

# ORDER OF SERVICE

December 25, 2022  
9:00 a.m.

Christmas Day  
Pastor Kristine Isder

*Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Merry Christmas! Welcome to the manger, which cradles the very Word made flesh.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

## CANDLE LIGHTING

### THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION: John 1:1, 3b-5

*The minister lights a large candle from the Christ candle, which symbolizes Christ, the Light of the world, of whom John's gospel speaks.*

*Please hold your lit candle upright while others tip their unlit candle to light them, in order to minimize wax drips. We ask that if small children hold candles that it be done under the close supervision of their parents.*

## HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

ELW #281

*Please extinguish your candles.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who was in the beginning, who makes a dwelling among us,  
who covers us with justice and mercy.

C **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of goodness and lovingkindness,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors.  
We have turned away from your invitation to new life.  
We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.  
In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,  
those we know and those known only to you,  
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

P Hear the good news of peace and salvation!  
God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work,  
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.  
With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.

C **Amen.**

### **GREETING AND PRAYER**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God  
sent from heaven above, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

C **All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE BIRTH OF JESUS: Luke 2:1-7**

**HYMN** "Away in a Manger" ELW #277

#### *Who Are These Angels Who Come to Earth?*

**READING:** Luke 2:8-14

P Glory to God in the highest heaven,

C **who has sent us His Son.**

**HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" ELW #289

#### *Who Are These Shepherds Who Run to See?*

**READING:** Luke 2:15-20

P Glory to God in the highest heaven,

C **who has sent us His Son.**

**HYMN** "The First Noel" (Verses 1 & 2) ELW #300

#### *Who Is This King, a Manger His Throne?*

**READING:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

P Glory to God in the highest heaven,

C **who has sent us His Son.**

**HYMN** "Joy to the World" (Verses 1 & 2) ELW #267

*Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?*

**READING:** John 1:1-14

**P** Glory to God in the highest heaven,

**C** who has sent us His Son.

**HYMN** "Oh, Come, All Ye Faithful"

ELW #283

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN** "Once in Royal David's City"

ELW #269

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**C** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Gracious God, you come from heaven above into the midst of our world.

**C** Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels at your birth.

**P** You come from heaven above to the lowliest of human conditions.

- C** Watch over those in need, the sick, the hungry, the grieving.  
**P** You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.  
**C** Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.  
**P** You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.  
**C** May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. Amen.

#### SHARING THE PEACE

#### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**      “The First Noel”      (Verses 3 & 5)      ELW #300

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

- P** God with us:  
**C** You came as a baby to a manger.  
 You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.  
 You come again in bread and wine.  
 Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.  
 And then, through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others  
 in the strength of your holy name. Amen.

#### THE PREFACE AND PROPER PREFACE

- P** Oh, may the good Lord be with you.  
**C** And may the Lord be with you too.  
**P** Lift your hearts to Him in praise.  
**C** To the Lord our hearts we raise.  
**P** Let us offer praises true.  
**C** It is fitting so to do: Gratefully we sing to the Lord, our King!

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### HOLY COMMUNION

*We invite all those who are baptized to share this special meal of forgiveness and renewal. Children who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. Gluten free wafers and apple juice are available.*

<b>DISTRIBUTION HYMNS</b>	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”	ELW #275
	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	ELW #279
	“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”	ELW #282
	“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”	ELW #288

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P** On this day, O God, you gave us Christ the Son to save us. As you sent the one foretold, send us now with good news for all people. Let the gladness of this feast have no end as we share with others the joy that fills us; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P** May Christ, who by his incarnation  
Has filled us with grace and truth,  
Give you peace this Christmas and always.  
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## HYMN

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

ELW #270

## DISMISSAL

**P** Glory to God in the highest!

**C Peace to God’s people on earth!**

**P** Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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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.*