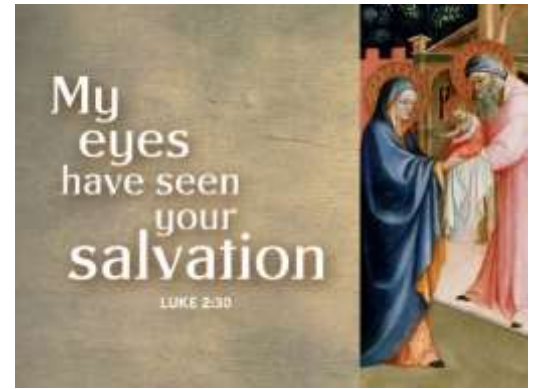


First Sunday of Christmas December 27, 2020

Kviteseid and Big Bend Lutheran Churches
Pastor Kristine Isder



ORDER OF SERVICE

Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... Today we continue to celebrate Christmas — and God’s lavish gift of love, Jesus.

HYMN “O Come, All Ye Faithful” ELW #283

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.

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.**

HYMN “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear” (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #282

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

DIALOGUE

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 To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C *In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

PRAYER

P Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

READING: Isaiah 9:2-4, 6-7 *God promises a king*

READING: Micah 5:2, 4-5a *The king will come from Bethlehem*

HYMN “O Little Town of Bethlehem” (vs. 1 & 4) #279

READING: Luke 1:26-35, 38 *The annunciation to Mary*

P The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
with wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:

C "All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,
most highly favored lady." *Gloria!*

P Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.

C "My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."
Most highly favored lady, Gloria

READING: Luke 2:4-7 *The birth of Jesus*

HYMN "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" #276

READING: Luke 2:8-16 *The shepherds go to see the Savior*

HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 1 & 2) #275

READING: Luke 2:21 *Jesus receives his name***READING: Luke 2:22-38** *Jesus is presented in the temple*

HYMN "What Child Is This" (vs. 1 & 2) #296

READING: Matthew 2:1-11 *The magi follow the star*

HYMN "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" (vs. 3 & 4) #275

READING: Matthew 2:13-18 *The slaughter of the holy innocents*

HYMN "Your Little Ones, Dear Lord" (vs. 1 & 4) #286

READING: John 1:1-5, 14 *The mystery of the incarnation*

HYMN "Silent Night, Holy Night" #281

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice" (vs. 1 & 3) #288

CHRISTMAS CREED

All I believe in God the Father, Creator of all things, who sent his Son as my Savior. I believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, announced by angels, worshipped by the Wise Men, who lived to suffer, die and rise again, to free me from sin, death, and the power of the devil.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith in the Christ and by whose continuous work in my heart I am ever led to lay before the feet of Christ my worship, my life, my love; to live under him as my King, both now and forevermore. Amen.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

P Grant, O God, that the Spirit of Christmas be in our hearts daily.

C *Then, selfishness would die a death of starvation.
Foolish pride would go down in crushing defeat.*

P Senseless strife and silly bickering would shame each other to death.

C *The prayer of Jesus for the unity of His followers would be answered.*

P Wars would be an utter impossibility.

C *Peace on earth would become a glorious reality.*

All May it start today within my own heart.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER page 112

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.**

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

HYMN "The Bells of Christmas" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #298



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