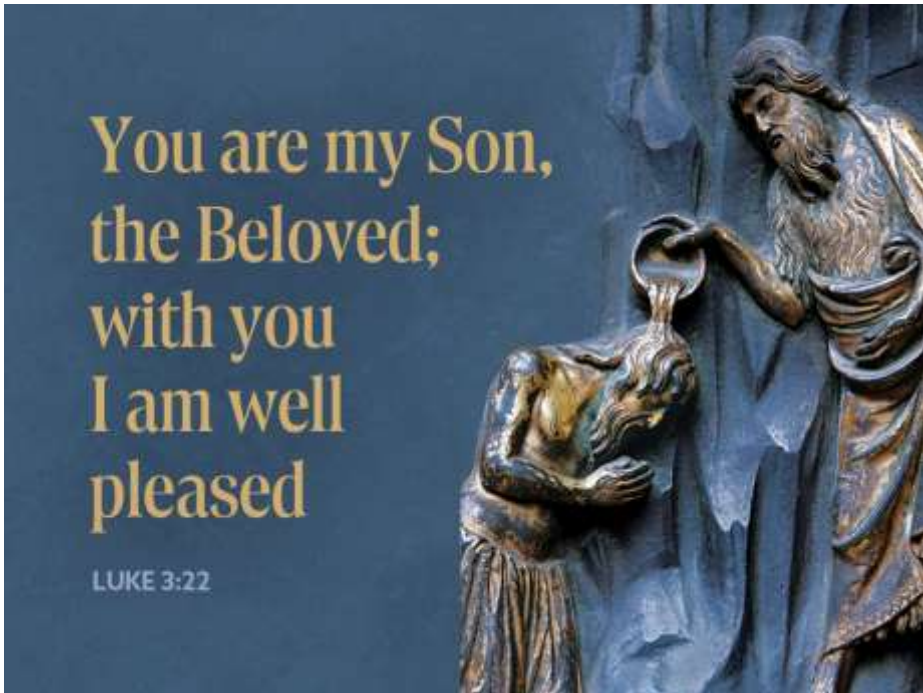


Baptism of Our Lord



January 12, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... May you experience the love of Jesus in the midst of this congregation.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Shall We Gather at the River” ELW #423

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Today’s festival rejoices in God’s blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God’s children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God’s Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the beginning, the Spirit of God moved over the ancient waters

C **as God spoke Creation into being.**

P At the Jordan, as Jesus emerged from the water, the Spirit descended as a dove

C **as God affirmed Jesus as Beloved, as one we should listen to.**

P Here, in this place, God’s Spirit invites us to gather,

C **that we would be renewed, filled with the Holy Spirit,
as God reminds us who and whose we are.**

P Let us sing and pray together as God moves within this community.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P God loves us and calls us each by name. *Isa. 43:1*
Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,
let us boldly confess our sins before God.

C **We are precious in your sight, *Isa. 43:4; Luke 3:22*
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.
We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of
life harms others and hurts your world.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart,
strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us one to another,
and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

P Beloved, God forgives your sins; know that you are pardoned and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #310

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

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

PSALM 29

L ¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C ²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C ⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

L ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C ⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C ⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

C ¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

LESSON: Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

ELW #445

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 of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” ELW #884

OFFERING PRAYER

C **Gracious God, we come today with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to do your work throughout the world. 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	“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”	ELW #800
	“We Come to the Hungry Feast”	ELW #479
	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW #471

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

C **Amen.**

**BENEDICTION

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who stood with sinners on the river bank, uphold you.

C **Amen.**

P May the love of God,
who calls us beloved children, bless you.

C **Amen.**

P May the power of the Holy Spirit,
who descended upon Jesus as a dove, give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Baptized in Water” ELW #456

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live in hope.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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