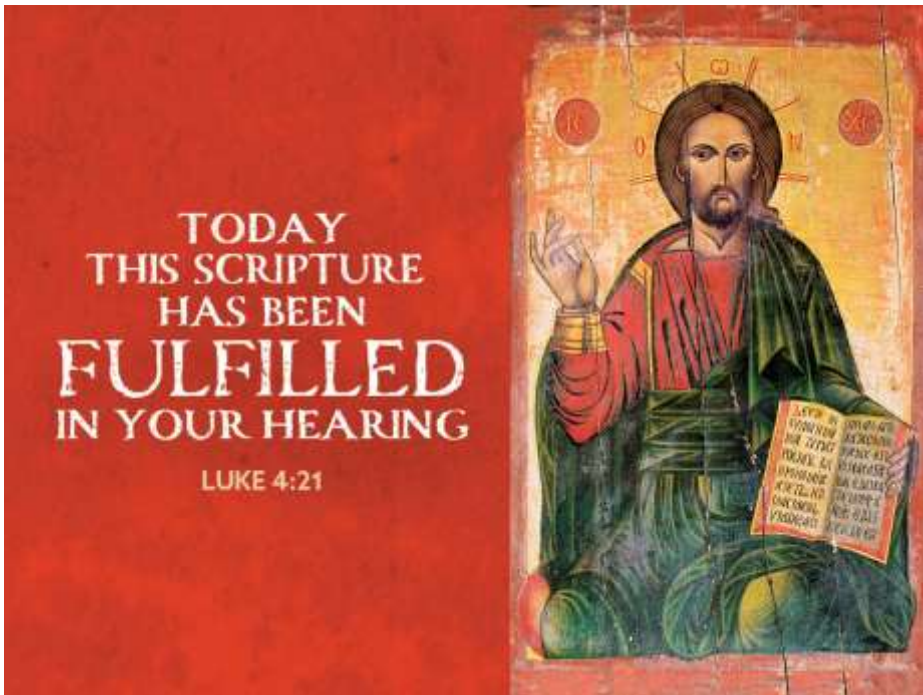


Third Sunday after Epiphany



January 26, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome, dear family in Christ. May you sense the care and guidance of Father, Son and Holy Spirit during worship, faith education and Christian fellowship today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Arise, Your Light Has Come!" ELW #314

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People pray. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P God's glory is pouring forth from the heavens.

C **Earth below receives the good news with great joy.**

P The promise is sure and true, that Jesus has come to show us the best ways to serve God.

C **By serving and caring for others, we truly serve God.**

P Come, let us prepare ourselves for joyful service.

C **Lord, make us ready for great service in your name. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Waiting God, you know us all too well. We listen to this episode in the life of Jesus. We hear the astonishment of the people gathered in worship as Jesus proclaims the mandate and scope of his ministry. It is what they had hoped for and also what they have feared.

C **Change and challenge are always difficult. We are more inclined to turn our backs on opportunities of service than pitch in to affect the needed changes that will promote healing and wholeness. Forgive us when we give lip service to you and then slip into inaction. Give us courage to be willing disciples. Help us to be people of promise and hope. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.**

P Jesus has opened the doors for service to each one of us. We have been freed from our fears and doubts. In Jesus' Name, we are forgiven and healed. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Hark, the Glad Sound!" ELW #239

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 **Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

LESSON: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

PSALM 19

L ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

C ²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

L ³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

C ⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends
of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

L ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

C ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about
to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

L ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

C ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

L ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

C ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

- L ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- C ¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- L ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- C ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

- P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Zion, Haste”

ELW #668

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 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

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.**

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

P The promise has been given. We have been called to ministries of service. God goes with us in all that we do, enabling and encouraging us as we serve others. Go in peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

ELW #551

DISMISSAL

P Go into the world and proclaim the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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