

Second Sunday of Easter



April 16, 2023 | 9:00 a.m.

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Happy Easter! Indeed, the season lasts 50 days. Welcome as we continue celebrating our risen Lord.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

C **The Lord is risen!**

P He is risen indeed!

C **Alleluia!**

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

OPENING PRAYER

P Stand among us once again, risen Christ, and bless us with your greeting: "Peace be with you." Stand among us once again and breathe upon us your promised Spirit. Stand among us once again and give us new birth into your living hope. Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:13

C **And also with you.**

DIALOG

P The word is near you,

C **on your lips and in your heart.**

P If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

P Faith comes from what is heard,
C **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

SCRIPTURE SONG

“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”

ELW #382

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ’s blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God’s plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

PSALM 16

L ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD,
"You are my Lord, my good above all other."

C ²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

L ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

C ⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

L ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C ⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

C ⁸**I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

C ¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" ELW #384

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C **We believe in him and are marked with the seal
of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Ephesians 1:13-14

APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

P Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Jude 20

P Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C **look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jude 21

P If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C **Everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

P Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways,
encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. *2 Corinthians 13:11*

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P God of great mercy accept our offerings, given out of our faith in you.
Through these gifts, reveal the risen Christ in acts of mercy, love, and joy.

C **Amen.**

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 Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

BLESSING

P In great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope,
for it is the risen Christ who stands in our midst and says, "Peace be with you!"
We go forth to walk the path of new life and living hope.
And may the peace of the risen Christ be with us! Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"The Day of Resurrection!"

ELW #361

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Christ is risen, just as he said.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

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