

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 18, 2025 | 9:00 a.m.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

ELW #367

INTRODUCTION

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Jesus reminded the disciples

C **Love one another as I have loved you.**

P Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

C **Love one another as I have loved you.**

P Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion and hope.

C **Let us love one another as Christ loved us. Amen.**

****CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

C **God of Mercy,
your command to love one another across all differences
opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment
that hinders your goal for humanity.
Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for
all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to
serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

C **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.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

LESSON: Acts 11:1-18 (The Message Bible)

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

PSALM 148

L ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

C ²**Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

L ³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

C ⁴**Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.**

L ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

C ⁶**who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

L ⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

C ⁸**fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

L ⁹mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

C ¹⁰**wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

L ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

C ¹²**young men and maidens, old and young together.**

L ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

C ¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

LESSON: Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

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

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

ELW #836

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

SENIOR BLESSING

P May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe.
May the Lord guide your every step.
May you always know of our unending support for you.

C **Amen.**

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

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OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

ELW #186

OFFERING PRAYER

P Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another.
May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others.
May the love we share bring hope to a world that has forgotten how to love.

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	“The Day of Resurrection!”	ELW #361
	“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!” (vs. 1- 3)	ELW #377
	“Now the Green Blade Rises” (vs. 1-3)	ELW #379
	“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”	ELW #380

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C **Amen.**

CHARGE

John 13

P Jesus gave a new commandment: to love one another.

C **Because Jesus loves us, we should love one another.**

P Go forth to serve. Go forth to love.

C **We go with God’s love and blessing.**

BENEDICTION

P The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	ELW #656
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DISMISSAL

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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