



St. Paul Lutheran Church
October 10, 2021
The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Lyla Rose Gaidis
McKenna Ann Gaidis

PRELUDE: “The Peace of God” - Robert Lau

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Pause for reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

For by Grace you have been saved. Out of great mercy, Jesus Christ was sent to die for your sins on the cross. As he lives victorious from the grave, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.

In Baptism, we are washed, forgiven, and claimed as God’s children forever. This morning we do the Baptism as part of the confession and forgiveness as a reminder that each week, when we confess our sins and hear the glorious words that God has forgiven us, it is as if we have been baptized again!

INTRODUCTION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the Sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the world.

PRESENTATION

The sponsors: William & Maxine Pittenger and Liz Bell to present the candidates:

Sponsors: We present Lyla and McKenna for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents, Andrew and Krista Gaidis:

Trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized?

Response: We do.

As you present Lyla and McKenna for Holy Baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities:

- to bring them to services in God's house
- to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments
- to provide them with the Holy Bible and instruction about it
- to remind them of their Baptism and bring them to the Lord's Supper
- to nurture them in faith, love and compassion

Do you promise to help Lyla and McKenna grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: We do, with the help of God.

The presiding minister addresses the sponsors:

Do you promise to nurture Lyla and McKenna in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: We do, with the help of God.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support Lyla and McKenna and to pray for their new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and sponsors:

P: I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess, together with your sisters and brothers, the faith of the Church.

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

Response: I do renounce them.

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

Response: I do renounce them.

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

Response: I do renounce them.

With the whole church in heaven and earth, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**Response: 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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Response: 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**

THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks and praise.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the river of life. You led your people through the river Jordan and called them to life in covenant. Your Son was baptized in the river Jordan to begin his mission among us. Send your Holy Spirit into this water and into the baptized. Create us all anew that we may serve this needy world; for we trust in the name of Jesus, your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BAPTISM

Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Beloved child of God, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

SIGNING with the CROSS

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

ADORNING OF ROBE

St. Paul writes that “You who were baptized with Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ.”

PRESENTATION of CANDLE

A lighted candle is given to the child, as a representative of the congregation says:

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

WELCOME

A representative of the congregation welcomes the newly baptized:

Through baptism, Lyla and McKenna have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the Holy and life-giving Spirit.

The congregation offers a word of welcome:

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and as fellow disciples.

GATHERING HYMN #688 “Lord of Light”

- 1 Lord of light, your name outshining
all the stars and suns of space,
use our talents in your kingdom
as the servants of your grace;
use us to fulfill your purpose
in the gift of Christ your Son:
- 3 Grant that knowledge, still increasing,
at your feet may lowly kneel;
with your grace our triumphs hallow,
with your charity our zeal;
lift the nations from the shadows
to the gladness of the sun: *Refrain*

Refrain

Father, as in highest heaven,
so on earth your will be done.

- 2 By the toil of faithful workers
in some far outlying field,
by the courage where the radiance
of the cross is still revealed,
by the victories of meekness,
through reproach and suff'ring won: *Refrain*

- 4 By the prayers of faithful watchers,
never silent day or night;
by the cross of Jesus, bringing
peace to all and healing light;
by the love that passes knowledge,
making all your children one: *Refrain*

Text: Howell E. Lewis, 1860-1953, alt.
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: #886 - “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs 1, 3)

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31

Before the gospel is read:

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading:

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Robert J. Myallis

HYMN OF THE DAY: #532 “Gather Us In”

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your
daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE: The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OFFERING

OFFERING RESPONSE:

**Thankful hearts and voices raise
Tell ev'ryone what God has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice
and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises
and lead your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance,
**you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed... ...Do this in remembrance of me.
For as often as we do this, we proclaim the great mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians who recognize the Lord's forgiveness and presence in Holy Communion are invited to receive the bread and wine. During the distribution, you are invited to come forward. Take a cup from the trays and kneel or stand at the altar railing to receive the Bread and Wine. The first chalice is wine, and the second chalice is grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Those who do not commune may come to the altar for a blessing, indicating so by crossing your arms. As the ministers give the bread and cup to you, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

AFTER COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN #534 "Savior, Again to Your Dear Name"

- 1 Savior, again to your dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.
- 2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;
with you began, with you shall end the day;
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon your name.

- 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;
for us transform its darkness into light.
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;
your evening presence promise to your own.
- 4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.

SENDING: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: “Make the Sounds of Praise” - Robert J. Hughes

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St. Paul News

Welcome Visitors: We are glad you're here and pray you experience God's presence in worship today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor as you leave worship. Blessings to you, and we hope you join us again!

The Communion Bread is given to the Glory of God by Pat Lamb.

The 2021 Ingathering was a success. Thanks to all who made the following numbers possible: 83 blankets, 51 personal care kits, 47 sweaters, 41 hats and 7 headbands.

Faith Formation

Where to find your class:

birth - 2: attend Splash! with their adult (Good Shepherd statue playground)

Preschool-PreK: classroom 2 (lower level)

Grades K & 1: classroom 3 (lower level)

Grades 2-4: classroom 4 (lower level)

Grades 5 & 6: classroom 6 (lower level)

Augsburg: Media Room

Families in Faith: yard along Walnut St.

Talk the Walk with Families: yard by the Orange St. parking lot

Together in Christ: yard along Walnut St.

Pod & Pub Club: Season 2 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Bull's Head in Lititz. In season 2 of the *Ponder Anew* podcast, Pastor Rob looks into the biblical book of Acts for clues and cues about the joy of Christian community. Episode 6 is available now on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, and at stpaulilititz.net.

Adult Forum: Sunday, October 24. Social Hall, 12 PM. "A Civil Rights Journey" a presentation by Jean and Steve Godsall-Myers (the parents of Pastor Rob) on Sunday, Oct 24, at noon. This summer Pastor Rob's parents took an extended tour that re-traced parts of our country's racial history. The itinerary included many significant sites like the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Harriett Tubman) and the Civil Rights 'triangle' of Montgomery, Selma and Birmingham, AL. Jean and Steve will come with slides, stories and impressions to share from a very humbling and sobering journey. Sign up in the Narthex or online at [timetosignup: https://ttsu.me/gvezvc](https://ttsu.me/gvezvc)

Children & Youth



Waffle Wonder Wednesdays! Kids in grades 3-6 are welcome to join Deacon Emily on Wednesdays in October under the portico from 3:15-4:30pm. We will eat waffles as an afterschool snack while we WONDER about our BIG questions related to God, the Bible and our Faith! Come hungry, inquisitive, and ready to wonder together. RSVP please.

"On the Way" KIDS VIDEOS! New this fall, Deacon Emily will record a weekly video for your home devotion time. Watch to see where our Deacon is "on the way" to in the church! Then you'll hear a Bible story, see some neat stuff, and think about discussion questions for your conversations at home. Please use this Video in addition to your Faith Formation time at St. Paul. Or, if you're not attending St. Paul in-person, this Video will serve as a virtual format for Sunday School! Your home is the #1 place for Faith to flourish; we hope this resource helps!

5th/6th Grade Mentoring is October 17! Back this year is our monthly mentoring morning for grade 5&6 with the High School Youth! These groups meet together during the Sunday School hour for faith-based discussions on daily faithful living. And this Fall, they're adding a service project to their work together! Kids - don't miss this Sunday!

Chapel Worship for our CELC kids welcomes YOU to join us. Children ages 2-5 are invited (with an adult) on Thursday mornings. Contact Deacon Emily for details & a spot.

Fellowship & Service

Afghan Refugee help: St. Paul is exploring the possibility of forming a team to work with Church World Service as they welcome Afghan refugees. If this is of interest to you, see Stan Sneegas after both services on Sunday, Oct 17. If you can't make it, you can also email Stan: stansneegas@att.net.

Fall Foliage Day at Camps Kirchenwald and Nawakwa! October 24. Open-house-style from 1:00-6:00pm. \$10/person includes an evening meal and activities such as pumpkin painting, canoeing, hayrides, hikes and more! All ages welcome to enjoy what suits you; all can enjoy the beauty of God's creation at these two special locations! Register by Oct. 15 at lutherancamping.org.

Ladies Lunch Bunch will be meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 11:30 at Isaac's 4 Crosswinds Dr. in Lititz. Come join the fellowship and enjoy unique "Birdie" sandwiches. Please call Nancy Miller to RSVP or email her at nmiller424@aol.com

Warwick Community Chest: During the month of October the following items are requested by the Lititz Warwick Community Chest: canned beans (kidney, northern, pinto, etc.) instant mashed potatoes; canned meats (Spam, chicken, tuna). No expired items. Please place items in the chest in the narthex.

Christian Service Box: Church World Services (CWS) will be recipients of money collected in the Christian Service Box to the end of the year. CWS serves refugees, immigrants, and other uprooted people within the United States who are seeking safety and the opportunity to rebuild their lives. There is need right now as refugees from Afghanistan are being brought to the United States and Central Pennsylvania. Checks should be made out to St. Paul with 'CWS' in the memo line. They can be placed in the Christian Service box in the narthex or mailed to the church.

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Sunday Worship 8:15am & 10:45am
Sunday School 9:30am