

Second Sunday in Lent

**How often have
I desired to
gather your children
together as a hen
gathers her brood
under her wings**

LUKE 13:34



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ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship as we journey through the season of Lent, seeking to grow in faith, hope and love.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF QUILTS

OPENING HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” ELW #597

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God’s desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God’s people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God’s face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the name of the Lord.”

CALL TO WORSHIP

Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Luke 13

P Wait for the Lord; be strong!

C **The promises of God will never be broken.**

P With God as our light, what is there to fear?

C **The promises of God will never be broken.**

P Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C **The promises of God will never be broken.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
 who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate One,

C **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
 but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
 We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.
 We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
 you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #834

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 echoes all three readings: the covenant with Abram, the cross Paul will die for, and the mercy of God's protecting arms.

P Let us pray.

C **God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

PSALM 27

- L ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- C ²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- L ³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- C ⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**
- L ⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.
- C ⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**
- L ⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
- C ⁸**My heart speaks your message— "Seek my face."
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**
- L ⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not,
O God of my salvation.
- C ¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will take me in.**
- L ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD; lead me on a level path,
because of my oppressors.
- C ¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me,
false witnesses breathing violence.**
- L ¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
- C ¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

LESSON: Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

Although Paul's devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 13:31-35

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thy Holy Wings”

ELW #613

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

Genesis 15, Luke 13

C Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us. Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings. Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care—to live without fear; to trust your love without reservation. 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 Go in the love of God, whose promises are never broken.

C We go in the light of Christ, whose love transforms us.

P Go in the power of the Holy Spirit, whose fire sustains and encourages us.

**C We go now into the world as witnesses of God's love, light, and power.
Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW #768

DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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