

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

For Hunter Scott Paczkowski

Sunday, May 10th 2020

Mother's Day – During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Trinity Lutheran/United Methodist Churches (at UMC)

of Balaton, MN

Pastor Lori: Brothers & Sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of baptism, we are freed from sin & death because of the death & resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We are welcomed into Christ's holy church by water and the Holy Spirit. We are invited to participate fully into the awesome work of God as we continue to grow in faith, love, and obedience to Him.

~ Presenting Hunter ~

Denise & Debbie, as Co-Coordinator of JAM ~ Jesus And Me, a ministry of Trinity & Sillerud Lutheran and United Methodist Churches of Balaton, MN I ask you now in the presence of God and these people who do you present for Baptism today?

Debbie and Denise: It is our JOY to present Hunter Scott Paczkowski for Baptism.

Pastor Lori: (asks Tori & Chantel) Tori & Chantel, as the Parents of Hunter, you have presented him for Holy Baptism, on behalf of the whole church, I ask you will you continue to bring Hunter up in the life of the church, faithfully bringing him to worship in God's house, teaching him the Holy scriptures and history of the faith, so that he may live in the promise that you have made here today? Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? **If so answer, "We Will"**

(asks Sponsors) do you who sponsor Hunter promise to also uphold these promises, to continue to support Hunter and his Family as they grow in life and faith? **If so answer "I Will"**

Pastor Lori: (asks Congregation) And do you, the people of JAM and representatives of the churches and all viewing online ... promise to do all that you can to support this family as they continue to grow in life and faith? Do you promise to help teach them the Holy Scriptures and history of the church? And will you promise to love and pray for them? If you promise to do these things respond with a "we will" and a "whoop-whoop". **(In the comment section write)**

Pastor Lori (Let us Pray) God, you are just awesome! We give you thanks for the ministry of JAM and how you have connected each of us. On this day, our world is uncertain. This way of worship is different, because our world is different. But what is certain and unchanging is YOU, O Lord. We give thanks for Tori and Chantel and their Family ... as they come before this congregation making promises to you and all of us in helping Hunter grow in your love, power, and grace. We ask your blessing him as he is baptized into your family today ... on this unusual Mother's Day and all God's people say amen.

~ SONG: "WE BELIEVE" (on screen)

Pastor Lori (To Brian & Hadlee) Do you believe that Jesus Loves You? Will you help teach Hunter about Jesus?

~ Pouring of the Water ~ (Brian gets to pour)

~ Blessing of the Water ~

Pastor Lori: Holy God, we give thanks that from the very beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and created heaven and earth. It is by the gift of water that you nourish and sustain us.

In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. You then led the people of Israel by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. In the waters of the Jordan River, your Son Jesus was Baptized by his cousin John and blessed by the presence of your Holy Spirit.

By Jesus death and resurrection, we too are freed from being a slave to sin and death and we then celebrate in joy of new life through Jesus. God, you gave us this water as an outward sign of an inward cleansing. Thank you for cleaning our heart in obedience to you. Through this cleansing water, we promise to be your Disciples and tell others about you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on those gathered here and upon this cleansing water, so that all who receive it may be cleansed of their sin. Clothe them in God's clothes and mark them with God's name. Amen. **~ Baptism of Hunter Scott Paczkowski ~**

Pastor Lori: Be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ... amen. **~ Laying on of hands and anointing with oil ~**

Pastor Lori: Hunter Scott ... Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, may the Holy Spirit work within you, so that you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ all the days of your life. amen.

(Present candle) "Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"

