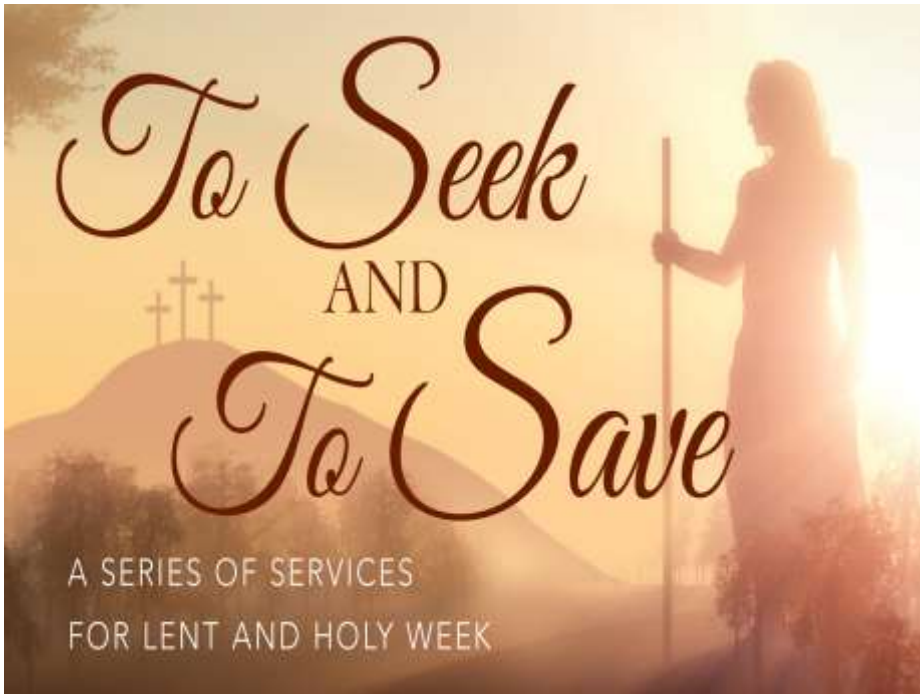


Lenten Service



*Wednesday, March 23, 2022 | 7:00 p.m.
Kviteseid Lutheran Church*

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

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... on this fourth Wednesday of Lent.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them.
- Mark 10:32

INTRODUCTION: Up to Jerusalem

We will see how Jesus sets out for Jerusalem, knowing what lies ahead for him during the week we now call Holy Week. According to God's plan and foreknowledge, Jesus will be delivered into the hands of his enemies, tried, and condemned and crucified. But also, according to God's plan, he will rise, and he will one day raise us up from death!

OPENING HYMN

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1. Jesus, I will ponder now, On your holy passion;
With your Spirit me endow, For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith, May the image cherish
Of your suffering, pain and death, That I may not perish.
2. Make me see your great distress, Anguish and affliction.
Bonds and stripes and wretchedness, And your crucifixion;
Make me see how scourge and rod, Spear and nails did wound you,
How for them you died, O God, Who with thorns had crowned you.
3. Graciously my faith renew; Help me bear my crosses,
Learning humbleness from you, Peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
That I may in heav'n above, Sing your praise forever.

INVOCATION AND LITANY

Psalm 121:1-4, 7-8

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

- P He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
- C **Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep ...**
- P The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
- C **The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus our Savior.
- C **Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. We do not love you or share your love with others as we should. We put our needs ahead of the needs of others. We listen to your Word but then turn away to follow our own sinful desires. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Amen.**
- P God, in mercy, sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus carried our sins in his own body to the cross. He rose from the dead, and through faith in his name we have the hope and promise of eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- C **From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- C **Lord Jesus, for our sake and in obedience to your Father's will, you set your face to go to Jerusalem, knowing that there you would be arrested, condemned and crucified. Yet you also knew that you would rise to life in triumph over sin, death and the devil. As you faithfully followed your Father's will, help us to follow faithfully in your steps, during this Lenten season and always. Amen.**

HYMN "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" ELW #772

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-3

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-5

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark and Luke.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READINGS: Mark 8:31-33
Mark 9:30-32
Luke 9:51-52
Mark 10:32-34

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON HYMN “On My Heart Imprint Your Image” ELW #811

SERMON “Up to Jerusalem”

HYMN OF RESPONSE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” ELW #803

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Jesus, our Savior,

C **Lead us to follow in your footsteps.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.**

BENEDICTION

Revelation 21:2-3; 2 Corinthians 13:14

P And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God,

C Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

P And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

C “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man.

P He will dwell with them, and they will be his people,

C And God himself will be with them as their God.

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 “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #565

DISMISSAL

P Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Announcements

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.

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.

March 30	at Kviteseid	<i>The Cup That I Drink</i>
April 6	at Kviteseid	<i>To Save the Lost</i>

Media Operator tonight: Rich Isder

Video Recorder tonight: Theresa Erickson

March Usher Group: Group 1 Luther League

Thank you to the Sunday School 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.

Please remember in your prayers for recovered health: Waunita Kanten, Dorraine Thompson, John Sandven, Spencer Thorsland, Mary Ziemann, Rod Olson, Ron Streed and all those who are in need of healing.

Sunday, March 27th Worship:

Big Bend In-Person and Parking Lot Worship	9:00 a.m.
Big Bend Online Video Worship	9:00 a.m.
Kviteseid In-Person Worship	10:30 a.m.
Kviteseid Online Video Worship	10:30 a.m.



THE COLOR PURPLE

During the church season of Lent., many churches have purple parments on the altar, lectern and pulpit. Many pastors and choir members wear purple stoles. Why purple?

In ancient times, purple garments were expensive and hard to find. The dye came from rare sea mollusks that had to be crushed to garner their purple fluid. (One ounce of purple dye required 250,000 mollusks!) Then the right kind of fabric had to be placed in the dye, dried and made into clothing, which was time-consuming.

Generally, only wealthy people and members of royalty could afford purple garments. For example, in the story of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man "was dressed in purple and fine linen" (Luke 16:19, NRSV).

Purple is used in church sanctuaries during Advent and Lent because Christ is revered as the King of Kings.

*The Vision of Kviteseid Lutheran Church is to grow
and send disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to serve in families, communities and the world,
witnessing to the love of God
and the empowerment of Christ's Spirit.*



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