

ORDER OF SERVICE

December 24, 2022, 4:30 p.m.

Pastor Kristine Isder

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Welcome to Christmas Eve worship as we hear “good news of great joy”: “Unto you is born this day ... a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11, ESV).

PRELUDE “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” *Bruce Olson, Trumpet*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH AND CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN “I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve” ELW #271
Sing Norwegian verse first, then continue in English.

CHRISTMAS DIALOG AND GREETING

P The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C **We have beheld Christ’s glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.**

P For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C **In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.**

P May the grace and truth of Christ be with you.

C **And also with you.**

OPENING PRAYER

P Let us pray. *(Brief silence.)* Almighty God,

C **you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus’ presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING Isaiah 9:2-7

HYMN “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” (vs. 1 & 3) ELW #270

READING Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-4

HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #279

PROCESSION OF THE CHRIST CHILD

GOSPEL	Luke 2:5-7		
HYMN	“Away in a Manger”	(vs. 1 & 3)	ELW #277
GOSPEL	Luke 2:8-14		
HYMN	“Angels We Have Heard on High”	(vs. 1 & 3)	ELW #289
GOSPEL	Luke 2:15-20		
HYMN	“Go Tell It on the Mountain”	(vs. 1 & 3)	ELW #290
CHRISTMAS MEDITATION			
HYMN	“Once in Royal David’s City”		ELW #269

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

- P Glory to God in the highest,
C And peace to God’s people on earth.
P Blessed are you, Prince of Peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.
C Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.
P Blessed are you, Wonderful Counselor.
You enlighten the heart with steadfast love.
C Enliven your church that it might bear good tidings of great joy to all people.
P Blessed are you, Emmanuel.
You promise to be with us even to the end of the age.
C Open our eyes to see your presence in all who are hungry, lonely, or homeless.
P Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.
C Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.
P Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.
C Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

OFFERING	“O Holy Night”		<i>Bruce Olson, Trumpet</i>
OFFERTORY HYMN	“What Child Is This”	(vs. 1 & 3)	ELW #296

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.

Communion will be distributed continuously. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS	“O Come, All Ye Faithful”	ELW #283
	“It Came upon the Midnight Clear”	ELW #282
	“Joy to the World”	ELW #267
	“The First Noel”	ELW #300

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

C As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

THE GOSPEL OF THE INCARNATION: John 1:1-5, 14

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.

BENEDICTION

P May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ Child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

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