



OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Baptism Policy and Request Form

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“In Holy Baptism the Triune God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children, and makes us members of the body of Christ, the Church.”
(*The Use of the Means of Grace*, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

Our baptism is a significant part of our faith journey as we come from the baptismal waters to live a new life as children of God. By water and the Word, we are freed from both sin and death. Marked with the cross of Christ and sealed by the Spirit, we receive a new identity as followers of Jesus, and the story of Jesus becomes our story. Together we hope and pray that those being baptized will be nurtured in the faith, grow into their baptism, learn to trust God, and live as disciples of Jesus. Our Savior's Lutheran Church is privileged to share this journey with you.

Where and when do baptisms occur?

Because baptism is a celebration of faith and a communal event, baptisms take place within worship services at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. This includes regular Sunday morning worships, but also may include other special seasonal worships held on other days throughout the year.

Those seeking private, family baptisms may do so following conversation with the pastor and church. The scheduling of a private baptism is subject to church and pastoral availability, and any baptisms held outside of Sunday worship are requested to offer a pastoral honorarium of \$100 to be paid directly to the pastor.

Subject to availability, the Gathering Room or Kitchen may be used for a reception prior to or following the baptism. When a reception is held at the church, parties are subject to a \$50 building maintenance fee to be paid directly to Our Savior's Lutheran Church.

Who can be baptized?

God, whose grace is for all, is the one in acts in baptism. Therefore, baptism is for all ages. We believe that a person is baptized once because of the unfailing nature of God's promise and because of God's once-for-all action in Christ. (*The Use of the Means of Grace*, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America).

What do I need to do to schedule a baptism?

1. Call or email the church office to schedule a baptismal date.
2. Complete the attached request form and return no later than one week before the baptism.



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Baptism Request Form

Date of Baptism: _____

Full Name of Baptized: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Location of Birth: _____

Parent(s) Names: _____

Contact Information:

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Congregational Membership (if not Our Savior's Lutheran Church):

Sponsors (Godparents): _____
