

KNIFE RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Knife River, Minnesota

Affirmation of Baptism

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We Publicly Commit to Living as Followers of Jesus Christ

PRESENTATION

Leader: The following persons, having been instructed in the Christian faith, desire to affirm their Baptism and make a public commitment to discipleship: McKinley Carl and Sadie Pollard.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these kindred in faith, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in Holy Baptism Jesus received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people you have learned about God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith in which you were baptized:

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

COMMITMENT TO DISCIPLESHIP

Pastor: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy

Baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word
and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand's response:

"I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

Pastor: And do you, people of God, promise to support Sadie and McKinley in their lives of discipleship and pray for them in their lives in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made McKinley and Sadie your own. You forgave their sins, brought them to the newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them the gifts of grace: 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; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastor: Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (confirmand) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide her/his life, empower him/her in serving, give her/him patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

Confirmand: Amen.

Leader: (Confirmand), let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven. Remember, Christ is counting on you.

Confirmand: Amen.