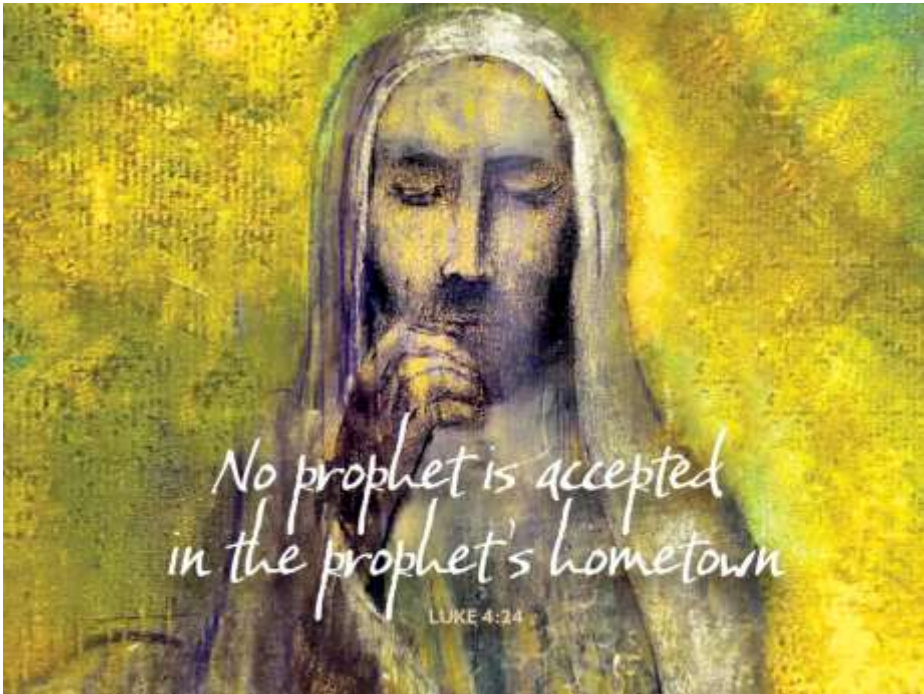


# *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*



*February 2, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* As Jesus told his hometown listeners (Luke 4:21-30), God's care reaches beyond all borders. Whoever you are and wherever you come from, you are welcome here.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" ELW #836

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.*

## OPENING PRAYER

P God of love, as we gather together this morning,

C **move in our hearts and minds, renew us,  
remind us of the love that fills the world.**

P Gift-giving God, in our time together this morning,

C **help us see the abiding gifts of faith, hope and love in the world around us.**

P And when we move out of our gathering this morning,

C **empower us to carry the greatest gift, love, to everyone we meet.**

## \*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Trusting in the One who made us and redeemed us, let us confess our sin.

C **God of life,**  
**we admit to you and to each other**  
**that we have not always lived lives of love.**  
**We have lost patience and been rude.**  
**We have been irritable and insisted on our own way.**  
**We have even let love end.**  
**Forgive us and heal us, dear God,**  
**through Jesus Christ, your love incarnate. Amen.**

*1 Cor. 13:4-8*

P God has loved us since the beginning,  
and God's love for us will never end.

Do not fear, therefore,  
but have faith in God's steadfast love,  
God's healing power,  
and God's ability to make all things new. Amen.

**C By the grace of Christ, God forgives us in love,  
and calls us to abide in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.**

#### **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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### **LESSON: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

#### **PSALM 71:1-6**

L <sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**C <sup>2</sup>In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

L <sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**C <sup>4</sup>Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

L <sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.

**C <sup>6</sup>I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.**

#### **LESSON: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

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**HYMN OF THE DAY** "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs. 1, 3 & 4) ELW #705

## INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL AND BOARD MEMBERS

### 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 O God, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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** “How Firm a Foundation” ELW #796

“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” ELW #520

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW #479

**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 love of God help you to bear all things. *1 Cor. 13:7, 13*  
    May the love of Christ enable you to believe all things.  
    May the love of the Holy Spirit inspire you to hope all things,  
    so that you abide in faith, hope, and love this day and forever. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**              “Go, My Children, with My Blessing”              ELW #543

**DISMISSAL**

P      Go in peace. Live in love.

**C      Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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