

# Lutheran FAQ: How Do Lutherans Baptize?

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Have you seen babies baptized? Older children? Teens? Adults? How are they the same and how are they different?

During the baptismal service, we renounce sin, the devil, and everything that draws us away from God. What helps you turn away from bad things and turn toward Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

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How do you remember your baptism? Do you make the sign of the cross? Light a candle on its anniversary? Remember God's promises when you need strength? \_\_\_\_\_

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Extra credit: Talk to someone in your Altar Guild about how they get ready for a baptism. What do those extra steps mean?

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Have you made baptismal promises for someone before, as a godparent, sponsor, or member of the congregation? How do you keep those promises? How does your congregation do that? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Deeper Dive:

- Talk to a member of your congregation's altar guild. How do they prepare for baptism? Why are those preparations meaningful?
- Read through the service of baptism in your congregation's hymnal, and if you can, compare it with other hymnals. What's the same? What's different?