



*The Service of Baptism for  
Reier James Tennyson  
Central Lutheran Church  
November 21, 2020*

## **PRELUDE**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

## **WELCOME**

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **PRESENTATION**

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Katie & Ryan: **We present Reier James Tennyson for baptism.**

Chad and Noelle, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your son baptized into Christ? If so, please respond: “We do.” Parents’ Response: **We do.**

As you bring Reier James to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that Reier 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 Reier grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, respond: “We do.” Parents’ Response: **We do.**

Katie & Ryan, as Reier's baptismal sponsors, do you promise to nurture him in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond, "We do." Sponsors response: **We do.**

On behalf of the People of God at Central Lutheran Church, we promise to support Reier James and to pray for him in his new life in Christ.

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Let us profess our 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? If so, please respond: "I renounce them." Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? Response: **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? Response: **I renounce them.**

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.**

## HYMN #732 *Borning Cry*



1. "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2. "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to cheer you on;
3. "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,
4. "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.  
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut yur wea - ry eyes,



In a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."

## 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, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the

Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

Reier James, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Reier James with 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.**

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

## **WELCOME**

Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

On behalf of the people of God at Central Lutheran and all the baptized: **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.**



*Reier James Tennyson,  
beloved child of God,  
son of Noelle & Chad Tennyson,  
brother of Elliot Mae Tennyson,  
grandson of Sonia & Mike Wildish  
and  
great-grandson of Yvonne & Jim Wildish*

# HYMN #595 *Jesus Loves Me!*

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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