



Affirmation of Baptism

October 26, 2025

St. John's Lutheran Church

Hymn of the Day

“Borning Cry”

ELW 732



- 1 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.
2 “When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 “In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I’ll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I’ve be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell.”
I’ll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.”
I’ll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise.”



- 4 “I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I’ll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.”

READING OF FAITH STATEMENTS

Kolton Kampmeier
Lucy Voss

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(Please no flash photography during the service.)

INTRODUCTION

- P** Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism and for these persons, one with us in the body of Christ, who affirm their baptism this day, as a sign of their participation in the life of this community of faith and mission in the world.

PRESENTATION

I, Shawn Kuhlemeier, present Kolton Kampmeier and Lucy Voss who desire to affirm their baptisms.

- P** Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for Kolton and Lucy, who you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as they affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

- C** **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- P** As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Affirmer: I renounce them.

- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Affirmer: I renounce them.

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

Affirmer: I renounce them.

P Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Affirmer: In faith I turn to Christ.

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

P Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

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

C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

COMMITMENT

P You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Affirmer: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support this brother and sister and pray for them in their lives in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

BLESSING

Those affirming their faith kneel for the blessing.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, wash us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Hands are laid on each affirmer's head, anointing with oil and blessing is bestowed.

P Stir up in... 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.

C Amen.

Those affirmed, please rise and face the congregation.

P Let us give thanks for those affirming their baptism as we carry out the life of this Christian community and its mission in the world.

C As your sisters and brothers in the body of Christ, we rejoice with you as you affirm your baptism. Together let us give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

P Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(Please stand as you are able.)

THE PRAYERS

P Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

P Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Bring peace among the nations, O God, so violence and terror are not the norm on your earth. Inspire leaders of communities to work for peace and justice. Unite our politicians with a common mission and purpose. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill (*especially*). Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Eternal Provider, pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation especially Kolton and Lucy. Renew its faith and mission that, following in the faithful footsteps of our ancestors, we might continue to bear witness to the one who frees us from sin and death for the promise of eternal life. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Welcoming God, remember all who are confined to their homes and health care centers from our community and congregation. Today we pray for *Shirley Goldsmith, Carol Garnhart, Richard Brinkmeier, Lori Miller, Janis Kampmeier, Mary Ellen Aurand, Verda Werkheiser, Carol Byers, Gina Boop, Jerry Harnish, Ron Fluegel, Louise Cuccio, Donna Freedlund, and Connie Melville*. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P Resurrecting God, you crown your beloved children with righteousness. We thank you for those who have died in faith, fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

(Please be seated.)

Kolton Allen Kampmeier

Address: 213 W. South Street

Pearl City, Illinois 61062

Birth Date: February 11, 2011

Parents: Lance Kampmeier and Kim Kampmeier

Baptism Date: January 20, 2021

St. John's Lutheran Church
Pearl City, Illinois

Sponsors: Rob Knoup & Stephanie Schubert

Baptism Pastor: Shellie Knight

St. John's mentor: Shawn Kuhlemeier

Favorite Bible Verse: Luke 1:37

"For with God, nothing shall be impossible."

My Goal For Myself As A Christian: *is to become a better person*

Faith Statement: *My Christian faith is important to me because it gives me the power to stay strong through rough times.*

Lucy Joyce Voss

Address: 507 Gusty Trail

Pearl City, Illinois 61062

Birth Date: November 2, 2010

Parents: Blake and DeAnne Voss

Baptism Date: June 26, 2011

St. John's Lutheran Church

Pearl City, Illinois

Sponsors: Daryl Groezinger

Kimberly Williams

Baptism Pastor: Pat Esker

St. John's Mentor: Shawn Kuhlemeier

Favorite Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

My Goal For Myself As A Christian: *is to continue going to church*