

Ready?

1. Consider the merits of the Life of Christ. Desire to live with Christ and for Christ.
2. Read and reflect upon the practice and policy of Baptism at Lord of Life Church.
3. Choose a Baptismal Date from the Lord of Life Church Baptismal Schedule. Baptisms are scheduled as part of the 9:00 am Liturgical Worship or 11:15 am contemporary worship, except for the Sunrise Easter Vigil.
4. If a baptismal sponsor/s (godparent/s) is desired, ask the person/s if they will accept this responsibility. There is no limit to the number of baptismal sponsors.
4. **Complete a Baptismal Information Sheet, and return it to the church office/pastor as soon as you decide, and at least two weeks prior to the Baptismal Festival date you have chosen.**
5. Put both the “Baptismal Discussion/Rehearsal” date (likely Sat morning; the day before) and the “Baptism Date” on your calendar.
6. Invite friends and family whom you will invite to celebrate with you.

Friends and family members are encouraged to come stand with you around the Baptismal Font. It is helpful to remind them to bring their worship bulletin with them and to refrain from taking pictures. After worship the pastor(s) will remain for any photographs that you would appreciate.

7. Plan to celebrate this day, and to remember it forever!

Baptized into Christ

Thinking about it ...

I'm ready ...

My/Our child ...

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Initiation, not Inoculation

Lord of Life Lutheran Church rejoices in the extravagant grace, radical inclusion, and relentless compassion of God which is made known in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

The ritual of baptism does not save; God saves. God so loved the world that God gave his only beloved son to die for us. Therefore, Baptism is not a condition of God's love.

Nowhere is the nature of God more real than in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. In the waters of baptism our old selves drown with Christ, we rise to new life in Christ, we are grafted into Christ's Body the Church and infused with the Spirit of God for ministry in Christ's name. Baptism is both gracious gift, and the beginning of discipleship.

Baptism is at the center of all that we do in the church. Our whole ministry (Experience, Grow, Connect, Serve) is typified in the discipleship call of our baptisms.

For this reason we seek to baptize responsibly, proclaiming both the grace of God to all people and the claim of God on the baptized. This guideline is written to assist those desiring to be baptized, or to commit their parent/s and child to the way of Christ through baptism. Baptism is, and must be practiced as, the foundation for the life of the baptized.

1. Salvation has been accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As we trust God we experience the freedom of our salvation.
2. Baptism is an "assurance of salvation" that is ours in Christ. It is done in obedience to Christ's command. Since Baptism is a tangible act, commanded by Christ, in which we experience the grace of God, we consider it a "Sacrament." The Lutheran Church practices two sacraments: Baptism and Communion.
3. Baptism is an initiation into the "Body of Christ" which is the Church. Baptism is not "Lutheran" and there is no such thing as "Lutheran Baptism."

4. The prerequisite for Baptism, either as adult or child, is faith, trust in God's action in Christ Jesus. Adults should be able to state that faith; children should have the faith commitment of a parent.
5. Those baptized by this congregation become, and should desire to become, active members of this community. On an exception basis, a child of an parent active in another congregation may be baptized at Lord of Life Church and his/her membership transferred immediately to their parent's congregation.
6. Pre-baptismal discussion is always desirable for the baptized, their parents or sponsors. A discussion / rehearsal is scheduled prior to each baptismal festival. The baptized, or their parent/s in the case of children, should attend.
7. Our practice of child baptism dependent upon a parent(s) who:
 - a. is an active member of this congregation
 - b. publicly accepts the responsibilities for their baptized child, namely to raise the child in the communion (active participation) of a church; to teach the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, and the Ten Commandments; to provide Holy Scriptures and instruction in the Christian faith.
8. In addition to parents and the congregation, Baptismal Sponsors (once called godparents) may be desired, especially for baptized children. Sponsors should be baptized themselves, active members of a congregation, and also willing to accept the responsibilities of a baptized child (7b).
9. Baptism is an occasion for celebration among the whole people of God and, other than in emergency, is done in the regular worship of the congregation. In the event of emergency baptism, it is beneficial to recognize the Baptism in a public rite soon afterward, allowing the whole fellowship to share in the joy of receiving another person into the Body of Christ.
10. Baptism is celebrated on scheduled "Baptismal Festivals" at Lord of Life Church, no less than five times per calendar year. Baptism is not an individual celebration, but a sacrament of the whole Church. We would rejoice to have multiple baptisms at the same time!
11. Since baptism is a rite for those belonging or joining the ministry of the Church, there are never any fees associated with Baptism.

Baptism Information

Full name of person to be baptized:

first

middle

last

Date of Birth: _____ child adult

City of Birth: _____

Parent name(s) *if baptized is infant or child*:

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ email: _____

Names of Baptismal Sponsor(s):

Date of Baptismal Festival: _____

9:00 Liturgical Worship 11:15 Contemporary Worship

Easter Sunrise

What Date Shall we plan the baptism?

Baptism is not celebrated during the Advent, Christmas or Lenten Seasons.

Baptism may be scheduled at either the 9:00 am Liturgical Worship or the 11:15 Contemporary Worship.

Baptismal rehearsals are normally scheduled on the Saturday morning prior to the baptism. The time will be arranged after the baptism is scheduled.

2017 Baptismal Festivals

January 8 + Baptism of Jesus

February 26 + Transfiguration of Jesus

April 16 + Sunrise Easter Vigil only (approx 6:30AM)

June 11 + Holy Trinity Sunday

August 6

August 27

November 5 + All Saints Sunday

2018 Baptismal Festivals

January 7 + Baptism of Jesus

February 11 + Transfiguration of Jesus

April 1 + Sunrise Easter Vigil only (approx 6:30AM)

May 27 + Holy Trinity Sunday

August 26

November 4 + All Saints Sunday