



Holy Baptism

**Building our Foundation.
Understanding what
Lutherans believe.**



The Great Commission

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 And when they saw Him, they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)



Holy Baptism

Holy Baptism?

What is...

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Matthew 28:19 Jesus says: “¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,”



Holy Baptism

What is...

Holy Baptism?

*Baptism is from God, since our Lord
Jesus instituted it.*

*And this is how God makes us His
dear children and disciples.*



Holy Baptism

Last
Name

Your last name is...

You have a last name to identify yourself within a family. When God places his name on us in Baptism.

What does that mean?



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In **Matthew 3:13-17**, we can read and understand what was happening and who the three persons involved in the baptism were. But the most important part is affirming who Jesus is. **“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”**

A photograph of a baptism ceremony. A person is being baptized in a baptismal font. A priest or minister is pouring water from a silver chalice. The scene is set in a church with a white cloth on the font.

Last
Name

Your last name is...

Our new last name received in the baptism is through Christ.

As Christians, we are God's baptized people! We are his adopted children, together with all believers, and we live and die in the confidence that he has redeemed us, and we are His.

The word "BAPTISM" is spelled out in large, three-dimensional wooden blocks. The blocks are arranged in a single row on a rough, textured stone surface. The lighting is dramatic, with a strong orange glow from the left, casting long shadows and highlighting the grain of the wood and the texture of the stone. The background is a mottled blue and grey, suggesting a wall or a different part of the stone surface.

BAPTISM

You know who you are.

But when you follow Christ, and you have been baptized, you know who you are and to whom you belong.



**Water itself is not
different or holier
than any other
water.**

**When you take a
shower, drink, or
cook, there is no
holiness in that
water.**



But the water that is used to baptize you, because it is combined with God's word and command, that water is a divine water.



Who instituted...

Instituted

Holy Baptism



Our Lord Jesus Christ, after His death and resurrection, commanded His Church through the eleven first disciples to baptize **all nations.**

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Baptism is directed by Jesus to the disciples to reach out to all nations.

But this was not a divinity made by men but by God Himself. “Yes, it is performed by human hands, but it is still truly God’s own work”.

Who is to baptize today?

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Baptized
by whom?



Normally, pastors-
Christ's called ministers –
are baptized, but in an
emergency when no
pastor is available, any
Christian should baptize.

“4 This is how one should
regard us, as servants of
Christ and stewards of the
mysteries of God.”
(1 Corinthians 4:1).



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What makes a nation?

Baptized
whom?

All
Nations

When Jesus **says all nations**, it refers to all people outside the church, regardless of age, sex, ethnicity, and so on.



"Yes, Babies are included."

Babies and The Baptism

All
nations

Babies?

The baptism is a promise for all, and children are part of it.

It is for everyone who is far off.
Everyone the Lord our God calls to
Himself.

Babies are included in the words “all nations”.



Human Nature: We are sinful

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Babies?

Babies and adults need what the Baptism promises, **the forgiveness of sin and the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

Human Nature: We are sinful

Psalm 51:5 “⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.” You didn’t get sin after you were born; you already carry it with you.

Romans 5:12-21

“12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—”

Faith and Infants

- **The Holy Spirit can create faith in babies (Read Psalm 22:9–10)**
- **Faith is not intellectual ability**
- **Common errors about “believer’s baptism”:**
 - **Infants are not sinful**
 - **Faith is a human decision**
 - **Baptism is our promise to God**
- **Parents should not deny Baptism**
- **Just as they would not deny other vital needs**





Uncertainty About Baptism



If a person is unsure



Or has no record of Baptism:



Speak with your Pastor



Baptism may be administered



God desires assurance of His promise



Baptism and Teaching.



Baptism: Beginning Christian life.



Teaching: Grow and Nurture Faith.



Adults are normally Instructed before Baptism.



Infants and Children baptized early then taught as they grow.

Sponsors (Godparents)

Sponsors must be related to:

- Confessing the Christian Faith
- Know the Apostles' Creed and Small Catechism

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Authenticity of Baptism

Is it valid?

Not every baptism is valid.

A valid Christian Baptism requires:

➤ Water and Christ's words.

➤ The Triune name:

In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

❖ Baptisms are invalid when:

❖ Christ's command is altered or denied

❖ The Triune God is not confessed