

**Our Savior's Lutheran Church
Neenah, Wisconsin**

Baptism

Greetings,

Our confirmation students are required to do some memory work each semester. This semester we are studying Baptism. Luther's catechism is found in back of your student handbook. Please work on this at home. It might be easier to work on it a part at a time. Perhaps the whole family can read it at dinner together. Be a little creative and have some fun with it. Attached is a practice sheet for your use.

When your confirmand has learned about Baptism to your satisfaction, please fill out the slip below and return it.



Name

Has learned about Baptism and Luther's explanation to my satisfaction.

Adult's Signature

Date

BAPTISM

LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not simply plain _____. Instead it is _____ used according to God's _____ and connected with God's _____.

What then is this Word of God?

Where our Lord Jesus Christ says in Matthew 28, *"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."*

What gifts or benefits does Baptism grant?

It brings about _____ of sins, _____ from death and the devil, and gives _____ to all who believe it, as the _____ and _____ of God declare.

What is this Word and promise of God?

Where our Lord Jesus Christ says in Mark 16:16 *"The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned."*

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the _____ does not do it, but the _____ of God, which is _____ and _____ the water, and _____, which _____ this Word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is plain _____ and not a baptism, but with the _____ it is a baptism, that is, a _____-_____ water of life and a "bath of the _____ in the Holy Spirit," as St. Paul says to Titus in chapter 3, through the water of _____ and renewal by the _____. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his _____, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."

What then is the significance of such a baptism with water?

It signifies that the _____ in us with all sins and evil desires is to be drowned and die through daily sorrow for sin and _____, and on the other hand that daily a new person is to come forth and rise up to live before God in _____ and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul says in Romans 6, "We have been buried with _____ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the _____ of the Father, so we too might walk in _____."

Name and Grade