

Confirmation Sunday

April 30, 2023

Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church... With the psalmist we proclaim, “You prepare a table before me ... my cup overflows” (Psalm 23:5, NRSV). Welcome to worship as we praise and thank the Lord our Shepherd.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

P He is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

Gunner Liebl

P Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb.

C **Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“Borning Cry”

ELW #732

INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety
through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in
certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

PSALM 23

Gabby Augeson & Jessa Norby

L ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C ²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

L ³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

LESSON: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Ty Norby

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

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 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.

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

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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	“Jesus Loves Me!”	ELW #595
	“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”	ELW #742
	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	ELW #773
	“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”	ELW #779

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

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 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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