

Prelude ..... “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn ..... “All Who Believe and Are Baptized” ..... LBW #194

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness ..... LBW pg. 77

Prayer of the Day

**Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed Him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading ..... Romans 6:1-4

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading ..... Titus 3:5-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Faith Seeds ..... Shelly Kirchoff

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

**“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”**

The Announcement of the Gospel ..... **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel ..... Matthew 13:44-46

Response after the Gospel ..... **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon .... “The Underappreciated, Misunderstood, and Powerful Gift of Baptism” ..... Pastor Dave Wollan

Affirmation of Baptism LBW pg. 199, 201

Hymn ..... “We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus” ..... WOV #698

Offering/Special Music “Da Pacem, Domine (Give Us Peace, O Lord)”  
Faith Singers

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

The Distribution ..... “Lamb of God” ..... LBW pg. 92

Communion ..... WOV #697, 741, and 693

Benediction

Closing Hymn ..... “Let All Things Now Living” ..... LBW #557

### What Does This Mean?

1. When were you baptized?
2. How does the Lutheran understanding of baptism differ from the Catholic and other Protestant understandings?
3. How do you “use” you baptism?

## **A Simple Way: Holy Baptism**

Week 5 Devotional Questions for Discussion at Home

### Monday

**Adults:** In the *Small Catechism*, Martin Luther emphasizes that it is God’s Word that makes Holy Baptism effective. Given that, why is it necessary to use water at all? What purpose do you think it serves?

**Question for families with older children:** Think about a Baptism you have seen, what parts do you think are the most important?

**Question for families with younger children:** From what you have seen before, what happens at a baptism? What is said during the baptism?

### Tuesday

**Adults:** In the *Large Catechism*, Luther writes, “To be baptized in God’s name is to be baptized not by human beings but by God Himself.” How does that promise affect how you understand and value Holy Baptism?

**Question for families with older children:** What does it mean that we have been called God’s child through Baptism? What do we gain? What do we lose?

**Question for families with younger children:** What do you know about God? After answering that, how do you feel knowing that we are baptized by God?

# A Simple Way: Holy Baptism

Week 5 Devotional Questions for Discussion at Home

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## Wednesday

**Adults:** Despite its simplicity and Jesus' direct command to baptize in Matthew 28, Holy Baptism has caused endless disagreement among Christians. Why do you think that is? How does Luther's answer to "How can water do such great things?" in the *Small Catechism* help to cut through all that conflict?

**Question for families with older children:** Why would water be such an important symbol for being Baptized? What does it represent?

**Question for families with younger children:** The water we use during a baptism is the same water we get from

## Thursday

**Adults:** The *Small Catechism* says Holy Baptism means dying to sin and being raised up by Christ to live forever *every day*. What does the language of dying and rising tell us about the significance of baptism? What does the need for it to happen daily tell us about the power and persistence of sin?

**Question for families with older children:** If I constantly sin, do I need to keep getting re-baptized?

**Question for families with younger children:** In our baptism, Jesus washes away all our sins. What do you do when you get messy, dirty sticky or muddy?

## Friday

**Adults:** Baptism is often seen as an event which assures that we will go to heaven when we die. How does the *Small Catechism* show that the covenant of Holy Baptism is more a way of life that determines and shapes our identity throughout life?

**Question for families with older children:** What does a new identity in Christ look like?

**Question for families with younger children:** Jesus changes our hearts. What do people do who are happy and kind?

# Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota

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