

Fifth Sunday of Easter



*Senior Recognition
May 15, 2022 | 10:30 a.m.*

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308 North Third Street
Milan, Minnesota*

ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... The psalmist calls all creation — sun and water, trees and mountains, animals and people — to praise the Lord (Psalm 148). And so we shall.

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 has given us a new commandment:

C **We are commanded to love one another.**

P Just as Christ has loved us,

C **So we ought to have love for one another.**

P By this, everyone will know we are Christ’s disciples:

C **By our love for one another.**

P Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

C **Worship God by loving one another.**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

ELW #449

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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.**

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

****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.**

John 13:34; Acts 11:9, 12, 17-18

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.**

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

John 13

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P God, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers are concluded with these words:

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.**

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

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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