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# Holy Baptism

Eli Richard Hawk, son of Jessica and Justin Hawk

Sponsors: Heather and Joshua McGuire

## Presentation

**P** In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees 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; by water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Jessica and Justin, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Eli baptized into Christ? If so, please answer *"We do."*

**P** As you bring Eli to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these vital and formative responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to the word of God and the holy supper; teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the holy scriptures; and nurture him in faith and prayer so he may learn to trust God; proclaim Christ, crucified and risen; through word and deed. That is, give him the Bible and the Catechism, tell him God's law and promise so that he will grow up in the Christian faith.

**P** To you, Heather and Joshua, as sponsors, do you promise to nurture Eli in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please answer *"We do."*

**P** People of God, do you promise to support Eli and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, please answer *"We do."*

**C** We do.

*Please stand.*

## Profession of Faith

**P** With the whole church, let us profess our 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?

**C** I renounce them.

**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.

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## 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.
- P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to your judgment, you condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to your great mercy, you preserved believing Noah and his family. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led your people Israel through the water onto dry ground, prefiguring this washing of your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, you sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that you would enfold Eli according to your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit that through your Word given in this water all sin in him would be drowned and die. Grant that Eli be kept safe in the holy ark of your Church and secure in your promise, serving your name with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers, he would be brought to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Baptism

**P** Eli Richard Hawk, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**P** 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.

Sustain Eli with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and reverence for you, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Eli Richard Hawk, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

**P** Let us welcome Eli into the body of Christ and his extended family of faith in this congregation.

**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.

*Please stand.*

**Hymn 781**

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Stanzas 1 and 4

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*This prayer was written by Martin Luther in 1526 as an addition to the Baptismal liturgy. In the "Flood Prayer," we recall the salvation history and the Lord's miraculous gift and promise to us through water and the Word in Baptism.*

*Today we present Eli and his family with a candle, a symbol of the light of Christ, that burns brightly in their lives.*

*We also present him with a cross, crafted by members of our First Lutheran shop, as well as a blanket, given by our 7th grade confirmands. Each of these is given to remind Eli of the true gift of faith and promise of eternal life given today by God.*