

Holy Baptism

(LBW Liturgy)

PASTOR: IN HOLY BAPTISM OUR GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER LIBERATES US FROM SIN AND DEATH BY JOINING US TO THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. WE ARE BORN CHILDREN OF A FALLEN HUMANITY; IN THE WATERS OF BAPTISM WE ARE REBORN CHILDREN OF GOD AND INHERITORS OF ETERNAL LIFE. BY WATER AND THE HOLY SPIRIT WE ARE MADE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST. AS WE LIVE WITH HIM AND WITH HIS PEOPLE, WE GROW IN FAITH, LOVE, AND OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD.

To the Parents:

LAY-LIT: IN CHRISTIAN LOVE YOU HAVE PRESENTED THIS CHILD FOR HOLY BAPTISM. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE, BRING (HIM/HER) TO THE LITURGIES OF GOD'S HOUSE, AND TEACH (HIM/HER) THE LORD'S PRAYER, THE CREED AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS. AS (HE/SHE) GROWS IN YEARS, YOU SHOULD PLACE IN (HIS/HER) HANDS THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND PROVIDE FOR (HIS/HER) INSTRUCTION IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, THAT, LIVING IN THE COVENANT OF (HIS/HER) BAPTISM AND IN COMMUNION WITH THE CHURCH, (HE/SHE) MAY LEAD A GODLY LIFE UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.

*DO YOU PROMISE TO FULFILL THESE OBLIGATIONS.
IF SO SAY, "I DO."*

Parents: I do!

PASTOR: HOLY GOD, MIGHTY LORD, GRACIOUS FATHER: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, FOR IN THE BEGINNING YOUR SPIRIT MOVED OVER THE WATER AND YOU CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH. BY THE GIFT OF WATER YOU NOURISH AND SUSTAIN US, AND ALL LIVING THINGS.

LAY-LIT: BY THE WATERS OF THE FLOOD YOU CONDEMNED THE WICKED AND SAVED THOSE WHOM YOU HAD CHOSEN, NOAH AND HIS FAMILY. YOU LED ISRAEL BY THE PILLAR OF CLOUD AND FIRE THROUGH THE SEA, OUT OF SLAVERY INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE PROMISED LAND. IN THE WATERS OF THE JORDAN YOUR SON WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN AND ANOINTED WITH THE SPIRIT. BY THE BAPTISM OF HIS OWN DEATH AND RESURRECTION YOUR BELOVED SON HAS SET US FREE FROM THE BONDAGE TO SIN AND DEATH, AND HAS OPENED THE WAY TO THE JOY AND FREEDOM OF EVERLASTING LIFE.

PASTOR: HE MADE WATER A SIGN OF THE KINGDOM AND OF CLEANING AND REBIRTH. IN OBEDIENCE TO HIS COMMAND, WE MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE HERE BAPTIZED MAY BE GIVEN NEW LIFE. WASH AWAY THE SIN OF ALL THOSE WHO ARE CLEANSED BY THIS WATER AND BRING THEM FORTH AS INHERITORS OF YOUR KINGDOM. TO YOU BE GIVEN PRAISE AND HONOR AND WORSHIP THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, NOW AND FOREVER.

People: Amen.

The Baptism:

PASTOR: HOW SHALL YOUR (SON/DAUGHTER) BE NAMED.

Parents: _____
(First and Middle Name only)

PASTOR: _____ IS BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

People: Amen.

The Anointing:

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

Sponsors: Amen.

LAY-LIT: O GOD THE GIVER OF ALL LIFE, LOOK WITH KINDNESS UPON THE FATHER AND MOTHER OF THIS CHILD. LET THEM EVER REJOICE IN THE GIFT YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM. MAKE THEM TEACHERS AND EXAMPLES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR THIS CHILD. STRENGTHEN THEM IN THEIR OWN BAPTISM SO THEY MAY SHARE ETERNALLY WITH THEIR (SON/DAUGHTER) THE SALVATION YOU HAVE GIVEN THEM, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.

People: Amen.

PASTOR: WE WELCOME YOU INTO THE LORD'S FAMILY. WE RECEIVE YOU AS A FELLOW MEMBER OF THE BODY OF CHRIST, CHILD OF THE SAME HEAVENLY FATHER AND A WORKER WITH US IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

Introduction of the Newest Member of the Christian Church.

LAY-LIT: PEACE BE WITH YOU.

People: Peace be with you.

(We continue with the Liturgy for the day)