

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Willow Jane Zierlein, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen. Amen.

The pastor, parents, and sponsors lay hands upon the child as the pastor says:

The Holy Spirit work with you,
that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen. Amen.

The pastor invites the congregation to welcome the child:

**Child of God by water and the Spirit,
we welcome you into God's new creation.
Share with us in Christ's royal priesthood.
With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you as a member of Christ's church.**

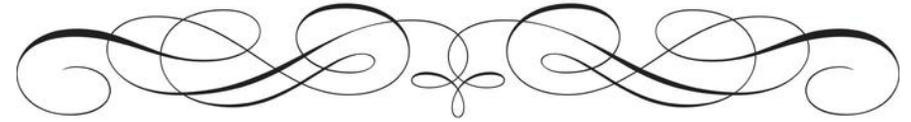
All who are baptized and have renewed their vows receive a sign of refreshing.

"Remember that you are baptized, and rejoice!"

Amen.

The child will be presented to the congregation for welcome.

*Thank you for being a part of this very special day for the
Kierlein and Fetzer families and friends!*



THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

INTRODUCTION, PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE,
RUNUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

Pastor to all the people, and especially parents and sponsors::

And so I ask you, will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
Reject the evil powers of this world,
And repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
To resist evil, injustice, and oppression
In whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?

**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

The pastor addressing the parents (and other sponsors):

Will you nurture this child, Willow Jane Zierlein, in Christ's holy church?

The parents and sponsors respond:

**By teaching and example we will guide *him*
to accept God's grace for *himself*,
to profess *his* faith openly,
and to lead a Christian life.**

The pastor addressing all the people:

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together,
wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy
church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

Will you nurture one another in living the faith of the church and include
Aiden in your care?

**With God's help we will live the gospel of Jesus Christ.
We will embody faith, hope and love so that Aiden will grow up, learn to
trust God and live Love's service in the world.
We will pray for *him* on *his* journey of discipleship among us.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the
Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust
in God, the Father Almighty,
in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

All: Even so, come Lord Jesus!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us
by baptism into Jesus Christ
will never die.

Your justice never fails.

Your mercy is everlasting.

Your healing river flows.

Your Spirit blows where you will.

We cannot stop you, God!

But sometimes we try...

... that we do not hear its sound, and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.

We are dry and thirsty, O God.

Come, refresh us!

Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.

Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.

Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.

Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.

Most Holy God, Abba, Father!

Glory to you!

Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!

Glory to you!

Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!

Glory to you!

Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!

All glory is yours, now and forever. Amen!