Baptism

The Water is Alive!

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Baptism = A **Gift** from God

Confirmation = When you "**confirm**" your baptismal faith.

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Baptism is **one** of **two** **Sacraments** Celebrated in the Lutheran Church

[Sacrament]

A Sacrament is:

- A Sacred Act
- Instituted by God
- In Which God Himself has joined with His word of promise to a visible element
- By which He offers, give and seals the forgiveness of sins earned by Jesus.

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Baptism's Key Elements:

Water and the Word of God

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Baptism is not just plain water. But the water combined with the Word of God!

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The Water is just Water and is nothing without the **Word of God** added to it.

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When the water and the Word collide in Baptism…

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A Miracle Happens

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Baptism is a means of Grace.

[The way in which Grace comes to us]

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Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[MATT 28:19]

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How is it done?

- Immersing
- Washing
- Pouring
- Sprinkling
- And the like

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What benefits does Baptism give?

- It works forgiveness of sins,
- rescues from death and the devil and…
- gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

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Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, **"Whoever believes and is baptized** will be saved but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

[MARK 16:16]

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But with the **Word of God** **it *IS*** a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three, “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal of the Holy Spirit

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whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."

[TITUS 3:5-8]

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What does Baptizing with such water indicate?

It indicates that the **Old Adam** in us should by **daily contrition** and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a **new man should daily emerge and arise** to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

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"We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

[ROMANS 6:4]

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We should **remember** our Baptism **daily.**

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People Baptized

- Jesus
- Various people throughout the Gospels
- 3000 people on Pentecost — Acts 2
- Men and Women in Samaria — Acts 8
- Ethiopian Eunuch — Acts 8

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People Baptized

- Paul/Saul — Acts 9
- Household of Cornelius — Acts 10
- Lydia's household — Acts 16
- Philippi Jailer household — Acts 16
- Many Corinthians — Acts 18

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Who should be baptized?

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Everyone!

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"Jesus says "…**all** nations baptizing them."

[MATT 28:19]

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"None is righteous, no, not one;

[ROMANS 3:10]

For the wages of sin is death

[ROMANS 6:23]

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"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

[PSALMS 51:5]

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From Birth we needed saving. We were without hope.

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In Baptism God makes you adopts you into His family and calls you His.

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He places His name on you.
A son/daughter of the Most High God.

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While Pastor is there, it is really Abba that does the washing, the cleaning, the saving.

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Why? Because only Abba/God can do that.

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It is a free gift.

Abba/God does it.

We can't earn it.

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Early church father Origen, a disciple of Polycarp, who was a disciple of John, wrote not only was he **baptized by John as an infant.** He saw John **baptizing infants.**

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In the Catacombs in Rome,
people who would be buried in the
walls the markers would have.

Birth date, Baptismal date
and death date.

Birth and Baptismal were close together.

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He loves you and claimed you in Baptism.