**The Prayer for Elise (usually full name).**

Father, as we stand before you this morning

We hear the divine echo of Jesus words:

 **"Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children,**

 **you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.**

 **Whoever becomes humble like this child**

 **is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

 **Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.**

Indeed, Father, we gladly welcome Elise

and are grateful for her parents, Wally and Glynnon.

and her younger sister Jocelyn.

 **We thank you for her great cloud of witnesses:**

 **Mom and Dad who through their devotions,**

 **daily Bible readings and family nights**

 **have modeled their love and faith in Christ.**

We are grateful for the church

through whom you are revealing the mystery of Christ.

We give thanks for the churches of Elise’s childhood

In Germany, California and North Carolina

 **Who have nurtured her faith**

 **And shared with her the stories of Jesus in**

 **worship, Sunday School, music and missions.**

Creator God, use her creative, questioning mind

To explore the unsurpassable riches of Christ Jesus.

Now, Father, as Elise walks into these baptismal waters,

 **Bestow upon her the gifts of your grace,**

 **That she may serve Christ and His church.**

 **Fill Elise with all the joy and peace of believing**

 **So that by the power of the Holy Spirit,**

 **She may abound in hope**

 **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**The Covenant Prayer of the Church Family**

 Our Father, we pray as a Church family,

 celebrating the beauty of your creation!

 We rejoice with Jason, Anna, and Noah

 as we share this sacred moment in our life together.

 **As a community of Christian faith we pray**

 **That your divine grace will empower us**

**to fulfill faithfully the covenants we make this day.**

“We promise to live as Christians in our homes,

 And to engage in family and private devotions;”

 **“We promise to teach our children**

 **That Jesus is Savior and Lord** **of their life,**

 **And that only by commitment to Him**

 **Will they find life’s redemption, fulfillment, and joy.”**

 (from the Church Covenant)

With the poets and prophets of sacred scripture, we believe

that little Noah is a child of God, created in the image of God.

 **We believe with the Psalmist that**

 **God knew Noah before he was conceived,**

 **And through his creative powers gave Noah life.**

We covenant today to support and to pray for this family and this child,

seeking to encourage them in the lifelong task of nurturing faith.

We promise as a church to do all in our power to help Noah

to discern and discover your will for his unfolding life,

believing in faith that at some high and holy moment

 **the Risen Christ will reveal himself to Noah**

**in a divine human encounter whereby**

**Christ becomes the living Lord of Noah’s life. Amen!**