

ORDER OF SERVICE

Easter Sunday | April 20, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. | Kviteseid Lutheran Church

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Welcome to worship as we rejoice in our Lord's resurrection, and ours.

UNVEILING OF THE CROSS

EASTER PROCLAMATION

EASTER DIALOG

P He is risen!

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OPENING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW #365

Choir: verse 1 — Congregation: verses 2-4

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Faithful and just God,

C **we confess the ways that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.**

We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

**Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

P In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to atone for our sins. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

(vs. 1-3) ELW #380

GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 10:34-43

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

L ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

C ² **Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

L ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

C ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

- L ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
- C ¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**
- L ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- C ¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
- L ²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”
- C ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
- L ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C ²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- L ²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God’s victorious rule over all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?” (sung) page 151

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

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 commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

JINGLE OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” *Kviteseid Choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart” *ELW #186*

OFFERING PRAYER

P Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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.**

PROPER PREFACE

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	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“The Day of Resurrection!”	ELW #361
	“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”	ELW #382
	“That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”	ELW #384
	“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”	ELW #619

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
 Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
 and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

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	“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”	ELW #367
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DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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