

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

for

Kade Preston Warren

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St. James's Lutheran Church
Newton NC

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

(pastor) In holy baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates 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; in the waters of baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Kade baptized?
(parents) **I do.**

PRESENTATION

As you present Kade for baptism in Christian love, you are entrusted with gifts & responsibilities: LIVE with him among God's faithful people, BRING him to the services of worship in God's house, TEACH him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments.

As he grows in years, you should: PLACE in his hands the Holy Scriptures, PROVIDE for his instruction in the Christian faith, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?
(parents) **I do.**

Family and friends, do you promise to nurture Kade in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, help him live in the covenant of baptism, support and pray for him in his new life in Christ?
(congregation) **We do.**

RENUNCIATION OF EVIL *(parents and sponsors)*

Do you reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church?

I do.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

In faith I turn to Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(congregation)*

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,
who 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 he 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.**

THE THANKSGIVING

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 brooded over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through water you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you delivered us from the power of sin and death and set us free to live in you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this water and upon Kade who is washed in it, that he 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.

BAPTISM

Kade Preston, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
And of the Son,
And of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, and the spirit of mercy.

Amen!

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your son, Kade, new birth, wash him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

Sustain Kade Preston 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. Amen.

SEALING WITH THE SIGN OF THE CROSS; ANOINTING WITH OIL

(In the Old Testament, the anointing of oil signifies a person being chosen by God. The sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:)

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

Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

(A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized. This candle connects the death & resurrection of Jesus with our baptismal death and resurrection to new life.)

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Receive this baptismal candle which is to be lighted at each anniversary of Kade's baptism as a reminder of the glory and obligation which Baptism bestows.

Let us pray: O God, the giver of life, look with kindness upon this family. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Kade. Strengthen this family in their own baptism, so they may share eternally with Kade the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRESENTATION and WELCOME *(the pastor presents the newly baptized)*

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor (+), and give you his peace.

Amen.

