

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Hermiston, Oregon



## Hymn #590 vv. 1-3 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

Baptized into Your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.

Buried with Christ and dead to sin,  
Your Spirit now shall live within.

My loving Father, here You take me  
To be henceforth Your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, here You make me  
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.

O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see.

My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.

O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

## The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Joseph Robert Whelan and Wyatt Joseph Whelan

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, Who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

*The pastor addresses the candidates:*

**P:** How are you named?

**R:** *Joseph Robert Whelan / Wyatt Joseph Whelan*

*The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:*

**P:** Joseph / Wyatt, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Joseph and Wyatt according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

**P:** Is it your intention to serve Wyatt as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R:** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P:** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark:

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

**P:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The pastor places his hands on the heads of the candidates, and the congregation joins in praying:*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come,**

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;**

**give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**P:** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.  
**C: Amen.**

*The pastor addresses the candidates and asks the following questions:*

**P:** Joseph and Wyatt, do you renounce the devil and all works and all his ways?

**R:** Yes, I renounce him.

**P:** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

**R:** Yes, I believe.

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

**R:** Yes, I believe.

**P:** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

**R:** Yes, I believe.

**P:** Joseph and Wyatt, do you desire to be baptized?

**R:** Yes, I do.

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

**P:** Joseph Robert Whelan / Wyatt Joseph Whelan I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P:** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor gives a white cloth to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P:** Receive this white cloth to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

*The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P:** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ Who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**Elder:** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him Who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C: Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Joe and Wyatt the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Peace ☩ be with you.

C: Amen.

## Hymn #590 v. 4 "Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"

All that I am and love most dearly —  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely;  
Help me Your faithful child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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## Preschool Time!

### The Children Sing . . .

Here's the Cross

Love in a Box

J-E-S-U-S

### Chapel Time

### Scripture Lessons

#### Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

#### Gospel Lesson

John 3:3-6

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Third chapter

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

<sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### Hymn #588 "Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong. **REFRAIN**

**REFRAIN:** Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He Who died Heaven's gates to open wide.  
He has washed away my sin, Lets His little child come in. **REFRAIN**

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## Sermon

## Offering

## The Prayers of the Church

### THE BLESSING OF THE PEACEMAKERS' QUILTS

#### Hymn #783 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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**P:** Gracious God, as we place our hands on these Quilts, we ask for Your blessing on both giver and receiver.

**C: We celebrate being the children of God.**

**P:** We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these Quilts: donations of fabric, thread and sewing machines, the faithful people who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, iron the fabric, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, donate boxes, pack the Quilts, and contribute the money for shipping these Quilts.

**C: We celebrate generosity.**

**P:** We give thanks for the fellowship of all who work together to make the Quilts, the laughter, the shared stories, the joy of crafting something with one's hands for another, and the time to reflect and wonder about the recipient.

**C: We celebrate community.**

**Quilters:** We send these Quilts as a sign of Your love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that their quilt will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear,

**P:** May their quilt be a symbol of Christ's sacrificial love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

**Quilters:** We pray that these quilts will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient;  
that they will bring warmth in the cold,  
shelter from the sun and heat,  
a wall for a home,  
or a carrier for a few precious belongings.

**P:** May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

**C: We celebrate Your hope in the midst of life's trials.**

**Quilters:** We remember those who have received our Quilts in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

**C: We celebrate Your gift of life.**

**P:** Father, we ask that You bless the fruits of our Peacemakers' labor and the whole mission of Lutheran World Relief, that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn** to the tune of "Take My Life and Let it Be"

Take these quilts that they may be,  
A rich blessing, Lord from Thee.  
May they comfort, may they bring  
Joy from Thee, Eternal King!

**The Benediction**

**P:** May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn #793** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To His feet your tribute bring;  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore His praises sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To His people in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hand He gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him;  
You behold Him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before Him,  
All who dwell in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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