

command: Those who love God must also love their Christian brothers and sisters.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. We know we love God's children if we love God and obey his commandments. Loving God means keeping his commandments, and really, that isn't difficult. For every child of God defeats this evil world by trusting Christ to give the victory. And the ones who win this battle against the world are the ones who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 13: 31 - 32

[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown, it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened."

SERMON

The Church Responds to God

CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

Aspen Lee Corning (10:45)

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Seek Ye First

Anna Smith (8:00)

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, 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. Amen.

HYMN

Amazing Grace

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DEPART WITH BLESSING



July Stewardship Message

Our home is in Christ, so whether we die or he returns, we have peace.

Now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming.

– 1 John 2: 28, ESV

Monroe United Methodist Church
July 9, 2017
Celebration of Baptism
Aspen Lee Corning

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Tyler Corning and Janelle Ward present their first child, their daughter Aspen Lee, to enter into this covenant with God and his people.

The Minister addresses the Parents:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **We do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **We do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **We do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world? **We will.**

As Aspen Lee's parents, will you nurture her 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? **We will.**

The Minister addresses the Congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

The Minister addresses the godparents Autumn Anthony, Daniel Ward, and Brody Flannery

Will you take every opportunity to teach and model the Christian life for Aspen, and offer her parents the prayer and support they require to lead her to the faith? **We will.**

The Minister addresses the baby:

Aspen Lee,
for you Jesus Christ came into the world;
for you he lived and showed God's love;
for you he suffered death on the cross;
for you he triumphed over death, rising to newness of life;
for you he prays at God's right hand;
all this for you, before you could know anything of it.
In your baptism, the word of Scripture is fulfilled:
'We love, because God first loved us.'

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Aspen Lee, we baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Aspen Lee, the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born through water and the Spirit,
you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
Aspen Lee, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism
and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Members of the household of God, we commend Aspen Lee to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

People:

With God's help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Aspen with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may become a true disciple who walks in the way that Jesus has planned for her.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, grant that as Aspen grows in years, she may also grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, that by the power of your Holy Spirit she may be a true child of God, serving you faithfully all her days.

Guide and uphold her parents, Janelle and Tyler, that by loving care, wise counsel and holy example, they may lead Aspen into the life of faith whose strength is righteousness and whose fruit is joy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Baptism date July 9, 2017
Birth date March 2, 2017
Parents are joining church, too
Tyler Corning and Janelle Ward

Pardeeville, clergy Kerry Wilson and the 301 members. Pardeeville is located at 101 Wisconsin St, Pardeeville 53954; July 10 – July 16, 2017.

AUGUST 6, 13, 20

Who is Elijah? What Word of Lord did he declare?

Who is Moses? Why associate righteousness with him? Holiness code

Who cried, "Prepare ye" in the desert?

Who is riding on the clouds?

What is the year of Jubilee?

Who is Ezekiel? Whose dry bones become flesh?

Who is David? What temple is rebuilt?

Who said harvest is ripe with few workers?