

ORDER OF SERVICE

Confirmation Sunday

April 25, 2021

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to worship as we continue to rejoice in the good news of Christ's resurrection.

PRELUDE

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

C **The Lord is risen!**

P He is risen indeed!

C **Alleluia!**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may speak the responses softly and sing softly if wearing a facemask.

OPENING HYMN

“Borning Cry”

ELW #732

INTRODUCTION

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us.**
**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.
We are truly sorry and humbly repent.
In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.
Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Thine Is the Glory" (vs. 1) ELW #376

PRAYER OF THE DAY

C **O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us
into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be
whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 4:11-12

PSALM 23

L ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still
waters.**

L ³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ELW #810
(Alt. tune: ELW #820)

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES BY CONFIRMANDS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service
to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C **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

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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.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS	"Lamb of God"	page 154
	"Jesus Loves Me!"	ELW #595
	"The Day of Resurrection!"	ELW #361
	"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives"	ELW #380
	"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"	ELW #384
	"Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing"	ELW #389

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

ELW #671

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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