

Baptism



In baptism, we receive
God's approval and we
become a member of
God's family. In his
baptism, Jesus received
God's approval!



The Baptism of Jesus

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:9-11

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What announcement did
God make at Jesus'
baptism?

Parents, what would you affirm as special and unique about your child?

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that our Christian life begins at baptism when we become members of the family of God. We are adopted into his family and have all of privileges and rights of God's children. We are heirs of his kingdom and of eternal life. We inherit all the good gifts God has for us.

Baptism is a Sacrament that meets 3 criteria:

1. It's a gift of God's grace.
2. It's commanded by Christ.
3. It has a physical element attached.

Baptism... is a Sacrament

What is a sacrament?

It is a gift of God's grace – a way of God letting us know that Jesus has been given to us and lives in us.

What is grace?

God's love for us completely undeserved on our part. Gifts of God's grace are belonging, forgiveness, faith and eternal life.

A Sacrament is

Commanded by Jesus

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.....and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18–20



BAPTIZED

*IN THE NAME
OF THE*

FATHER

*AND OF THE
AND*

SON

HOLY

SPIRIT

A Sacrament uses a very ordinary thing

Baptism Uses Water!

Now as they went down the road,
they came to some water. And
the man said, “See, here is water.
What hinders me from being
baptized?” Acts 8:36

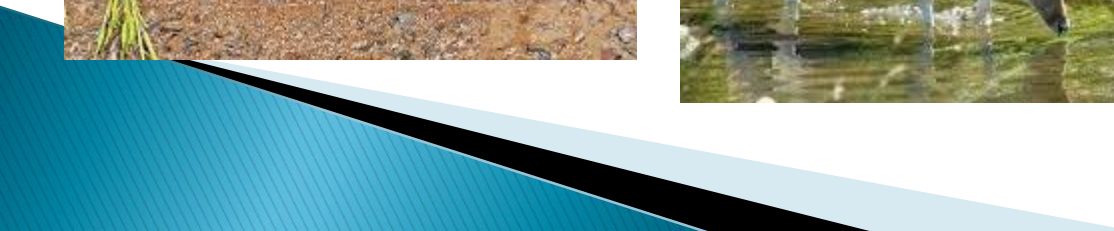
What can water do?











Water has power!



Too much water can be scary!



Can you think of stories
with water in the bible?





Ways to think about



Baptism is God's
birthmark on you.

Where is it?

What does it look like?

Who can see it?



A Birthmark



A Watermark



Seed planting

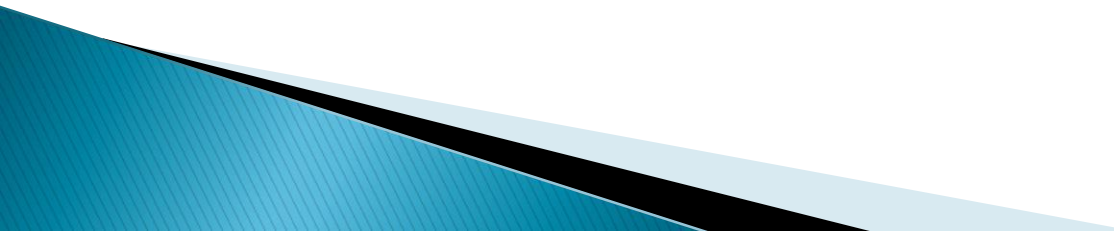
A Boat





Baptism is not magic!

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Why do we baptize babies in the Lutheran church?

It's really all about God's action. Babies are trusting, humble, forgiving and dependent.....all of the things we as Christians should be toward our God.

God's grace is a gift to us.





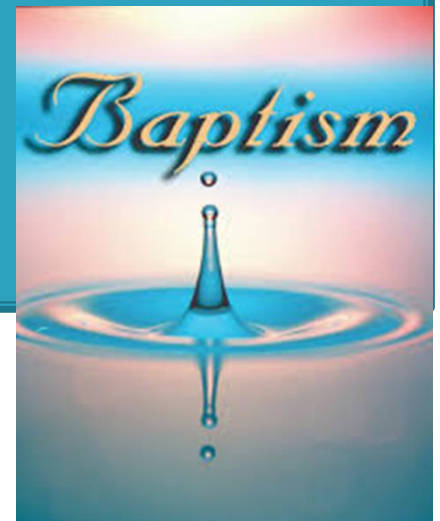
Baptism by Immersion



CAN YOU FIND THE GIFTS OF BAPTISM SPOKEN IN THE SERVICE?

Holy Spirit gives us faith, (the ability to believe in things you haven't seen) the assurance that our sins will always be forgiven and promise of eternal life.

Who makes promises
at a baptism?



Symbols of Baptism



Welcome to God's
Family!

The Apostles' Creed is the statement that summarizes what we believe because of our baptism.

Baptismal Blessing



Activities:

1. Prayer Stations with parent and child together
2. Recall together details of your baptism day & your family tree – who is helping you grow in faith?
3. Make a Baptism banner remembering the day of your baptism and using some symbols of baptism