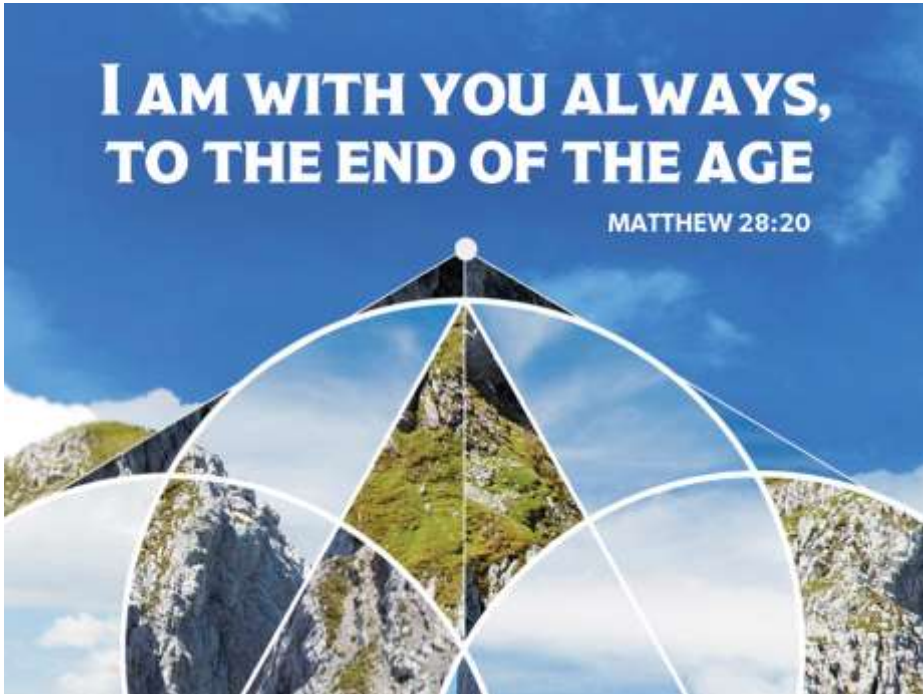


# *The Holy Trinity*



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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Today is Holy Trinity Sunday, so, fittingly, welcome to worship in the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Savior, and the Holy Spirit, who sustains our faith and empowers us for discipleship. Amen.

## PRELUDE

**OPENING HYMN**            “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”            ELW #413

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## INTRODUCTION FOR THE DAY

*Though the word “trinity” is not found in the scriptures, today’s second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

## OPENING PRAYER

*Genesis 1*

P     Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters—and there was light, your first creation. Your Spirit moved on the water of our baptism—and again, there was light in our souls and hearts. Let your holy light shine on us today, as we remember your creation and our special part in it. Amen.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P     In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C     **Amen.**

P     God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.  
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C     **Amen.**

P     Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P     Most merciful God,

C     **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.  
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.  
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

ELW #673

**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 **God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the  
beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word  
of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your  
Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the  
glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy  
Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**LESSON: Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a** (select verses)

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-  
giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created  
work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

**PSALM 8**

L <sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

C <sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of  
infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.

- L     <sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- C     <sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**
- L     <sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.
- C     <sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**
- L     <sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,
- C     <sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- L     <sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**LESSON: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, the Spirit's partnership.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

P     The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P     The Gospel of our Lord.

C     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” (vs. 1-2, 4-5) ELW #579

**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, in your mercy,

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

*The prayers are concluded with these words:*

**P** Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

**OFFERING**

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

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things.  
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness  
in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and 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**

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS</b>	“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”	ELW #623
	“Blessed Assurance”	ELW #638
	“I Love to Tell the Story”	ELW #661

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** We thank you, generous God,  
for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.  
Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,  
through the one who is our dearest treasure,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P** As people of faith we have gathered for worship.

**C As people of faith we now return to the world.**

**P** Go out to share the story of faith, the story of life, with the world around you.

**C We share the faith in word and in deed, in speech and in action.**

**P** As you go out to give a living witness, as you go out to testify to God's love  
active in the world, go knowing that God goes with you, sharing the hope,  
the fears and the tears.

**C Thanks be to God! Amen.**

<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”	ELW #551
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**DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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