

Atonement Lutheran Church
Saugerties, NY



SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

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*...Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them,
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."*

Matthew 19:14

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The candidate, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

Pastor In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates 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; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation — *The Sponsors for the candidate present the candidate:*

We present **Elena**
to receive the Sacrament
of Holy Baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Pastor In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring her to the service of God's house, and teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As she grows in years, you should place in her hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for her instruction in the Christian faith that, living in the Covenant of her Baptism and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Response I do.

Thanksgiving at the Font

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from sin and death, and has opened the pathway to the joy— and the freedom— of everlasting life.

He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we baptize everyone in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that **Elena** may be given new life. Wash away her imperfection and bring her forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given all praise and honor and glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All Amen.

Baptism

The minister pours water on the candidate's head.

Pastor Elena; I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

Pastor and of the Son,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.

Pastor and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The minister blesses the newly baptized.

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Pastor God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for raising your child up to new life through this holy sacrament.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon **Elena**:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and love for the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence.



The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized, saying:

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

A candle is presented by a representative of the congregation, who says:

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

Pastor O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon **Elena's** father and mother. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them.

Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for her.

Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may see your gracious and saving love every day of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation and the child is carried down the center aisle; a representative of the congregation says:

A Let us rejoice with **Elena**!

All We welcome you into the Lord's family and into the mission we share as fellow members of the body of Christ and children of our heavenly God!