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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Baptism

## What we believe about baptism

Baptism initiates us into a lifelong relationship with a God who loves us unconditionally. We are washed in the promise that nothing can ever separate us from God, and sealed with the power of the Spirit.

Lutheran Christians practice infant baptism. We remember that God does not require a mature or intelligent faith before claiming us. God opens wide the door and pours out faith upon us regardless of how qualified or prepared we are. Just as newborn children are always loved and included in the family, God welcomes us from the start.

However, there is no age limit on being baptized, infants and elderly may be baptized. The Lutheran Church also provides for a number of opportunities to affirm the baptismal life; to publicly say yes to our faith and affirm the gift of God's presence in our lives.

Baptism promises us forgiveness and life. In the Bible, God uses water to create, to heal, to rescue those who are in trouble, to cleanse, to satisfy those who are thirsty for compassion and community. No matter how broken or disappointing our life may be, baptism assures us that God will never abandon us. Even when we die, God does not let go. We are God's children forever.

## Scheduling a Baptism at Ascension

We give thanks that you are considering baptism at Ascension Lutheran Church. We invite you to fill out the form below and submit it to the church office. The pastor will contact you after receiving this form to confirm the date and time and to set up a time to meet prior to the baptism. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office. Blessings on your journey to baptism and a renewed life in Christ and the church.

Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Service time \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Baptismal Candidate \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (County) (State) (Hospital)

Mother \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Maiden)

Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor(s) _____	Church Membership _____
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