

ORDER OF SERVICE

Confirmation Sunday | April 27, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. | Kviteseid

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate many responses: not only faith and joy but also doubt and confusion. Welcome to worship — no matter where you are on your faith journey.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "Borning Cry" ELW #732

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”
(vs. 1) ELW #367

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit’s breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.

PSALM 118:14-24

L ¹⁴The 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 ¹⁶The 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 ¹⁸The 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 ²²The 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 ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

ELW #779

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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 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

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

OFFERING PRAYER

P Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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

**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.**

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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Lamb of God”	page 154
“Jesus Loves Me!”	ELW #595
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	ELW #742
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	ELW #773
“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”	ELW #380

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 The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you
by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” ELW #810
(Alt. tune: ELW #820)

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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