



## *The Sacrament of Baptism*

**October 1, 2023**

*Blair Michael MacKenzie*

*and*

*Lydia Anne MacKenzie*

**Parents:**

**Benjamin & Keltie MacKenzie**

**Sponsors:**

**Ryan & Wendy Wegner**

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 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.

**Readings:** Matthew 28:18-20 and Mark 10:13-16

P: *Jesus said, "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 obey all that I have commanded you; and remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

*People were bringing little children to Jesus in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.*

P: Dear Parents: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

**Response: We do.**

P: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the  
Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to 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 children grow in the Christian faith and life?

**Response: We will, with the help of God.**

P: Dear Sponsors: Do you promise to nurture Blair and Lydia in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

**Response: We will, with the help of God.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support Blair and Lydia and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

**C: We will, with the help of God.**

### **Creed**

P: Let us profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises?

**C: I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Font**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Water is poured into the font.*

P: 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. 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 the 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.

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. **Amen.**

### **Baptism and Blessing**

P: **Blair/Lydia**, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Blair/Lydia :

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord,  
the spirit of joy in your presence.

*As the child is anointed with oil:*

P: Blair/Lydia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Welcome**

*As a lighted candle is given for the newly baptized:*

P: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

P: Let us welcome our brother and sister, Blair and Lydia!

**C: 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 and redeeming word to all the world.**