



## ✠ HOLY BAPTISM ✠

### BAPTISMAL ADDRESS

*Matthew 28:18b–19; Mark 16:16a; 1 Peter 3:21*

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.” The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

### NAMING OF THE CANDIDATE & SIGN OF THE CROSS

- P** How is your child to be named?      **R** *[Name of child spoken by parents]*
- P** Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

### HOLY GOSPEL FOR BAPTISM

*Mark 10:13–16 NKJV*

- P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark: “They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.’ And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.”
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

### ADDRESS TO SPONSORS

- P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles’ Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. After *[name]* has been baptized you are at all times to remember her in your prayers, support her in her ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, encourage her in regular worship and faithful reception of the Lord’s Supper, and be an example to her of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for our neighbor.
- P** Is it your intention to serve *[name]* as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.      **C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## PROFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH

*spoken by everyone*

- P** Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?  
**C** Yes, I renounce them.  
**P** Do you believe in God, the Father?  
**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?  
**C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

## ✠ THE BAPTISM ✠

- P** I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

## BLESSING OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED & BAPTISMAL CANDLE

### THE WELCOME

- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you, *[name]* a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as fellow child of God in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.  
**C** Amen. We welcome you, in the name of the Lord.

### COLLECT FOR THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

- P** Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *[name]* new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as she has now become Your child, You would keep her in her baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** Peace ✠ be with you. **C** Amen.