

## **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

*Abigail Louise Weaver*

### **Words of Institution**

Hear the words of Jesus:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and remember, I am with you always to the close of the age.

### **Introduction to the meaning of Baptism**

Obedying Jesus and confident of his promises, we Baptize those whom God has called. In Baptism, God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the Church, the Body of Christ, and are joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own Baptisms as we celebrate this sacrament.

### **Presentation**

*Ruling elder, Leigh Quick*

On behalf of the Session, I present **Abigail Louise Weaver**, child of James Weaver and Sara Pinto, to receive the sacrament of baptism. Her sponsors are: Edward Allen, Megan and Timothy Fenn.

### **Questions to Parent**

James, in presenting Abigail Louise for baptism, you announce your faith in Jesus Christ, and show that you want her to study him, know him, love him, and serve him as his chosen disciple. Show your purpose by answering these questions.

- Who is your Lord and Savior: **Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.**
- Do you intend Abigail Louise to be his disciple, to obey his word, and show his love? ***I do.***

### **Question to Sponsors**

Do you promise, through prayer and example, to support and encourage Abigail Louise to be a faithful Christian? ***We do.***

### **Question to Congregation**

Do you, the people of this church, promise to guide and nurture Abigail Louise by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging her to know and follow Jesus Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We do.**

### **\*Profession of Faith**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith together.

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

-Do you believe in Jesus Christ? **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 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. Amen.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### **The Baptism**

**Abigail Louise**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Child of the covenant, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism, and marked as Christ's own forever.

#### **Welcome**

This child of God is now received into the holy catholic church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

#### **Prayer**

**Almighty God, giver of life: you have called us by name, and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your child, Abigail Louise. Watch over her. Guide her as she grows in faith. Give her understanding, and concern for neighbors. Help her to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ. Remind us of the promises given in our own baptism, and renew our trust in You. Make us strong to obey your will, and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**