

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We give thanks for the gift of baptism and for *these persons*, who are one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new *members* into the life and ministry of Shepherd of the Valley.

*Robert Hecker*  
*Mike and Carol Hawkins*  
*Charlie and Beth Maddaus*  
*Steve and Tracy Schulte*

They are all transferring their membership from other Lutheran congregations and are being received by letters of transfer.

As members of the Body of Christ, we are welcomed and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Welcome: *Those joining are introduced by their sponsors.*

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to our community of faith. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

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