

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Confirmation Sunday | April 28, 2024 | 10:30 a.m. | Kviteseid

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***Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...*** Jesus said, “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples” (John 15:8, NRSV). Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love.

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN**                      “Borning Cry”                      ELW #732

## **INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY**

*This Sunday’s image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ’s living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ’s life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**                      *Matthew Schuerman*

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 & 2) 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, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**PSALM 22:25-31**

*Alexandra Joyce*

L <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

**C <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

L <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**C <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

L <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

**C <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

L <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

**LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21**

*Charlie Hanson*

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: John 15:1-8**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ELW #810  
(Alt. tune: ELW #820)

**AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

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**FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES BY CONFIRMANDS**

**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 Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C Amen.**

**OFFERING**

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**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.**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

“Lamb of God”	page 154
“Jesus Loves Me!”	ELW #595
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	ELW #742
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”	ELW #779

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**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**            “Shine, Jesus, Shine”            ELW #671

**DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

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