

**Reformation Sunday**  
**The Baptism of Eleanor Nicole Calhoun**  
**October 25, 2020**  
**Heritage Lutheran Church**  
**Apple Valley, MN**  
**8:00 a.m.**



**1. Welcome**

**2. The Confession Of Sin**

**Pastor** Dearly Beloved: We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

**Congregation** Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

*Absolution*

**Pastor** The almighty and most merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** Amen.

**3. Opening Hymn #250 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

1 A mighty Fortress is our God,  
A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need  
That hath us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe  
Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might  
Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
Soon were our loss effected;  
But for us fights the Valiant One,  
Whom God Himself elected.  
Ask ye, Who is this?  
Jesus Christ it is.  
Of Sabaoth Lord,  
And there's none other God;  
He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
All eager to devour us.  
We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still  
Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none,  
He's judged; the deed is done;  
One little word can fell him.

4 The Word they still shall let remain  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain  
With His good gifts and Spirit.  
And take they our life,  
Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
Let these all be gone,  
They yet have nothing won;  
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

#### 4. The Versicles and Exhortation

**Pastor** Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation In Him we live and move and have our being.**

**Pastor** We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death.

**Congregation Just as He was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

**Pastor** As many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

**Congregation According to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.**

**Pastor** As many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death.

**Congregation Baptism also now saves us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

**Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! In the Word of God we learn that from the fall of Adam we are all conceived and born in sin and condemned to everlasting death. But we also learn that the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ into the world to save sinners. In order that all men, women, and children might come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, He has entrusted Holy Baptism to His Church as a means of grace for our salvation. Our Lord has testified, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" and "He who believes and is baptized will be saved." Therefore according to His command and promise we receive **Eleanor Nicole Calhoun** into the Christian Church through the washing of regeneration, and we beseech our Savior graciously to receive her and to shower forth the power of the Holy Spirit, that she will be given the new birth of faith, the forgiveness of sins, and life everlasting.

#### 5. The Preface and Christ's Command Concerning Baptism

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And with your spirit.**

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Pastor** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to the almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came to His disciples and said: "All authority has been given to Me in baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**Congregation** Amen

## 6. The Lesson

Hear also the holy and comforting Gospel according to St. Mark: Then they brought young children to Jesus, that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And he took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

## 7. The Lord's Prayer

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.

## 8. The Sign Of The Cross

The merciful and eternal God, who alone saves from all evil, and who graciously called you to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light, through our Savior Jesus Christ deliver you from the power of darkness, sin, death, and Satan, and preserve you in His faith and truth, now and forevermore. Amen

## 9. The Baptismal Examination

**Pastor** Eleanor Nicole Calhoun, do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?

**Sponsors** I do renounce them.

**Pastor** Do you believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

**Sponsors** I do so believe.

**Pastor** Do you believe in God the Son, the Redeemer of the world?

**Sponsors** I do so believe.

**Pastor** Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life?

**Sponsors** I do so believe.

## 10. The Baptism

**Pastor** Do you wish to be baptized?

**Parents & Sponsors** Yes

**Pastor** Eleanor Nicole Calhoun, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## 11. The Creed

**Pastor** Let us confess the faith into which this child has been baptized.

**Congregation** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the body; and the Life everlasting. Amen.

## 12. The Prayer of Thanks

**Pastor** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

**Congregation** **For His mercy endures forever.**

**Pastor** Almighty, eternal God, our heavenly Father, we give you heartfelt thanks that You continually preserve and increase Your holy Christian Church, and that You have now led Eleanor Nicole Calhoun to receive the washing of the new birth to eternal life. We pray You to preserve her in the grace of baptism so that she may grow in faith, walk in newness of life by the power of Christ's resurrection, and finally receive the inheritance of the saints in heaven, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation** **Amen**

## 13. Admonition to Parents and Sponsors

**Pastor** Dear Christian friends! Through the washing of regeneration Eleanor Nicole Calhoun has become a child of God and joint-heir of everlasting life with Jesus Christ. As witness to this Sacrament, you are to assist her with Christian love and faithful prayers. Remind her of the heavenly grace of his Baptism. Give spiritual counsel and aid, so that she is brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God. Teach her the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Place in her hands the Holy Scriptures, and insure that she is brought to the services of God's house, that she is provided future instruction in the Christian faith, to the end that she may come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, and thus, abiding in baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, she may lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ. Is it your honest and sincere intent to do this?

**Parents & Sponsors** **Yes, with the help of God.**

**Pastor** God enable you to do this faithful and loving work. By His grace may He fulfill what we are unable to do.

## 14. The Baptismal Blessing

**Pastor** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins. May He strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting. The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

**Congregation** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

## 15. Hymn #177 "I Am Jesus Little Lamb"

1 I am Jesus' little lamb,  
Ever glad at heart I am,  
For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
Knows my need, and well provides me,  
Loves me every day the same,  
Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
When I thirst, He bids me go  
Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am,  
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
And when my short life is ended,  
By His angel host attended,  
He shall fold me to His breast,  
There within His arms to rest.

## 16. Old Testament Lesson *Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23*

<sup>10</sup> When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. <sup>11</sup> Then these men came by agreement and found Daniel making petition and plea before his God. <sup>12</sup> Then they came near and said before the king, concerning the injunction, "O king! Did you not sign an injunction, that anyone who makes petition to any god or man within thirty days except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked." <sup>16</sup> Then the king commanded, and Daniel was brought and cast into the den of lions. The king declared to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, deliver you!" <sup>17</sup> And a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet and with the signet of his lords, that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. <sup>18</sup> Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no diversions were brought to him, and sleep fled from him. <sup>19</sup> Then, at break of day, the king arose and went in haste to the den of lions. <sup>20</sup> As he came near to the den where Daniel was, he cried out in a tone of anguish. The king declared to Daniel, "O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?" <sup>21</sup> Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him; and also before you, O king, I have done no harm." <sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

## 17. The Epistle *Galatians 5:1-6*

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. <sup>2</sup> Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. <sup>3</sup> I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. <sup>4</sup> You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup> For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. <sup>6</sup> For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

## 18. The Gospel *John 8:31-36*

<sup>31</sup> So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup> They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Pastor O Lord, have mercy upon us!

♪ Congregation Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## 19. Sermon Hymn #246 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

1. God's own child I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

2. Sins, disturb my soul no longer; I am baptized into Christ.  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ.  
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've travelled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God my Lord unites with me!

4. Death, you cannot end my gladness; I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit Paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

5. There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring; Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of Paradise!

## **20. Sermon – “You Are Free” *John 8:31-36***

### **21. The Prayers**

### **22. The Closing Hymn – “When Peace Like A River” Sung by the Heritage Choir**

### **23. The Benediction – “The Lord Bless Thee And Keep Thee” Sung by the Heritage Choir**

## **Announcements**

**Men's Bible Study** – Men's Bible study meets on Thursdays at 8:00 a.m..

**Sunday School** – Sunday School will meet in-person today.

**Bazaar** - The annual Heritage Bazaar will have a new look to it this year! On Saturday, November 21st, we will conduct a Drive -Thru Lefse and Cookie Sale. Items will be pre-ordered by November 13th, for pick up on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> between the hours of 10 am and 1 pm. Then on Sunday we will have a “mini bazaar” for Heritage members between services. This will be a greatly scaled-down version of our usual bazaar. We hope we will have a great turnout from the congregation in both providing items for sale and the purchasing of items. The goal is to keep our much-anticipated Bazaar going for our community, as well as the camaraderie that we share in preparing for this event. Please check the activity board in the church entry for ways you can help. Let's make this event a success even in an unusual Covid year!

**Thank you** – The Eisenbeis family would like to thank everyone for their many expressions of condolences at the loss of Jason's father.

**Stained Glass Window Dedication** – The stained-glass window dedication has been moved to Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> between services.

**Memorial Service for Bill Overn** – There will be a memorial service for Bill Overn on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**Christmas Flower Order Forms** – If you would like to order flowers for Christmas, there are order forms on the welcome desk. All orders are due on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Checks and order forms can be placed in the box on the welcome desk.

**Meditations Available** – The new meditations are available on the welcome desk. There are copies of the current meditations available as well.

**Women's Bible Study** – Women's Bible study meets on Mondays at 6:30 p.m.



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