

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

ELW Holy Baptism

The following service of baptism will be adapted depending upon number of people being baptized and the ages of those being baptized. Sponsors=godparents. Lay-Lit = church council member.

Presentation

PASTOR: GOD, WHO IS RICH IN MERCY AND LOVE, GIVES US A NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM. BY WATER AND THE WORD GOD DELIVERS US FROM SIN AND DEATH AND RAISES US TO A NEW LIFE IN JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE UNITED WITH ALL THE BAPTIZED IN THE ONE BODY OF CHRIST, ANOINTED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND JOINED IN GOD'S MISSION FOR THE LIFE OF THE WORLD.

Sponsors: I/We present _____ for baptism.

(Adult Baptism only)

PASTOR: _____, CALLED BY THE HOLY GOD, DO YOU DESIRE TO BE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST?

Candidate: I do.

(Parents of Child)

PASTOR: CALLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, TRUSTING IN THE GRACE AND LOVE OF GOD, DO YOU DESIRE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST?

Parents: I do.

LAY-LIT: AS YOU BRING YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE THE GIFT OF BAPTISM, YOU ARE ENTRUSTED WITH RESPONSIBILITIES: TO LIVE WITH (HIM/HER) AMONG GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE, BRING (HIM/HER) TO THE WORD OF GOD AND THE HOLY SUPPER, TEACH (HIM/HER) THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE CREED, AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS, PLACE IN (HIS/HER) HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES, AND NURTURE (HIM/HER) IN FAITH AND PRAYER, SO THAT YOUR CHILD MAY LEARN AND TRUST GOD, PROCLAIM CHRIST THROUGH WORD AND DEED, CARE FOR OTHERS AND THE WORLD GOD MADE, AND WORK FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE. DO YOU PROMISE TO HELP YOUR CHILD GROW IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE?

Parents: I do.

PASTOR: SPONSORS, DO YOU PROMISE TO NURTURE THIS CHILD IN CHRISTIAN FAITH AS YOU ARE EMPOWERED BY GOD'S SPIRIT, AND TO HELP (HIM/HER) LIVE IN THE COVENANT OF BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH?

Sponsors: I do.

LAY-LIT: PEOPLE OF GOD, DO YOU PROMISE TO SUPPORT _____ AND PRAY FOR (HIM/HER) IN (HIS/HER) NEW LIFE IN CHRIST?

People: We do.

Profession of Faith

(to Parents & Sponsors)

PASTOR: I ASK YOU TO PROFESS YOUR FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS, REJECT SIN AND CONFESS THE FAITH OF THE CHURCH.

DO YOU RENOUNCE THE DEVIL AND ALL THE FORCES THAT DEFY GOD, THE POWERS OF THIS WORLD THAT REBEL AGAINST GOD, AND THE WAYS OF SIN THAT DRAW YOU FROM GOD?

Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

(to the Congregation)

PASTOR: DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER?

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

PASTOR: DO YOU BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD?

**All: 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 Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.
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.**

PASTOR: DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT?

**All: 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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

PASTOR: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

All: And also with you.

PASTOR: LET US GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PASTOR: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD, FOR IN THE BEGINNING YOUR SPIRIT MOVED OVER THE WATERS AND BY YOUR WORD YOU CREATED THE WORLD, CALLING FORTH LIFE IN WHICH YOU TOOK DELIGHT.

LAY-LIT: THROUGH THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD YOU DELIVERED NOAH AND HIS FAMILY, AND THROUGH THE SEA YOU LED YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL FROM SLAVERY INTO FREEDOM. AT THE RIVER YOUR SON WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN AND ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. BY BAPTISM OF JESUS' DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOU SET US FREE FROM THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH AND RAISE US UP TO LIVE IN YOU.

PASTOR: POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, THE POWER OF YOUR LIVING WORD, THAT THOSE WHO ARE WASHED IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. TO YOU BE GIVEN HONOR AND PRAISE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER.

Baptism

PASTOR: _____, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

All: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

PASTOR: LET US PRAY. WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD, THAT THROUGH WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU GIVE YOUR DAUGHTERS AND SONS NEW BIRTH, CLEANSE THEM FROM SIN, AND RAISE THEM TO ETERNAL LIFE.

(Laying on of hands)

SUSTAIN _____ WITH THE GIFT OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT: THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING, THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND MIGHT, THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THE SPIRIT OF JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE, BOTH NOW AND FOREVER.

All: Amen.

(Signing with the Cross)

PASTOR: _____ CHILD OF GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN SEALED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST FOREVER.

All: Amen.

Welcome

(Presentation of Candle)

LAY-LIT: JESUS SAID, I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE.

LAY-LIT: LET US WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED.

All: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative redeeming word to all the world.

Introduction of the Newest Member of the Christian Church