LET'S TALK ABOUT
BAPTISM

Baptism is a special gift from God. As Lutheran Christians, we talk a lot about Baptism because of what God gives us through it. He makes us His children and gives us gifts through our baptism. In it, our identity as dearly loved children of God is secure.

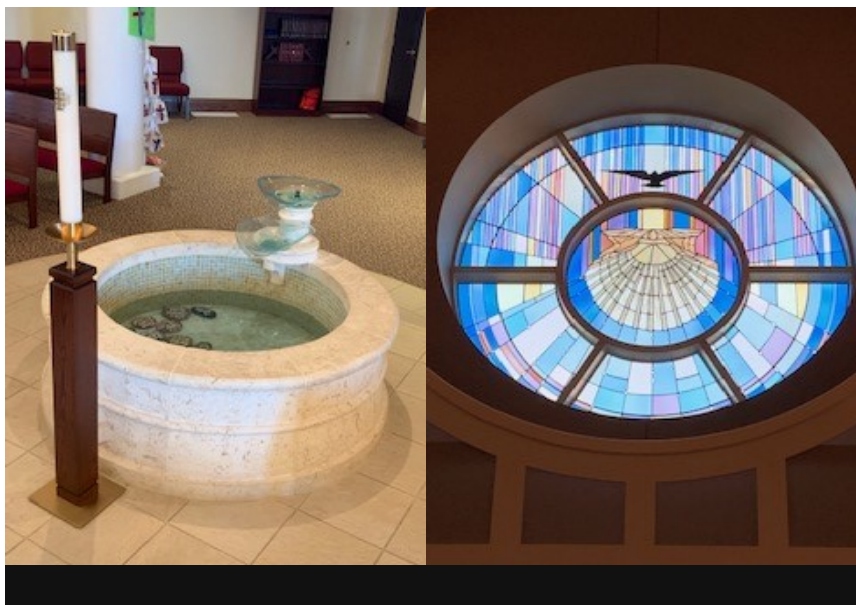Here are some frequently asked questions about baptism:

What benefits does Baptism give? God promises that wonderful gifts come in Baptism – God's Spirit, His forgiveness and acceptance today, and eternal life forever. As Lutheran Christians, we can say, "I am baptized. God has forgiven and saved me. I can trust His promises".

What does baptizing with water indicate? Baptism embraces our entire lives as believers. It means death to our selfishness and sin and that God is making new people out of us. As Lutheran Christians, we can say, "I am baptized. And now I have a daily battle, confessing my sins and drowning them, and also living the new life that honors God in all I say and do".

Why do we baptize infants and children? Baptism is not something that we do for God but something God does for us. He chooses us, he adopts as His children making us part of His family, giving us the faith and the Holy Spirit. Peter in his sermon on Pentecost says the promises of baptism are "for you and for your children…"(Acts 2:39). Scripture also teaches us that all are born into sin (Psalm 51:5) and therefore need the forgiveness that baptism gives.

If you have questions about baptism or would like to talk further about having an unbaptized member of your family baptized, please reach out to our Family Life Pastor, Andy Becker at

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How we Celebrate:

Once a month in Chapel, students and staff celebrating baptismal birthdays gather around the baptismal font. We light the baptismal candle and celebrate with song and prayer.

These students and staff take part in a group picture to be displayed at the school.

These students and staff receive a special treat to recognize their special day.