

Fourth Sunday of Advent



She
will bear
a **SON**, and
you are to name
him **JESUS**

MATTHEW 1:21

Sunday School Christmas Program

December 18, 2022 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... "... and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:23, NRSV). What message is more comforting and praiseworthy? Welcome to worship.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God.

C **And our spirits rejoice in you.**

P We will praise you as long as we live.

C **We will sing praises to you our whole lives long.**

P We will not trust in the powerful of this world,

C **But will trust in you—Creator of heaven and earth,**

P the One who gives food to the hungry,

C **the One who enacts justice for the oppressed.**

P Our souls proclaim your greatness, O God

C **As we worship you in this place,**

As we light these candles in hope, peace, joy and love.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

ADVENT HYMN "We Light the Advent Candles" (vs. 1 & 5) *printed*

Verse 1: *We light the Advent candles
against the winter night
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light;
to welcome our Lord Jesus,
who is the world's true light.*

Verse 5: *Four candles burning brightly
announce that Christ has come.
Prepare, my heart, believe it,
and give the Christ child room!
Prepare, my heart, believe it,
and give the Christ child room!*

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OPENING PRAYER

P Holy God of Love,
There is light in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us. May we live within the power of this love. And may we share its light with a world where too many dwell in darkness. Amen.

HYMN

"The First Noel"

ELW #300

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“Jesus is the Reason”

Song: *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (Congregation join in on verses 2 & 3) ELW #290

HYMN “Joy to the World” ELW #267

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.**

FIRST READING: Luke 1:26-38

SECOND READING: Luke 1:39-45

PSALM: Luke 1:46b-55

L ⁴⁶And Mary said, “My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ⁴⁷my spirit
rejoices in God my Savior,

C ⁴⁸**for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:**

L ⁴⁹you, the Almighty, have done great things for me and holy is your name.

C ⁵⁰**You have mercy on those who fear you, from generation to generation.**

L ⁵¹You have shown strength with your arm and scattered the proud in their
conceit,

C ⁵²**casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.**

L ⁵³You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

C ⁵⁴**You have come to the aid of your servant Israel, to remember the promise
of mercy,**

L ⁵⁵the promise made to our forbears, to Abraham and his children forever.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 1st chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-25

*Matthew’s story of Jesus’ birth focuses on the role of Joseph, who adopts the divinely
-begotten child into the family of David and obediently gives him the name Jesus,
which means “God saves.”*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

OFFERING**OFFERING PRAYER**

P God of Love, in this season of Advent, this time of waiting, we offer to you our money, our time, our energy. Accept what we offer. Use these offerings to shine the light of your peace in the dark places of our world.

C **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus’ name we pray.

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 May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is near.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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