

# Holy Baptism

Katherine Marie Fonkert, daughter of Kelsey and Jesse Fonkert

Sponsors: Emma and Brecon Gross

## 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. Kelsey and Jesse, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Katherine baptized into Christ? If so, please answer *"We do."*
- P** As you bring Katherine to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these vital and formative responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people; bring her to worship so that she might hear God's word for her and receive the Lord's Supper; teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in her hands the holy scriptures; and nurture her in faith and prayer so she may learn to trust God; proclaim Christ, crucified and risen; through word and deed. That is, read to Katherine from the Bible and the Catechism, teaching her God's law and promise so that she will grow up in the Christian faith.
- P** To you, Emma and Brecon, as sponsors, do you promise to nurture Katherine in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help her 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 Katherine and pray for her in her 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.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
- C** I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- C** I renounce them.
- P** Do you renounce 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

*Please be seated.*

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

We also present her 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 Katherine of the true gift of faith and promise of eternal life given today by God.

## Baptism

- P** Katherine Marie Fonkert, 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 Katherine 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** Katherine Marie Fonkert, 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." Let us welcome Katherine into the body of Christ and her 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"

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1. Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo-som gath - er;  
2. Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;  
nest-ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.