

# Lutheran Book of Worship

## Holy Baptism

### INTRODUCTION

**P** 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.

### PRESENTATION

**P** In Christian love you have presented Cameron for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God's house, and 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 and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

**R** **I do.**

### THE PRAYERS / BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

#### *Stand*

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their need:

#### *After each portion of the prayers:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen**

### RENUNCIATION

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

**P** Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**R** **I do.**

## **PROFESSION (CREED)**

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C** **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.**

**P** 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**

## **BAPTISM**

**P** Cameron James Hutson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Sponsors or parents holding young children stand. The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:*

## **SIGNING WITH THE CROSS**

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

**P** Cameron James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

## **GIVING OF THE LIGHT**

*A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:*

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

## WELCOME

### *Stand*

- P** Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- C** **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.**