

I Want to be Baptized

You've come to the right place. Here is how to be baptized at Lutheran Church of the Lakes.

1. Talk to our pastor.

Alongside this brochure you will find an application form. Fill it out and drop it in the box or send it to lcoloffice@gmail.com (Lutheran Church of the Lakes, 8800 N. Rollin Hwy, Addison, MI 49220) Apps are also available at lcol.org. Our pastor will contact you, help you set a date for your baptism and help you begin exploring questions, doubts and life with Jesus.

2. Get ready for your new Birthday.

Life with Jesus means beginning life over again, and becoming like a little child. You'll need help! Our pastor will connect you with sponsors, church offerings, and other helps that God has given us to share with you.



Baptism is no work done by us, but God's work—a treasure which He gives us, which is ours by believing.

Luther's Large Catechism

"Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved."

Matthew 28:19

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Beginning With Baptism

The first words that Jesus speaks in the New Testament are at His baptism. *“Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.”* Matthew 3:14

In baptism Jesus joins Himself and His righteousness to us. Baptism means He will never leave us until we are made holy and right just like Him.

What is Baptism?

It is the Word of God, combined with water which makes a sacrament: a concrete, public and visible demonstration of God’s grace which cannot be denied. This is something that Jesus commissioned His followers to do.

“Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Matthew 28:19

What do I need to do to be Baptized?

In a word? *Nothing*, except believe what Jesus has already done for you. It’s called grace. Being born again is just as much a gift as when you were born the first time.

This is why we baptize babies who don’t understand yet, sinners who don’t deserve it, anyone! It doesn’t even matter how well you are able to love God. Baptism is simply about how much He loves you.



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

The Blessing of Baptism

When Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened and God said, *“This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.”* Matthew 3:18 When we are baptized, God says the same to us.

Jesus commands us to baptize His disciples in God’s name. So the baptismal formula puts *“Your Name”* together with *“Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”* From that time on, you are part of God’s family and everything He is doing in the world. Whether you recognize it or not, God your Father will be caring for you, Jesus interceding for you, His Spirit moving in you.

What benefits does baptism give?

“Baptism works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this.” (Luther’s Small Catechism)

There is no one who makes it through life without fears, faults and failures. No one, in fact, who makes it out alive. But in Baptism God makes known the good news of Jesus’ cross and empty tomb: that in the very midst of the judgement we deserve, He is at work to forgive us, make us right, and bring us safely through.

“Baptism now saves you

1 Peter 3:21

Welcome Home.

Holy Baptism brings a person into the family of God. There is now no place on earth where you are not at home with God.

It also makes you part of the family of the Lutheran Church of the Lakes. We’re here to help you notice, remember and give thanks for all God is doing around you every day through Jesus!

What can I expect when I am baptized?

For an adult, baptism is usually connected to a process for getting to know God and say, *“I love you!”* back to Him. The church has traditionally called this process Confirmation. Over a period of weeks, candidates for baptism meet together with a pastor to get familiar with God’s Word and prepare to participate in family life with Him through Holy Communion. They also receive instruction in prayer, and get to know the saints at our church. The pastor will let you know in detail how all this works.

When an infant or child is baptized, Lutheran Church of the Lakes sets aside a Nursery Roll Packet especially for that child. Periodically, over three years, we will send materials to equip you to nurture your child’s spiritual development to ensure that they remain at home in God’s world with Jesus.