

**Reaffirmation of faith**  
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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 gift, offered to us without price.

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**I do.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

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?

**I 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 buried ; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Water of Baptism**

Listen to the sounds and sight of the water of Life!

**Like the splash of a baby's bath, the crash of waves on the seashore, the gentle sound of falling rain or a tear in the eye of a friend.**

Listen to the water of history, reminding us of our story as a people of God!

**From a dry wasteland, God made the waters of creation. After the flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a sign of his promise of love. When God saw Israel as a captive people, God parted the water and led them to new freedom.**

Listen to the water of renewal, reminding us of our Savior!

**Jesus was baptized by John and was purified to preach the good news of freedom and forgiveness. He showed love to so many people and invited us to share in his baptism and to make everyone a disciple.**

Listen to the water of hope!