

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the Lord, who came not as a king, but as a baby.

Let us worship the Lord, who said, "Let the little children come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; ...for unto us a child is born....

THE INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Every person, of every age, and every station in life, stands in dire need of the means of grace which the Christian Church alone supplies, through the work of the Holy Spirit. We are not Christians in isolation, but members together of the family of God.

Baptism signifies the whole time span of God's grace. We are inspired as we remember God's mighty acts of salvation accomplished in the church which has gone before us. In the here and now, we dwell in the power of God's Holy Spirit. We look forward to what God will do in the future, in the life of the child we baptize today and with many others.

We recognize that at this tender age no act of personal commitment to Christ has occurred. But this Baptism anticipates such an act and declares its necessity. Further, it celebrates God's grace that will make it possible. As we look at this infant, we anticipate further and deeper experiences with God, many acts of commitment to Christ, self-sacrificing ministry to the world, possibly a call to serve as a clergy person, and finally a faithful death and resurrection to eternal glory.

COMMITMENT OF THE PARENTS

As you present this child for holy baptism, we would question you as to your faith and intentions.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord?

We do.

As Parents and sponsor, will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will, the Lord being my helper.

DEDICATION

Here we present to God this child.

**All: A lamb of your own flock
A child of Christ's redemption
Known to you, named by us...
This child is Annabelle Jade Ewing
We will call her Annabelle.**

ACT OF BAPTISM

Annabelle Jade Ewing, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In what the triune God has done, let us all rejoice!

Amen, and amen!

ENTRANCE INTO THE.....
...COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Annabelle, welcome to the community of faith, the church, and to this family of God, the Estherville United Methodist Church.

Your baptism marks your entrance into the life of Christ's Holy Church. As members of that Church, we will do all in our power to secure your salvation, increase your faith, and help you grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We will surround you with Christian love, welcome you to worship, provide a church school for learning, and invite you to the activities of this faithful fellowship.

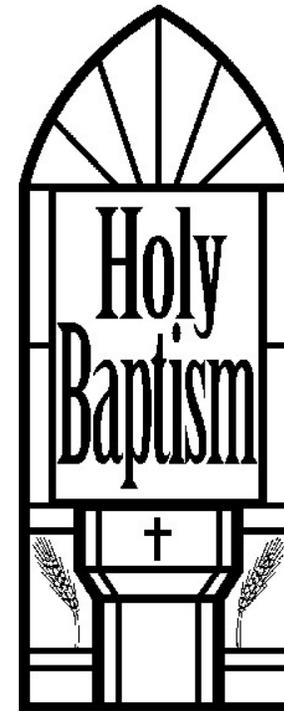
Further, we will provide a protecting environment where you can practice righteousness. Then, with our support and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, you will join us in witnessing to our faith in the world.

We look to the day when you, as a full member of Christ's church, will reaffirm what was said for you in this service.

Welcome, Annabelle, child of God!

Annabelle Jade Ewing was born December 28, 2018 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Kyle & Ceara Ewing. Proud siblings are Kooper and Clyde. Grandparents & great-grandparents are Dale & Marilyn Bergsrud, Keith & Kim Ewing, Charlotte Ewing and Ron & Diane Wasmund. Her sponsors are Eric & Kristen Christenson.

A Service of



For

Annabelle Jade Ewing

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Kyle Andrew & Ceara Dawn Selma Ewing
Sponsors: Eric & Kristen Christenson