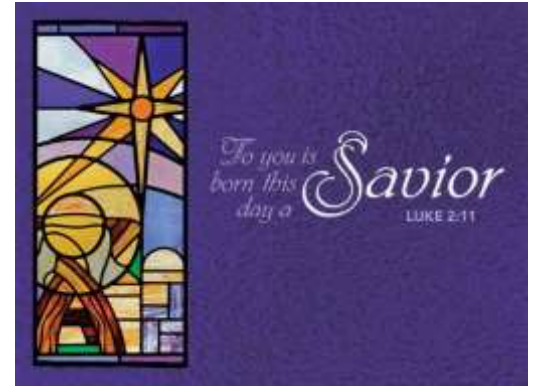


Candlelight Service December 20, 2020

Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches
Pastor Kristine Isder



ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... In the name of Jesus, the newborn Babe of Bethlehem, welcome to our candlelight worship.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please read the words to the hymns silently.

Please read aloud the **bold texts**.

Please read the italicized texts silently in your heart as your own words.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH & CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN

"I Am So Glad Each Christmas Eve"

ELW #271

Sing Norwegian verse first, then verse 1 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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

by Isaac Hanson - Baritone

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

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”	(vs. 1, 3 & 4)	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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO FIRST COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

- P Great and saving God, you have gathered your scattered people around gifts of grain and wine, the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
C *As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

CANDLELIGHTING

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.

HYMN

“Silent Night, Holy Night!”

ELW #281

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.**

Honored guest who is invited to the Lord's Table for the first time
this evening is **Thor Hewitt.**