

# Baptism of Soren Henry Kvam

## BERGEN LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Baptism*

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS  
I HAVE FOR YOU,"  
DECLARES THE LORD,  
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU  
AND NOT TO HARM YOU.  
PLANS TO GIVE YOU  
**HOPE AND  
A FUTURE.**"

JEREMIAH 29:11

*Gathered in Faith - Sent to Serve*

**Healing Waters Parish**

Augustana • Bergen • St. Lucas

# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## *HOLY BAPTISM OF SOREN HENRY KVAM*

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Parents – Nick and Dani Kvam

Sponsors – Molly Kvam and Matt Nelson

### PRESENTATION

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.

Nick and Dani, as parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Soren baptized into Christ?

If so, please answer "*We do.*"

As you bring Soren to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with these vital and formative responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people; bring him to the word of God and the holy supper; teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in his hands the holy scriptures; and nurture him in faith and prayer so he may learn to trust God; proclaim Christ, crucified and risen; through word and deed. That is, give him the Bible and the Catechism, tell him God's law and promise so that he will grow up in the Christian faith.

To you, Molly and Matt, as sponsors, do you promise to nurture Soren in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

If so, please answer "*We do.*"

People of God, do you promise to support Soren and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

If so, please answer "*We do.*"

**We do.**

*Congregation please stand.*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

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, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

**Amen**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to your judgment, you condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to your great mercy, you preserved believing Noah and his family. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led your people Israel through the water onto dry ground, prefiguring this washing of your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of your 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 enfold Soren according to your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit that through your Word given in this water all sin in him would be drowned and die. Grant that Soren be kept safe in the holy ark of your Church and secure in your promise, serving your name with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers, he would be brought to eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Congregation please be seated.*

## BAPTISM

Soren Henry Kvam, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Soren

with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and reverence for you, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Soren Henry Kvam, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Let us welcome Soren into the body of Christ and his extended family of faith in this congregation.

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.

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:42-44

*Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.*

<sup>42</sup>A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to Elisha, the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup>But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup>He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: PSALM 145:10-18 READ RESPONSIVELY.

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages. You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.

<sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.**

<sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

<sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.**

<sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:14-21

*We have been rooted and grounded in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge. Because Christ dwells in our hearts, our lives are continuously strengthened and empowered by the ongoing presence of the Spirit.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand.*

**Alleluia. A great prophet has risen among us! God has looked favorably on us! Alleluia. (Luke 7:16)**



The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: JOHN 6:1-21**

*In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the

mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY – BREAK NOW THE BREAD OF LIFE - #515

*Please stand.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

...Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with a wave to your brothers and sisters in Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

# Meal

## OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

# Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## CHIMES OF PEACE & BLESSING

SENDING HYMN – LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY - #674

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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