

The Holy Sacrament of Baptism

“Brothers and sisters in Christ, through the sacrament of baptism we are initiated into Christ’s holy church. We are incorporated into God’s mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God’s gracious gift.

Today we welcome Oliver Wiles and his family, for the blessing of the covenant of baptism. Presenting Oliver today are his parents: Aaron and Fallon Wiles, and younger brother, Ezra Wiles, and sponsors: Casey Spencer and Chrissy Buechler.

We rejoice in the family of God for the public witness and celebration of this baptism. In this holy sacrament, we acknowledge God’s call to each of us to be a child of the family of God and a member of Christ’s eternal Kingdom. In giving our blessing we reaffirm our covenantal vows of baptism and our pledge of lifelong Christian discipleship.

The Pastor addressing the parents and sponsors:

In presenting Oliver for baptism do you profess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and pledge your allegiance to His Kingdom which He has opened to all people, of all ages, nations and races?

“We do.”

According to the grace given to you, do you promise to lead a Christian life, pledging to always remain a faithful member of Christ’s holy church and seeking to live a life guided by the Holy Spirit, that you may continue to grow in service and faithfulness to Christ our Lord?

“We do.”

Will you, the parents and sponsors, of Oliver Wiles nurture him in Christ’s holy and universal church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God’s grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and learn to lead a Christian life?

“We will”

The Pastor to congregation:

“As Christ’s church it is our pledge to nurture one another in the Christian life and faith. With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live lives committed to the example of Christ. We will provide a community of love and grace, that each one may grow in their trust of God and be faithful in their service to Christ. We will pray for each other, that we may be faithful disciples who walk in the way of Christ.

Presentation of the Water

“Let us pray: Eternal God when nothing existed but chaos You swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah You saved those on the ark through water. After the flood You set in the clouds a rainbow as a covenantal promise. When You saw Your people as slaves in Egypt, You led them to freedom through the sea. Their children You brought across the Jordan River to the land which You promised.

In the fullness of time You sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by Your Spirit. He called His disciples to share in the baptism of His death and resurrection and to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and all those who receive this special blessing. May all who are baptized ever live in the knowledge of the power of Christ to cleanse us of all sin and clothe us in righteousness, that by faith, we are raised with Christ to share in His new and everlasting life.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

“Oliver Markus Wiles, I baptize you in the name of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

“Amen.”

The Prayer of the Holy Spirit

“Oliver Markus Wiles, the Holy Spirit work within you,
that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful
disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

Congregational Response:

*Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit
into God’s new creation and made to share in Christ’s royal
priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and
thanksgiving we welcome you into the fellowship of Christ.*

The Celebration of God’s Gift
of the
Sacrament of Baptism



Oliver Markus Wiles

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