

# HOLY BAPTISM

KYRAH GRACE ANN & XYRIM ZANE WELCH

Parents: Adam Bruce Welch & Brandie Leanne Vandervest

Godparents: Anita Marie Welch

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

## PRESENTATION *Sponsor presents the candidates.*

Sponsor: I present Kyrah Grace Ann & Xyrim Zane Welch for baptism.

*Pastor addresses the parents.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Kyrah & Xyrim baptized into Christ?

Parents: **We do.**

As you bring Kyrah & Xyrim to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Kyrah & Xyrim grow in the Christian faith and life? Parents: **We do.**

*Pastor addresses the sponsor.*

Anita, do you promise to nurture Kyrah & Xyrim 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? Sponsor: **I do.**

*Pastor addresses the congregation.*

People of God, do you promise to support Kyrah & Xyrim and pray for them in his new life in Christ?

Congregation: **We do.**



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. 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?

All: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? All: **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 into hell. 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? All: **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.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

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, ... the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## BAPTISMS

Kyrah/Xyrim, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Parents and sponsor lay hands on Kyrah/Xyrim.* Let us pray ... **Amen.**

Kyrah/Xyrim, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## WELCOME *Lit candles are presented.*

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

*Pastor and the baptismal group face the congregation.* Let us welcome Kyrah and Xyrim into God's family.

All: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

# AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

## PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I present name, who desires to make public affirmation of their baptism.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.*

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

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?

*Response:* I renounce them.

*The minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

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, 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?

**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.**

## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

*When the assembly is making affirmation of baptism, the presiding minister addresses them.*

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ  
through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*The assembly makes affirmation:*

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.*

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people 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.**

## LAYING OF HANDS

Stir up in name 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.**

## PRESENTATION OF STOLES

*Mothers will place stoles on their child's shoulders.*

## WELCOME

Let us rejoice with those making public affirmation of baptism.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

