

# *Third Sunday of Easter*



*April 18, 2021 | 9:00 a.m.*

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

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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*Welcome to worship at Kviteseid Lutheran Church...* Friends, we welcome you in the name of the one God who has defeated death forever by raising Jesus from the tomb. We too now walk in new life.

## PRELUDE

P The Lord is risen!

C **He is risen indeed!**

P That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

C **The Lord is risen!**

P He is risen indeed!

C **Alleluia!**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You may speak the responses softly and sing softly if wearing a facemask.*

**OPENING HYMN**                    “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”                    ELW #384

## INTRODUCTION

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today’s gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples’ food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

P We are witnesses,

C **to the love God has poured into us.**

P We are witnesses of God’s love,

C **sharing it with each person we meet.**

P We are witnesses to everyone we encounter,

C **little children like us, sisters and brothers in God’s family.**

## 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.**

*Romans 10*

## SCRIPTURE SONG

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

(vs. 1 & 5) ELW #392

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**C Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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 3:12-19

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

## PSALM 4

L <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;  
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**C <sup>2</sup>“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;  
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

L <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;  
the LORD will hear me when I call.

**C <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

L <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

**C <sup>6</sup>Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”  
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

L <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

**C** <sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

**LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" (vs. 1-3) ELW #377

**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.**

## DIALOG

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*

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.  
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

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

### OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

C **in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 In the hope of new life in Christ, O Lord, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **CHARGE**

P Go now, to be God's children in the world.

C **We will open our minds to understand the needs around us.**

P Go now, to be Christ's servants in the world.

C **We will open our hands to share our blessings with all.**

P Go now, to be the Spirit's hope for the world.

C **We will open our hearts to welcome those who have no one to care for them.**

#### **BLESSING**

P May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ fill you with every spiritual blessing.

C **Amen.**

P May the God of faithfulness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Romans 15*

**CLOSING HYMN** "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" (vs. 1 & 4) ELW #382

#### **DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

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