

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we recognize the grace of God living in each newborn creation.*

### INTRODUCTION

Minister: People were bringing little children to Jesus that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them:

**PEOPLE: “LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME, DO NOT STOP THEM; FOR IT IS TO SUCH AS THESE THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD BELONGS. TRULY, I TELL YOU, WHOEVER DOES NOT RECEIVE THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE A LITTLE CHILD WILL NEVER ENTER IT.”**

Minister: And Jesus took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**PEOPLE: JESUS SAID; “UNLESS WE ARE BORN ANEW, WE CANNOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD; UNLESS WE ARE BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT, WE CANNOT ENTER GOD’S NEW ORDER.”**

### PRAYER AND BLESSING

## QUESTIONS TO THE Patrick and Laura Alden AND SPONSORS

### \*QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

(The Congregation will please stand)

Deacon: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to Natalie Rose Alden, about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

**PEOPLE: WE PROMISE OUR LOVE, SUPPORT, AND CARE TO NATIALIE ROSE ALDEN AND TO PATRICK AND LAURA AS THEY RAISE THEIR CHILD IN THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH.**

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### BAPTISM

### NAMING OF THE CHILD AND THE BAPTISM

### PRAYER OF PRAISE FOR THE BAPTIZED

**BENEDICTION: (Unison) ... NATIALIE ROSE ALDEN, MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. MAY THE LORD'S FACE SHINE UPON YOU AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU. MAY THE LORD'S COUNTENANCE BE LIFTED UP UPON YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE.**

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**We celebrate the baptism of:**

**Natalie Rose Alden**

**Born: February 7, 2022**

**Parents:**

**Patrick and Laura Alden**

**Sponsors:**

**Jim DeLuca and Tracy Molster**

**THE SACRAMENT**

**OF**

**CHRISTIAN BAPTISM**

**June 12, 2022**

**Natalie Rose Alden**



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