

Baptising Children

Why have my child baptised?

Some people ask for baptism because it's a family tradition, or an act of initiation into society. However, in baptism we are drawn into a relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church, beginning a lifelong journey with him that he wants to last forever. In baptism the Holy Spirit joins us to Jesus Christ and connects us to His Church.

What do I do as a parent?

Parents bringing children for baptism have the privilege and responsibility of nurturing their children's relationship with Jesus. The members of the Top End Lutheran Parish share in that privilege and responsibility of baptising and teaching. Baptism is a rite of the church, rather than the parents.

If you are bringing a child to be baptised you are initially required to attend a three week baptism class. We also expect parents to be active in regular worship, because this is where God comes to us, renewing and strengthening our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Since the Christian journey is one of walking together, connecting with others in a local church has always been part of the baptismal journey. There is little point considering baptism without being connected with other Christians in a local church.

For families who are not regularly worshipping at any Christian church, we invite you to come and join us for Sunday worship over a few months. That way you can consider whether God is calling you and your family to be part of this church family in the Top End Lutheran Parish.



Baptism is one of the ways God says: "I love you." Through baptism God places his name on you, joins you to Jesus, adopts you as his child, and welcomes you into his family. At the baptism of a child, parents and godparents publicly declare they are committed followers of Jesus Christ, acknowledging him as their Lord and Saviour.

When parents have a child baptised, they also promise to foster their child's relationship with Jesus Christ. Baptism is the start of this relationship, which is nurtured by the child's family and by God's family - the Church. In the baptism service the church prays that the child will keep following and growing in Jesus throughout life.

In our Parish, baptism happens in the context of regular worship services.



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