

✠ The Order of Service ✠

April 14, 2024

PRELUDE

HYMN #593 See This Wonder in the Making

**1 See this wonder in the making:
God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping,
His to be, awake or sleeping.**

**2 Miracle each time it happens
As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, “Belovèd,
Heir of gifts a king would covet!”**

**3 Far more tender than a mother,
Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place her,
With Your love and peace embrace her.**

**4 Here we bring a child of nature;
Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God’s precious son or daughter,
Born again by Word and water.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved.” And the Apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

PASTOR ADDRESSES THE CANDIDATE

Pastor How are you named?
Parents **Amelia Josephine Marino.**

P Amelia Josephine Marino, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your + forehead and upon your + heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that You would behold Amelia according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

ADDRESS TO SPONSORS

Pastor Is it your intention to serve Amelia as sponsors in the Christian faith?
Sponsors **Yes, with the help of God.**

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen.**

P Hear the Gospel of St. Mark.

They brought little children to Him, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

C 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.

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even + forevermore.

C Amen.

P Amelia Josephine Marino, do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

C Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

C Yes, I believe.

Pastor Amelia, do you desire to be baptized?

Parents I do.

THE BAPTISM

P Amelia Josephine Marino, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life + everlasting.

C Amen.

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you as our sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

P Let us pray. Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Peace be with you.

C **Amen.**

(The baptismal family and sponsors may return to the places. Our service continues with the salutation and prayer of the day.)

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Acts 3:11–21* (Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 John 3:1–7* (We are God's children now.)

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

C **Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:36–49* (The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY #720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 **We walk by faith and not by sight,
No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe Him near.**

2 **We may not touch His hands and side,
Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice
And cry "My Lord and God!"**

3 **Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near
And seek where You are found.**

4 **For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.**

5 **Lord, when our life of faith is done,
In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are,
With full and endless sight.**

SERMON

PRAYER ANNOUCEMENTS

OFFERINGS ARE PRESENTED

OFFERTORY *(p.176 in hymnal)*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
And will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now
In the presence of all His people,
In the courts of the Lord's house,
In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BENEDICTION

P **The Lord bless you and keep you.**
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and X give you peace.
C **Amen.**

HYMN #477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Hearts to heaven and voices raise.
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise.
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 **Alleluia, Christ is risen!**
Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat.
Once he died and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore—
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia! to the Savior,
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia! To the triune Majesty.

BAPTISM GIFT PRESENTATIONS

POSTLUDE

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series B, Quarter 1.
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