

## To Us A Child Is Born

PASTOR: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER (+) AND OF THE SON (+) AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (+). AMEN.

### Statement of Baptism:

GOD HAS GIVEN HIS CHURCH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM, AND IN THIS ACT WE RECEIVE NEW LIFE BY THE POWER OF CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION. WE RECEIVE OUR IDENTITY AS THE FAMILY OF GOD UNITED IN CHRIST WITH ONE ANOTHER. WE ARE HERE TODAY TO ACCEPT THESE GIFTS, TO CELEBRATE OUR TRUST IN GOD'S PROMISES, AND TO REJOICE IN THE HOPE THEY BRING.

### Scripture:

BELOVED, THE WORDS OF CHRIST ARE THESE; ALL AUTHORITY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME. GO THEREFORE AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS, BAPTIZING THEM IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE ALL THAT I HAVE COMMANDED YOU, AND LO, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE CLOSE OF THE AGE.

### The Renunciation:

*LAY-LIT: THIS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IS SET FIRMLY IN THE MIDST OF THE WORLD THAT IS, AS IT LOOKS FOR THE WORLD THAT IS TO COME. WE KNOW THE REALITY OF EVIL AND RENOUNCE IT, AND TRUST IN GOD WHOSE POWER WILL OVERCOME IT.*

*PARENTS AND SPONSORS: DO YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT LIFE WITHOUT GOD IS DEMONIC? ANSWER "WE DO".*

**Parents & Sponsors: We Do.**

*WILL YOU OPEN THE EYES OF THIS CHILD TO DISCERN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DARKNESS OF HATE, DIVISION AND DESTRUCTION, AND THE LIGHT OF GOD'S LOVE, TRUTH AND UNITY? ANSWER "WE WILL"*

**Parents & Sponsors: We will.**

Confession of Faith: Apostle's Creed

All: **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 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.  
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**

The Promises:

PASTOR: PARENTS, DO YOU AFFIRM THAT YOU WANT GOD TO GRANT YOUR CHILD THE NEW BIRTH IN HOLY BAPTISM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FAITH WE HAVE CONFESSED? ANSWER: "WE DO".

**Parents: We Do.**

MEMBERS OF ALL SAINTS: THIS CHILD WILL BE ONE WITH US IN CHRIST. FOR THE SAKE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND ON BEHALF OF THE WHOLE CHURCH, WILL YOU SUPPORT (HIM/HER) WITH YOUR LOVE AND PRAYERS, MAKING (HIM/HER) A PART OF THE LIFE WE SHARE AS THE COMMUNITY OF THE BAPTIZED IN THIS PLACE? ANSWER: "WE Do".

**Members: We do.**

SPONSORS IN BAPTISM: WILL YOU TAKE SPECIAL CARE FOR THIS CHILD ON OUR BEHALF AND SUPPORT (HIS/HER) GROWTH INTO THE FULLNESS OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND LIFE? ANSWER: "WE DO".

**Sponsors: We do.**

HOW SHALL THIS CHILD BE NAMED?

\_\_\_\_\_, I BAPTIZE YOU IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

ALMIGHTY GOD OUR FATHER, WHO BY HIS FORGIVING LOVE HAS ADOPTED YOU AS HIS OWN AND HAS UNITED YOU WITH THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS, STRENGTHEN YOU WITH HIS GRACE UNTO ETERNAL LIFE. AMEN.

Introduction:

LAY-LIT: PARENTS AND SPONSORS, YOU HAVE PRESENTED THIS CHILD FOR HOLY BAPTISM IN LOVE FOR (HIM/HER), AND INTRUST OF GOD'S PROMISES. THEREFORE, I CHARGE YOU TO BE FAITHFUL IN THIS LOVE AND TRUST. DURING (HIS/HER) FORMATIVE YEARS, MAY YOU BE FILLED WITH THE GRACE TO BRING (HIM/HER) TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE CHURCH AND THE WILL OF GOD AS SEEN IN THE SCRIPTURES. TAKE (HIM/HER) WITH YOU AS A FAMILY TO WORSHIP AND INSTRUCTION IN GOD'S HOUSE, AND HELP (HIM/HER) TO PERCEIVE THE LOVE IN WHICH (HE/SHE) IS HELD BY GOD, IN THE PROMISE MADE IN BAPTISM.

Prayer:

**All: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Introduction of the Newest Member of the Christian Church.*

*The Congregation rises and our Liturgy of the day continues.*