

# Baptism Registration Form

Sponsors' Names

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## Church Membership

You don't need to be a member of Calvary to have a baptism here, but the baptized person becomes a member. We strongly encourage you and/or your family to have active church membership somewhere so that faith continues to grow.

\_\_\_\_\_ We are members of Calvary

\_\_\_\_\_ We are interested in membership at Calvary .

\_\_\_\_\_ We are members of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this portion to the church office:

Calvary Lutheran Church,  
2508 Washington Ave. SE  
Bemidji, MN 56601

Keep the remaining brochure for your reference.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Pastors
- \_\_\_\_\_ Office Staff
- \_\_\_\_\_ Altar Guild

# Preparing for Baptism

Get ready to receive the best gift there is! Parents of young children, if this is your first time going through a baptism at Calvary, call the church office to set up a visit (probably an hour or so long) with one of the pastors. Parents who had a child baptized at Calvary previously do not need to repeat this meeting. Families from out of town who can't set up a meeting with Calvary pastors are expected to meet with their local pastor to discuss baptism; verification from your local church must be sent to Calvary. Youth who are 6th grade and above, as well as adults, will have a period of Christian instruction before baptism; this will be with a Calvary pastor or another approved Christian mentor. Select sponsors (these are not legal guardians). Ask baptized and confirmed adults who will be active in the life of the one receiving baptism. Sponsors promise to pray, teach, and help the baptized person grow in faith.

Select a festival date (see page 3) after completing the preparation described above. Baptism is a celebration in the life of a congregation. Invite family and friends!

Submit the attached registration form to the church office at least one week prior to the baptism date. Information ensures accuracy for certificates and church records.

On the festival day you choose, baptismal instruction will start 15 minutes before the start of the service in the church lounge. At this time you will receive information on baptism, walk through the service, and receive your certificates. Parents and sponsors of the baptized are expected to attend. Please be on time.

*During a worship service, flash photography distracts from the worship environment. Please instruct family and friends that flash photography is appropriate following the worship service.*



# 2020 Sacrament of HOLY BAPTISM



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# Christian Baptism

## A Lutheran

## Understanding

### Why Baptism?



In Matthew 28:19 Christ commands his followers to "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."

We believe that God, in the life-changing event of baptism, forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe God's promises, from infants to elders.

Unlike some fellow Christians who may baptize in private ceremonies, Lutheran Christians baptize in our shared, communal worship time. We are all part of one another's faith development—from birth to death. We need faith mentors, peers, pastors, and others to help us along our faith journey, so the whole congregation has a role in our baptism and faith life



Mission Statement: GATHERING to worship, CONNECTING with Jesus, SERVING our neighbors. Vision Statement: God calls us to live faithfully, follow Jesus boldly, and serve others joyfully.

## 2020 Baptism Festival Dates

January 12	Baptism of our Lord
February 23	
April 12	Easter Sunday
May 24	Memorial Day weekend
June - August	Please contact us to set up a summer baptism.
September 6	Labor Day weekend
October 18	
November 29	Thanksgiving weekend
December 24	Christmas Eve (3:30 service only)

*\*If you would like to request baptism on a date not listed, please contact the church office.*

*\*Summer baptism - Lots of options, including an outdoor baptism service at an area lake.*

## What We Proclaim

- ✝ We all come to baptism "as infants" (even if we're older when we're baptized); that means that we get to rely entirely on God's grace, not on our own understanding or effort.
- ✝ Baptism is something we remember and live daily through an active life of faith.
- ✝ Rebaptism is not necessary, even if you've strayed. God's promise is good the first time and forever! Cling to it!

## Marking this Special Occasion

There are lots of ways that you can celebrate baptism with your family member and thank God for the gifts we receive in baptism. Here are a few ideas: Sponsor worship in honor of the baptism, have a family member share special music during worship, or give a cross or book to commemorate the day.

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Please print.

Full name of person to be baptized \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Date you met with a pastor for baptismal preparation (You do not need to meet with a pastor if you have had a child baptized at Calvary previously. Mark **X** if this applies: \_\_\_\_\_)

Baptism Festival Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate which service you prefer:

8:30 \_\_\_ 10:00 \_\_\_

(On some dates, not all service times will be available)

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' names needed for infant or child baptisms:

Mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include maiden name)

Father's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work/Cell Phones: \_\_\_\_\_

Best email to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_