

The Body of Christ

— *The Hands of Christ* —



Lenten Service
Wednesday, February 24, 2021 | 7:00 p.m.
Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Big Bend Lutheran Church
Kviteseid Lutheran Church
Milan, Minnesota

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church ... on this second Wednesday of Lent.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the *italicized texts* silently in your heart as your own words.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P You have made us with your own hands, O God.

C *We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.*

P Your hands were the skilled hands of a carpenter.
By your labor you have dignified the work of our own hands.

C *We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.*

P But our hands have often been at work doing evil.
Sometimes our hands are caught in the very act of sin.
Sometimes they take up stones to destroy others trapped in their own web of sin.
It is in your hands that we find mercy.

C *We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.*

P It was your sinless hands which were spread wide in blessing
and nailed high on a cross to cancel our sinful deeds.

C *We are content in your loving hands, O Lord.*

P The salvation you have given to us has made us unafraid of death,
for when we shed these earthly tents you will give us a permanent dwelling
in your kingdom.

C *Your hands provide all we need, and they comfort us by your holy touch.*

OPENING HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Lord Jesus, you draw near us
In garb of human flesh,
An earthly form, to cheer us,
To kindle faith afresh.
Your body for us broken
On the accursed tree
Becomes a sacred token
Of glory yet to be.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C *have mercy on us.*

*We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.*

We have wandered from your resurrection life.

We have strayed from your love for all people.

Turn us back to you, O God.

Give us new hearts and right spirits,

that we may find what is pleasing to you

and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P Receive good news: God turns to you in love.

“I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God.

All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ,

who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C *Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Make us conscious of the needs of those who hurt. Guide our hands to love and serve our neighbor, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

HYMN

tune of ELW #351

Reach out to us, dear Savior,

With hands that nail prints show.

Assure us of your favor,

And never let us go.

O Word-made-flesh, forever

Your name shall be adored.

Oh, let us cherish ever

The hands of Christ, our Lord.

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:4-8

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

PSALMODY: from Psalm 95

L The Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C *The hands of God are great and strong; The whole world they enfold.*

L In his hands are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it; and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

C *And all who to the Lord belong His hands securely hold.*

L Oh, come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

C *The hands of God are great and strong; The whole world they enfold.*

L He is our God. We are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

C *And all who to the Lord belong His hands securely hold.*

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-9

L The word of the Lord.

C *Thanks be to God.*

PSALMODY: from Psalm 95

L The hands of God are great and strong; The whole world they enfold.

C *Take us by the hand and lead us in purity and in truth.*

L And all who to the Lord belong, His hands securely hold.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8th chapter.

C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON

“The Hands of Christ”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

ELW #773

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 FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P let us pray to the Lord:

C *Into your hands, O Lord, we commit them.*

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P Into your care, O Lord, we entrust all for whom we pray,
believing in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace
and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **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.**

CLOSING HYMN

tune of ELW #351

The hands of Christ, our brother,
Reach down from heav'n above,
As we touch one another
With Spirit-given love.
May we, such grace receiving,
Become, with one accord,
In all our daily living
The Body of the Lord.

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord join hands with you and lead you.
The Lord place his hands upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

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Announcements

Lenten Services: All Wednesday evening Lenten services will be joint with Big Bend and held at Kviteseid at 7:00 p.m. There will be no suppers. The theme of our services this year is “The Body of Christ.” Tonight’s worship service will focus on “The Hands of Christ.”

Big Bend Members: Please use the labeled envelopes on the table in the hallway for any offerings given during the Lenten worship services if you would like it to go back to Big Bend or you can also write a check to Big Bend. All undesigned loose offering will stay at Kviteseid.

Recycling container for bulletins: If you don’t want to take your bulletin home after worship, please put it in the blue recycling wastebasket in the hallway so it can be recycled. This was a suggestion from one of our youth.

Sunday, February 28th Worship:

Kviteseid In-Person Worship	9:00 a.m.
Kviteseid Online Video Worship	9:00 a.m.
Big Bend In-Person and Parking Lot Worship	10:30 a.m.
Big Bend Online Video Worship	10:30 a.m.

2021 Lenten Theme: The Body of Christ

February 17 - <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	The Feet of Christ
February 24	The Hands of Christ
March 3	The Mouth of Christ
March 10	The Ears of Christ
March 17	The Eyes of Christ
March 24	The Heart of Christ
April 1 - <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	The Blood of Christ
April 2 - <i>Good Friday</i>	The Body of Christ
April 4 - <i>Easter</i>	The Risen Body of Christ

*The Vision of Kviteseid Lutheran Church is to grow
and send disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to serve in families, communities and the world,
witnessing to the love of God
and the empowerment of Christ's Spirit.*



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