

Faith Construction: Baptism

Week 8



What Are You Talking About?

While we are self-focused, God is complete and free to give. Being who we are, it is clear that we are not able to re-connect with Him. Even when we would “go to God” in prayer, we go not to be with Him, but to get Him to do what we want done. Our self-centeredness controls our concerns.

The Good News is that God comes to us in Jesus, where we are and as we are. There is no “if you do this” then “I will come.” He comes to us because of something about Him.

God came in Jesus some 2000 years ago for us to know about Him and His love for us. He also has ways today of coming to us and reconnecting Himself with us so that we are able to live with Him now.

One of the ways He does this is in Baptism. When we talk about Baptism, we need to be aware that Baptism is His thing. He is the One who tells us to baptize and He is the One who determines what is done in Baptism. It is His act. As it is with so many things He does, the act of Baptism, from a human point of view seems so small and simple – even insignificant. But because He is the One who is behind it, something great is done.

That is the reason I find myself saying that as Christians, we live by God’s commitment to us, not by our commitment to God. Our commitment to God is weak and uncertain. His commitment to us is sure and solid.



Goal: To see baptism as God’s act in which He joins Himself to each of us.

**Confirmation resumes
Wed. Jan 6th**

Enjoy your family and friends during this Christmas season!

Grace of Giving

Have your group plan a time to visit your Grace of Giving partner over the break.

RecEffect 3

Transformers vs.
The Matrix

Friday, January 1st

Lifeguard Group

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Try This!

What's in a Name?
Discovering what it means to be baptized in the name of...
Directions in classroom

Be Useful Gal. 5:13

Think of the person next to you and how God has called that person by name to connect Himself to that person.

My Yeah God!

My Shout Out!

That's A Good Question!

From Life On The Rock

Why was the anniversary important to the couple?
Why is it good for us to remember God's commitment to us – to daily live out our Baptism?

THE LUTHERAN HANDBOOK

Read and discuss 214-216

Why do you think the Lutheran church baptizes infants?

MY FAITH BOOK

Read and discuss pages 30-31

Based on what you have learned, what is a false direction suggested in this section?

FROM THE HOLY BIBLE

In Romans 6:3,4 the Apostle Paul goes into detail about what God is doing in Baptism. First of all, he says that we were baptized into union with Jesus. To be "in union" is to be joined together.

He goes on to explain the meaning of this. "By our Baptism

Key Verse

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)