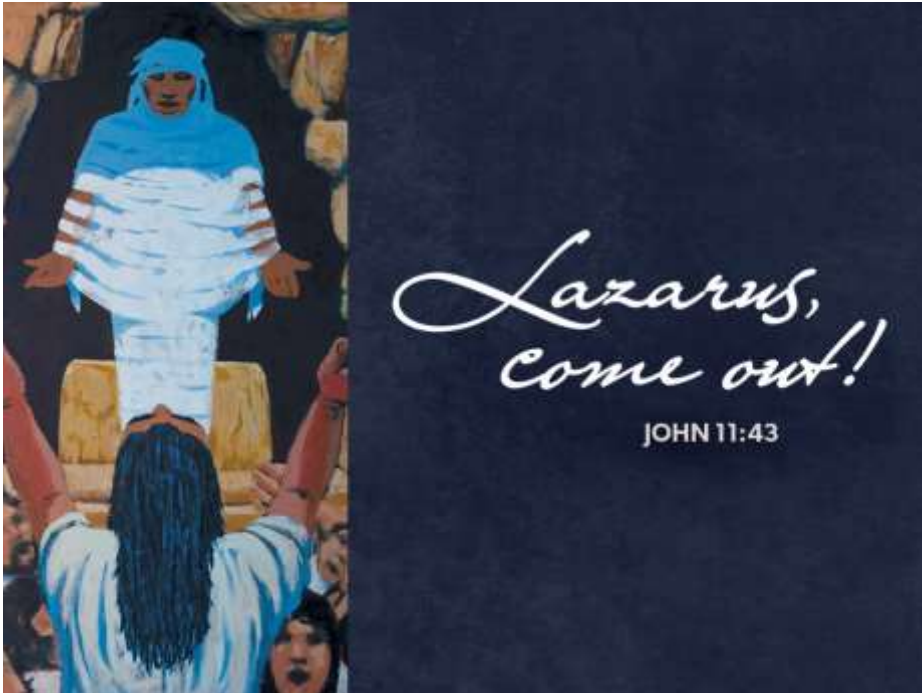


Fifth Sunday in Lent



March 26, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... “Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love” (Psalm 130:7, ESV). Welcome to worship, one and all.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 1-4) ELW #886

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In today’s gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God’s promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life.

OPENING PRAYER

John 11

P Holy God, Creator of Life,
you call us out of our dark places,
offering us the grace of new life.
When we see nothing but hopelessness,
you surprise us with the breath of your spirit.

C **Call us out of our complacency and routines,
set us free from our self-imposed bonds,
and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace,
In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;
we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
as we seek to follow in your way of life.
Amen.**

P Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
✠ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

ELW #338

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, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones is a promise that Israel as a nation, though dead in exile, will live again in their land through God's life-giving spirit. Three times Israel is assured that through this vision they will know that "I am the LORD."

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PSALM 130

L ¹Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

C ²**O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

L ³If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

C ⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.**

- L ⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.
- C ⁶**My soul waits for the LORD more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**
- L ⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.
- C ⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 11:1-16

Jesus is moved to sorrow when his friend Lazarus falls ill and dies. Then, in a dramatic scene, he calls his friend out of the tomb and restores him to life.

HYMN "You Are the Way" (vs. 1 & 2) ELW #758

GOSPEL: John 11:17-45

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN "You Are the Way" (vs. 3 & 4) ELW #758

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death" (vs. 1, 2, & 5) ELW #452

APOSTLES' CREED

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- 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 Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God, receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection, through Christ our Lord.

C **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.**

BLESSING

P God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “What Wondrous Love Is This” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #666

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God.**

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