

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Ryan and Jordane, these candles represent Jesus, the light of the world. Jesus said that all who follow him are also the light of the world. As **Leni and Waylon** grow in years, share with them these words of Jesus: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). We encourage you to celebrate the anniversary of their baptisms by lighting these candles and reminding them of the promises made to them – by you, by their baptismal sponsors, by this congregation, and by God, their loving Father.

Ryan and Jordane, you stand before us today, declaring your desire to join our congregation along with your children, to be partners with us in the ministry we are called to do. So I ask you, are you willing to commit yourselves, with the gifts that God has given you, to the ministry of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mt. Horeb?

Yes, with the help of God.

Members of ELC, will you welcome and befriend **Ryan and Jordane**, and **Leni and Waylon**, as new partners in our shared ministry? Will you give to them your friendship, support them with your prayers, and encourage them in the call of faithful living?

Assembly: Yes, with the help of God.

Assembly: We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share at ELC. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Let us pray. Loving God, we thank you for the opportunity to welcome this family into our midst. We thank you for their life stories, their faith journeys, and the gifts they have to share. Make us eager to listen and to learn from them. Open us to new ideas and new perspectives. Help us to provide a nurturing environment as we invite them into our ministry and into our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The service continues with the prayers of intercession.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

for

Leni Lu Cresson

Sponsors: Nicole Trotta and Jeff Trotta

Waylon Jules Cresson

Sponsors: Sydney Tranel and Brooks Kittoe

Parents: Ryan and Jordane Cresson

Presentation

Parents, sponsors, and child(ren) gather at the font. Assembly may be seated.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present **Leni and Waylon** for baptism.

Ryan and Jordane, as you bring *your children* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with 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, & 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 through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help **Leni and Waylon** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture **Leni and Waylon** 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?

Sponsors: We do.

Members of ELC, do you promise to support **Leni and Waylon** and pray for them in their new lives in Christ?

Assembly: We do.

Profession of Faith

Assembly stands... joins in the responses.

I ask you to profess your 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 his world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into

freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

Water is poured over the child's head.

Leni Lu Cresson, I baptize you in the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Waylon Jules Cresson, I baptize you in the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Pastor prays for each child baptized.

Sustain **Leni and Waylon** with the gift of your Holy Spirit, O God: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each child baptized.

Leni, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Waylon, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**