

**Christopher Kyle Clark  
Bailey Joy Kratz  
Emma Amelia Lowe**



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*Pastor:* 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.

Do you desire to have these children baptized into Christ?

*Family:* I do.

*Pastor:* As you bring Christopher, Bailey, and Emma 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, and 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.



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Zion is a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) community,  
and extends God's radical welcome to all people,  
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Do you promise to help Christopher, Bailey, and Emma grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Family:* I do.

*Pastor:* Aunts and Uncles, do you promise to nurture Christopher, Bailey, and Emma in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of their baptisms and in communion with the church?

*Family:* I do.

*Pastor:* People of God, do you promise to support Christopher, Bailey, Emma, and their families and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

*All:* **We do.**

*Please stand.*

*Pastor:* I ask all of 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?

*All:* **I renounce them.**

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

*All:* **I renounce them.**

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

*All:* **I renounce them.**

*Pastor:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

*All:* **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?

*All:* **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.**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Pastor:* 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

*Pastor:* Christopher Kyle is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Pastor:* 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 Christopher Kyle with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Pastor:* Christopher Kyle, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

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*Pastor:* Bailey Joy is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All:* **Amen.**

Pastor: 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 Bailey Joy with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Bailey Joy, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: **Amen.**

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Pastor: Emma Amelia is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: 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 Emma Amelia with the gift of your Holy Spirit: 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.

All: **Amen.**

Pastor: Emma Amelia, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

All: **Amen.**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:*

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

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Robin: Let us welcome Christopher, Bailey, and Emma into our community of faith.

All: **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.**