

# *Baptism of Our Lord*

*You are my Son,  
the Beloved;  
with you I am  
well pleased*

LUKE 3:22



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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church... each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved child of God. May we follow Jesus into the work of ministry.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN**                      “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”                      ELW #310

## INTRODUCTION

*Today’s festival rejoices in God’s blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God’s children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we “pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire.” On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God’s Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**P**        We are marked as God's beloved ones.  
            God's love is God's free gift to us, always and forever.

**C**        **Even when we are difficult and turn away from God,**

**P**        God's love never vanishes from us.

**C**        **Thanks be to God who is ever faithful to us, Amen.**

## \*\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P**        God loves us and calls us each by name.                      *Isa. 43:1*  
            Knowing we are eternally forgiven and infinitely loved,  
            let us boldly confess our sins before God.

**C**        **We are precious in your sight,**                      *Isa. 43:4; Luke 3:22*  
            **yet we often forget that we are your beloved.**  
            **We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant.**  
            **We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of**  
            **life harms others and hurts your world.**  
            **We are sorry and we want to change.**  
            **Create in us a clean heart,**  
            **strengthen our resolve,**  
            **reconcile us one to another,**  
            **and bless us with your peace. Amen.**

**P**        Beloved, God forgives your sins;  
            know that you are pardoned  
            and be at peace to love the Lord and serve the world. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**                      “Baptized in Water”                      ELW #456

## 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 **Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## LESSON: Isaiah 43:1-7

*Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.*

## PSALM 29

L <sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

L <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

L <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

C <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

L <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.  
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

L <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

**LESSON: Acts 8:14-17**

*Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Philip. Here the Samaritans receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters"

ELW #445

**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**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** God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

P Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

#### **SHARING THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ, be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

#### **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" ELW #884

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

C **Gracious God, we come today with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to do your work throughout the world. 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	“Lamb of God”	page 154
	“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”	ELW #800
	“We Come to the Hungry Feast”	ELW #479
	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	ELW #471

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

## BENEDICTION

*Isaiah 43*

P You are each precious in God’s sight.

C **We go from this place, claiming our identity as children of God.**

P God has called you by name.

C **We go into the world to answer God’s call. Alleluia!**

CLOSING HYMN “Arise, Your Light Has Come” ELW #314

## DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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