

*The Sacrament of Holy Baptism of*

*Demi Lyn Conforte*

*February 25, 2024*

*Grace Lutheran Church*

*Clearwater FL*

Pastor: 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.

*A sponsor or sponsors present the candidate:*

I present Demi Lyn Conforte for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses the parent and/or guardians:*

Pastor: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

Pastor: As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that your child 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 your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the sponsor or sponsors:*

Pastor: Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support Demi and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Response: We do.

*The presiding minister addresses the parent(s) and sponsor(s). The assembly may join in the responses.*

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?

**Response: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**Response: 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.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**Response: 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.**

*At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Response: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Response: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Response: Amen.**

*The presiding minister baptizes the candidate.*

Pastor: Demi Lyn Conforte, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Response: Amen.**

*The presiding minister continues:*

Pastor: 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 Demi Lyn 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.

**Response: Amen.**

*The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:*

Pastor: Demi Lyn, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Response: Amen.**

*A lighted candle is given to the sponsor(s) as a representative of the congregation says:*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.*

Pastor: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**Response: 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.**