

Dear Lord,

We come to you this morning with a heart of thankfulness for the saving work of Jesus Christ. We are thankful that you bring the dead to life. We are thankful that you have taken our rebellious, evil, and sinful hearts—hearts of stone—and have made them hearts of flesh that beat anew for you. We are thankful that you make us new creatures to our very being.

Your Word says: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

We are thankful that today we have seen and borne witness to a new creation in the confession and baptism of a dear sister this morning. Lord, we have seen Your saving hand in her life and we rejoice with her in the eternal hope found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We read in Your Word: “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” (Matthew 28:18).

Lord, we pray to continually see Your faithful work of salvation in the lives of those around us. Yet, Lord, we also pray that we would be Your faithful vessels in taking this good news of Christ to anyone and everyone— For your glory and for our good.

In Christ, Amen.



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