

A faith chest made by the men of Calvary is presented to the parents with the following words:

_____ son/daughter of _____,
You are beginning a life of faith in Jesus Christ that will be filled with milestones that mark new experiences and Christian growth.

We, your sisters and brothers of Calvary Lutheran Church present you with this FAITH CHEST to store the mementos of your walk with Jesus Christ. God bless your journey.

Let us pray:

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the *fathers* and *mothers of these children*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their *children*. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their *children* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Congregation is asked to Stand

The newly baptized is wrapped in the quilt provided by the women of Calvary and the child is introduced to the congregation as its newest member.

WE join together in welcoming this child by saying the following words of welcome together:

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.

All return to their places.

The service continues with the Hymn of the Day and Offering.



HOLY BAPTISM

Dear Christian Friends: Let us hear the command of our Lord Jesus Christ concerning Holy Baptism:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.
(Matthew 28:18-20)

Let us also hear how graciously our Lord Jesus Christ receives little children and welcomes them into the Kingdom of God:

People were bringing little children to Him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:13-16)

We hear these words about Holy Baptism:

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 with His church, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child / children* baptized into Christ? If so, would you respond, **I DO**.

As you bring *your child / children* to receive the gift of Holy Baptism, you are entrusted with these responsibilities:

- to live with *them* among God's people, the church,
- bring *them* to the services of God's house to hear the Word of God and receive Holy Communion,
- teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- as they grow in years place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and provide for their instruction in the Christian faith,
- so that *your children* may learn to trust God,
- and lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these responsibilities? If so, I ask you as parents and sponsors to say, **I DO**.

Congregation is asked to Stand

I ask you then to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

As parents and sponsors do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises? If so, would you say, **I DO**.

To all who are gathered here this day:

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, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Congregations is seated.

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

Let us pray.

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon _____: 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. **Amen**

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

A lighted candle is presented to one of the parents and the following words are said:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see you good works and glorify your Father in heaven.