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# Holy Baptism

Ronnie Janell Meester and Tatum Marienau Meester, daughters of Thomas and Rachel Meester

Sponsors: Matt & Kayla Meester, Derek & Molly Kreuzfeldt and Katy Kittelson

## 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. Thomas and Rachel, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Ronnie and Tatum baptized into Christ? If so, please answer "*We do.*"
- P** As you bring Ronnie and Tatum to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these very vital and formative 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 they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ, crucified and risen, through word and deed. That is, give them the Bible and the Catechism, tell them God's law and promise, so that they will grow up in the Christian faith.
- P** To the sponsors, do you promise to nurture Ronnie and Tatum 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? If so, please answer "*We do.*"
- P** People of God, do you promise to support Ronnie and Tatum and pray for them in their 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 Ronnie and Tatum according to your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit that through your Word given in this water all sin in them would be drowned and die. Grant that Ronnie and Tatum 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, they would be brought to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Baptism

- P** Ronnie Janell Meester / Tatum Marienau Meester, 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 Ronnie / Tatum 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** Ronnie Janell Meester / Tatum Marienau Meester, 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 Ronnie and Tatum into the body of Christ and their 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.

**Hymn 456**

**"Baptized in Water"**

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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 Ronnie and Tatum and their family with candles, a symbol of the light of Christ, that burns brightly in their lives. We also present them with crosses, crafted by members of our First Lutheran shop, as well as blankets, given by our 7th grade confirmands. Each of these is given to remind Ronnie and Tatum of the true gift of faith and promise of eternal life given today by God.*