

# *Baptism of Our Lord*



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*Kviteseid Lutheran Church  
308 North Third Street  
Milan, Minnesota*

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Welcome, beloved of God! As the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism, so does God's Spirit rest on us as we gather today — and always.

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW #423

## INTRODUCTION

*In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light.  
God called the Light “Day” and the Darkness, God called “Night.”

C **We were once people who dwelled in darkness,  
but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

P God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children,  
through the sacrament of Baptism.

C **The water of baptism brings to us healing and reconciliation;  
it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

P This day is the day of remembrance of Jesus' Baptism.

C **As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own  
adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to the Almighty God.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One, source of our renewal,

C **we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.  
Our hearts have turned away from you.  
For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,  
that we may be reconciled to one another  
for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P Thus says our God:  
“The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare.”  
God’s mercy makes us new.  
We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“Baptized in Water”

ELW #456

**GREETING**

P God who sent the Light into the world,  
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,  
God who spread the Spirit’s rays, be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9**

*God’s servant is endowed with God’s spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant’s task. God’s old promises have been fulfilled; the servant’s new assignment is to bring light to the nations.*

**PSALM 29**

L <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C <sup>2</sup>Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

L <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

- L <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- L <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- C <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- L <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”
- C <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- L <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**LESSON: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God’s inclusive forgiveness in Jesus’ name to Cornelius, a Roman centurion. As a result of Peter’s preaching, Cornelius and his family become the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

- P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.
- C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God’s child.*

- P The Gospel of our Lord.
- C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

ELW #445

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

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- 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** Merciful God,

**C** **receive our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C** **Amen.**

#### **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

#### **\*\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Great, saving God, you have gathered us into one baptism, regardless of our backgrounds and conditions. Therefore, we praise you with our tithes and offerings. May they join with others to become a mighty river, bringing your peace and healing to 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**

**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**

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”	ELW #800
	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW #471
	“Now We Join in Celebration”	ELW # 462

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly  
from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.

**C** Amen.

**\*\*BLESSING**

**P** May the God who called Jesus “beloved” *Matt. 3:17*  
speak blessing to you, beloved sons and daughters,  
and empower you to bring that good news to others who still need to hear it.

**C** Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (vs. 1, 2 & 4) ELW #310

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Follow in the way of Jesus.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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