

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE  
WITH HOLY BAPTISM & HOLY COMMUNION  
November 17, 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 them,  
With Your love and peace embrace them.**

**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.**

**Pastor            In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People            Amen.**

Pastor            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        Kera Marie Sheehan.**

**Parents        Caylei Jade Sheehan.**

**Parents        Aubree Paige Werdann.**

**Parents        Dean Mitchell Marien.**

Pastor        Kera, 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.

Pastor        Caylei, 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.

Pastor        Aubree, 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.

Pastor        Dean, 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.

Pastor        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 Kera and Caylei and Aubree and Dean according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they 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, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People        Amen.**

## **ADDRESS TO SPONSORS**

Pastor        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.

Pastor        Is it your intention to serve Kera and Caylei and Aubree and Dean as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**Sponsors**      **Yes, with the help of God.**

Pastor            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.

**People**           **Amen.**

Pastor            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.

Pastor            This is the Word of the Lord.

**People**           **Thanks be to God.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**    *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People**            **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.**

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

**People**           **Amen.**

Pastor            Kera and Caylei and Aubree and Dean, do you renounce the devil?

**People**           **Yes, I renounce him.**

Pastor            Do you renounce all his works?

**People**           **Yes, I renounce them.**

Pastor            Do you renounce all his ways?

**People**           **Yes, I renounce them.**

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

**People**           **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor            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?

**People**           **Yes, I believe.**

Pastor 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?

**People** Yes, I believe.

Pastor Kera, do you desire to be baptized?

**Parents** I do.

Pastor Caylei, do you desire to be baptized?

**Parents** I do.

Pastor Aubree, do you desire to be baptized?

**Parents** I do.

Pastor Dean, do you desire to be baptized?

**Parents** I do.

### **THE BAPTISM OF KERA MARIE SHEEHAN**

Pastor Kera Marie Sheehan, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

Pastor 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.

**People** Amen.

### **THE BAPTISM OF CAYLEI JADE SHEEHAN**

Pastor Caylei Jade Sheehan, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

Pastor 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.

**People** Amen.

### **THE BAPTISM OF AUBREE PAIGE WERDAN**

Pastor Aubree Paige Werdann, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** Amen.

Pastor 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.

**People** Amen.

## THE BAPTISM OF DEAN MITCHELL MARIEN

Pastor Dean Mitchell Marien, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

Pastor 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.

**People Amen.**

Pastor 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.

Elder In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you as our sisters and brother 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.

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

Pastor Let us pray. Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of these children and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gifts 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.

**People Amen.**

Pastor Peace be with you.

**People Amen.**

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

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, by Your bountiful goodness release us from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our weakness we have brought upon ourselves, that we may stand firm until the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Daniel 12:1–3* (The time of the end)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Hebrews 10:11–25* (The full assurance of faith)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 13:1–13* (Signs of the end of the age)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY #722** Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

**1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.**

**2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**

**3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**

**SERMON**

**PRAYER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, throughout this past year You have made known to us the path of life, the redemption from sin in the gracious sacrifice and life that is by faith in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we contemplate the promise of Your covenant of eternal life coming in its fullness when

He comes again in glory, grant to us and Your whole church, all pastors and believers, the hope and confidence of faith to endure times of trial until You bring us to the fullness of our eternal inheritance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        Lord of the nations, inspire the minds and wills of all, especially those leaders who are to care for all citizens, to choose the ways of justice and peace that we may live in peace and happiness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        We pray for all who suffer illness, for those troubled by anxiety over their current circumstances or the unknown future, and for all who call upon You in their need. Give hope, healing, and peace to all even in their sufferings. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        With fond remembrance we name all those who have gone before us with the sign of faith and are with You in Your nearer presence (*pause for remembrance*). Grant to all our departed loved ones Your light and Your peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:**       **hear our prayer.**

Pastor:        Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:**       **Amen.**

## **OFFERINGS ARE PRESENTED**

### **✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

#### **PREFACE**    *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor        The Lord be with you.

**People**       **And also with you.**

Pastor        Lift up your hearts.

**People**       **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**       **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor        It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even

death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** (p. 208 in hymnal)

**People** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**People** Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (p. 210 in hymnal)

**1** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

**2** O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** (p. 211 in hymnal)

**1** O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.

**2** All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,



**All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Elder            Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People            Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION      *Numbers 6:24-26***

Elder            Let us bless the Lord.

**People            Thanks be to God.**

Pastor            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 ✠ give you peace.

**People Amen.**

## **HYMN #700            Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

**1            Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**2            Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.**

**3**      **Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

**4**      **Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

**PRESENTATION OF BAPTISM GIFTS**

**POSTLUDE**