

Kingsview United Church

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Our Mission Statement: To show God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ.

Sunday, May 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. *The Season of Easter The Sacrament of Baptism*

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Prelude

*Introit: This Is the Day

VU# 412 vs. 1 & 3

*Words of Welcome

Life and Work of the Church

Acknowledging the Territory

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

L: Christ is risen! This, and everyday, is a new day.
P:This is the day the Lord has made!
L: We will rejoice and be glad!
P:The light is renewed.
L: Come and see.
P:Christ is risen!

*Songs of Praise and Adoration

Call to Worship & Candle Lighting

L: Today is dedicated to mothers and to all who take on the role of mothers in our lives.

For mothers of every form and kind, everywhere.

P: Bless them with your love, O God,

- L: as they cradle us with care.
- P: Bless them with your love, O God.

L: Remind us to help them out.

P: Bless them with your love, O God,

L: to work together, Never shout!

P: Bless them with your love, O God.

L: For mothers of every gender and connection everywhere, God is with us. Don't despair!

P: Bless them with your love, O God.

(adapted from Tammy Fergusson, Gathering L/E 2022, p. 53. Used with permission)

Opening Prayer (Unison)

Loving God, you call us to be in relationship. Not just with you, but with one another. Relationships can be hard. We try to be present with another when we would rather be alone, love another when we are hurting, and at times we forget to listen, notice, reach out and care. You are the source of all life and your nurturing love gives us the energy to love one another. As we were formed in the womb, we were made in your image. May this gathering of your church reflect your image to the world, today and every day. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn:

Crashing Waters at Creation

VU# 449 vs. 1-3

The Sacrament of Baptism

L: Friends, let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism.

P: There is one body and one Spirit; we have one hope in Christ.

L: There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, Creator of us all.

P: Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life, forgiven,

renewed, and one with Christ, members of Christ's body.

Presentation:

On behalf of the congregation of Kingsview United Church, I present the following person for initiation into the body of Christ through baptism:

Olivia Grace Brabender Jasper Robert Montgomery Jameson Gerard Montgomery

And **Todd Brabender** & **Joanne Lo Monaco** who are reaffirming their faith.

Questions to Parents:

Do you desire to have your children baptized? I do.

Will you accept the responsibility of acting and speaking on their behalf? I will, God being my helper.

Todd & Joanne, will you also speak on your own behalf in reaffirming your faith?

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit? I do.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation? **I will, God being my helper.**

Will you join with people of this congregation to share in the life, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ?

I will, God being my helper.

In baptism, your children mark an important step in their journey of faith. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the mission and witness of Christ's Church, growing with them in faith, hope, and love? I will, God being my helper.

Promise of the Congregation:

L: Let us pledge to these persons our support and care.
P: As a baptized and baptizing people, we commit ourselves to support and uphold you within the community of faith.
L: May God grant us all the grace to live out our baptism.
P: Amen.

Affirmation of our Faith – The New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who came in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayer Over the Water

- L: God be with you.
- P: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- P: We lift them to God.
- L: Let us give our thanks to God.
- P: It is good to give God thanks and praise.

Water is poured into the font.

L: Blessed are you, O God, Ruler of the universe, Maker of heaven and earth, Keeper of sky and sea. At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth. Again and again you have shown your grace to us through water: cleansing the earth at the flood, parting for the exodus at the Red Sea, flowing from the rock in the wilderness.

P: Blessed are you, O God.

L: In Jesus you promised that all who thirst could come to the living water. He who was baptized in the water of repentance becomes for us the never-failing spring, welling up to eternal life. As he suffered for us, the piercing of his side brought forth blood and water, sign of the death we all die in him so that we may also rise with him.

P: Blessed are you, O God.

L: Therefore, eternal and present God, we thank you for the water with which you bless us. We pray that those who are given to the waters of life will live in your grace, knowing the death and resurrection of Jesus. Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this water, that all who are gathered under this sign, being one in Christ, may be nurtured by the bread of life.

P: Now to God be given all glory, praise, honour and might. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Action of Baptism

L: I baptize you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **P: Amen.**

Marking with the sign of the Cross

L: Marked with the sign of the cross, you are one with Christ. **P: Amen.**

Presenting Newly Baptized to the Congregation

L: Your newest member in the family of Christ. **P: Amen.**

Lighting the Baptismal Candle

L: Receive this candle. Light it at special times in your child's life that they may remember their baptism and the love of Christ which surrounds them.

P: Amen.

Presenting Certificate and a Welcoming Hand

Sung Blessing

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. Amen.

Liturgy of Confirmation

At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ, we have opportunities to reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.

As those who have been baptized profess for themselves faith in the Christian life, we gather to reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit and to celebrate their place in the people of God.

We give thanks for their gifts and promise to continue to walk with them. With joy and thanksgiving we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

Presentation:

On behalf of the congregation of Kingsview United Church, I present

Lucas James Hester Alyssa Jean Talbot

who seek to renew the faith proclaimed in their baptisms through profession of that faith.

Questions for Profession of Faith:

I ask these questions that you may publicly profess your faith as you seek to join this community.

L: Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit? I do.

L: Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation? I will, God being my helper.

L: Will you join with your siblings in this congregation to share in the life, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ? I will, God being my helper.

L: Will you endeavour daily to respond to God's love, to do God's will, and to fulfil your Christian calling and ministry in the world? I will, God being my helper.

*Promise of the Congregation:

As Kingsview United Church, let us pledge to Lucas and Alyssa our continued support and care.

We will continue to support you,walk with you, and grow with you. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Act of Confirmation

Remember your baptism and be thankful.

_____, the power of the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer

O God, we know your will for us is health and wholeness. We trust that you walk with us always. We believe that you reveal your goodness in those who are called according to your will. Today we rejoice that your Spirit has touched the lives of Lucas and Alyssa renewing their faith and rekindling their love for you. In the days to come, may we expect great things from you, and attempt great things for you. In the name of the one who calls us friends.

Amen.

Presentation of a Bible

_____, receive this Bible, and with your family in Christ, continue to grow in faith, trusting in God's promises.

Presentation of Membership Certificate & Welcoming Hand

Prayer for the Candidates

Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledge to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessing on Alyssa and Lucas, watch over them and guide them as they continue to grow in faith. Remind us of the promises of our own baptism, and renew our trust in you. Strengthen us to do your will, and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessing

All who are united in the covenant of baptism are the body of Christ in the world. Go in peace. **Amen.**

Gathered as the whole people of God let us pray together: *The Lord's Prayer* (VU pg. 921)

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 that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Baptismal Hymn: Crashing Waters at Creation

VU# 449 v. 4

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:Acts 9:36-43Peter raises Tabitha (Dorcas)John 10:22-30My sheep listen to my voice

L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church today. **P: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Anthem: You are Loved

Message

**Hymn:* Simon, Simon, a Fisherman

VU# 597

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering

*Offertory Response: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks

VU# 179 (chorus)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Closing Hymn: God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness VU# 260

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Sung Response: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

VU# 575 v. 1

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

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