

Holy Baptism

Theo David McBeth, son of Madison and Joshua McBeth

Sponsors: Alyssa and Dylan Olsen

Presentation

- 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. Madison and Joshua, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Theo baptized into Christ? If so, please answer *"We do."*
- As you bring Theo 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 worship so that he might hear God's word for him and receive the Lord's 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, read to Theo from the Bible and the Catechism, teaching him God's law and promise so that he will grow up in the Christian faith.
- To you, Alyssa and Dylan, as sponsors, do you promise to nurture Theo 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."*
- People of God, do you promise to support Theo and pray for him in his new life in Christ? If so, please answer *"We do."*
- We do.

Please stand.

Profession of Faith

- 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?
- I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
- I renounce them.
- Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
- I renounce them.
- Do you believe in God the Father?
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- 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.
- Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- 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 Theo 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 Theo of the true gift of faith and promise of eternal life given today by God.

Baptism

- P** Theo David McBeth, 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 Theo 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** Theo David McBeth, 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 Theo 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"

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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.