

The Sacrament of Baptism

Cooper Linkin Hlywa

May 11, 2025



Baptism as Instituted by Jesus Christ

Hear the words of Jesus: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

The Meaning of Baptism as a Sacrament

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Obedying the word of Our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom he has called. In baptism, God claims us, and puts a sign on us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

Let us rejoice in our own baptism, as we celebrate this sacrament.

Presentation of Candidate for Baptism

Elder Pam Kara

On behalf of the consistory I present *Cooper Linkin Hlywa* to receive the sacrament of baptism.

I invite Cooper's parents, Christopher and Chelsea, to come forward, along with Cooper's brothers, Kale and Kerrigan and his sister, Cody.

Parental Covenant for Christian Nurture

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Christopher and Chelsea:

Do you profess your faith in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Do you trust in him?

Do you intend your child, Cooper, to be Christ's disciple, to obey his word, and to show his love?

We do.

***Congregational Covenant**

Our Lord Jesus Christ ordered us to teach those who are baptized. Do we, the people of New Hackensack Reformed Church, promise to share with Cooper, the Good News of the Gospel, to help him know all that Christ commands, and by our fellowship to strengthen family ties with the household of God?

Congregation responds: **We do.**

Prayer of Consecration

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Let us pray. Ever-loving God, we thank you for your faithfulness, promised in this sacrament, and for the hope we have in your Son, Jesus. As we baptize with water, baptize us with the Holy Spirit, so that what we say may be your word and what we do may be your work. By your power, may we be made one with Christ our Lord in common faith and purpose. Amen.

The Baptism of:

Cooper Linkin Hlywa

Rev. Keith Tamlyn

Charge to the Congregation

Cooper Linkin Hlywa has now been received into the holy catholic church. Through baptism, God has made him a member of the household of God, to share with us in the priesthood of Christ. I charge you, the people of the congregation, to nurture and to love him and to assist him to be a faithful servant of God.

Response

Rev. Keith Tamlyn and Congregation

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome this child, Cooper, into Christ's church; to share the good news of the gospel with Cooper and to help him know and follow Christ.

Hymn

"Baptized in Water"

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