Baptismal Service for
Benjamin Todd Bezpietka
November 15, 2026

WELCOME:

Friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace found in the Sacrament of Baptism. We do so with joy because we are the followers of Jesus and we know how he feels about children. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such as these belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child, shall not enter it". Jesus blesses children in his midst and as his followers, we want to express this same kind of love and care and acceptance of the children in our midst. And so today, we offer these gifts to Benjamin Todd Bezpietka.

LIGHTING OF THE BAPTISM CANDLE:



I invite you all to notice that we have a special candle on the altar in honor of Benjamin's baptism this day. His godfather, Zachary will now light it for him. May the light of this candle serve as a reminder to us that the light of God shines in and through each of us and especially this day for Benjamin. Let us, then, ask God to bless this time together.

BLESSING:

O God, as parents comfort their children, you strengthen, sustain, and provide for us. We come before you with gratitude for the gift of Benjamin Todd, and for the joy that has come into this family because of him. We give thanks to you for your loving grace that surrounds us all at this special time. Look upon us with compassion and goodness and pour out upon us your Spirit that enables us to love one another as you have promised to love us our whole lives. We ask your blessings on Benjamin this day and all the days of his life – that he might always know how precious he is to you and all of us who now celebrate his place among us. Amen.

ADDRESS:

The Sacrament of Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. God has chosen Benjamin as his own child and we are here today to express our appreciation for such a blessing from God. The act of baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of our acceptance of his into the care of Christ's Church and the beginning of his growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

TO PARENTS:



Chelsea and Michael, as Benjamin's parents, do your promise, with God's help, by your lives and teaching, to lead your son toward an understanding of the Christian Gospel, and into the service of Jesus Christ? If so, please respond, "We do."
Parents: "**We do"**

TO GODPARENTS:

Lauren and Zachary, as godparents to Benjamin, do you promise to help supply Christian nurture to him and support him parents in their efforts to guide him in the way of the gospel and to faithful service in Christ's Church?
If so, please say "I do".
Godparents: "**I do".**

TO SIBLINGS:

Lily and Alex, as Benjamin's big sister and brother, do you promise to help him learn about the ways of Jesus and guide him in being a kind and loving person. If so, please say, "We do."
Siblings: "**We do."**

TO CONGREGATION:

Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer all the gift of grace found in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care for this child and his family as he lives and grows in Christ? If so, please respond "We do".
Congregation: **"We do".**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER: Let us then pray together...

Dear God, bless this child and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon this child and surround him with your love. Teach him to follow in your footsteps, and to live life in the ways of love, faith, hope and charity. Amen.

BAPTISMAL WATER:

Gracious God, we thank you for your gift of water that is a symbol of your love for us and promise to always be with us. We ask that at this time, you grant the blessing of your Holy Spirit on this water to be used for Benjamin's baptism. Through the water and spirit, we ask that you create new life in him so that he may be strong in his faith, be filled with your joy, and be empowered to follow your ways of love and compassion all the days of her life. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

TO PARENTS: "By what name will we all know this child?"

"Benjamin Todd"



ACT OF BAPTISM:

Benjamin Todd, since God has created you and calls you here, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May the blessings of God be upon you now and remain with you always. Amen.
PRESENTATION:

Friends, it is with pleasure that we present to you, Benjamin Todd - child of God, disciple of Christ, and member of the body of Christ, the Church. Let us now welcome him into our flock while singing together about how much Jesus loves every one of us

SONG: **Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me - this I know – for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak,
but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me – the Bible tells me so.



Presentation of Certificate and Gift

Little Lamb of God - Welcome to the Flock!

BENEDICTION:

Michael and Chelsea. today we honor your family, knowing that each child is a treasure – a miracle of God's finest work. God has put Benjamin into your arms, trusting you to help shape his life, his imagination, and his spirit in his ways of love and compassion. It's a blessing for all of us to help you with this labor of love and to help him become all that God hopes and dreams for his life. May God's blessings be upon us this day and every day as we celebrate what he has done for us in bringing Benjamin into our lives and into our faith community. Amen.