

# Everyday FAITH Family Page

New Testament 1

## Law/Gospel

Because of God's wrath and anger over sin, I and all people need a Savior. **In Baptism, I am made a child of the heavenly Father and an heir of heaven.**

## Bible Words

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:26–27

## From the Catechism

**What benefits does Baptism give?** It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**Which are these words and promises of God?** Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

Luther's Small Catechism, Baptism, Second Part

## The Baptism of Jesus

Luke 3:15–22

Since John's Baptism offered forgiveness of sins, why did Jesus, the sinless Son of God, ask John to baptize Him? John asked this same question: "I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" Jesus explained, "It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (Matthew 3:14–15).

Jesus stood in the waters of the Jordan River as a substitute for us. Standing in our place, Jesus took on flesh, lived without sinning, died to pay for our sins and take God's wrath on Himself, and rose from the dead. He fulfilled the Law and the Prophets about the Messiah, and He fulfilled righteousness for us at His Baptism.

Through one man, Adam, we all received sin and its wages of death. Through one man, Jesus Christ, we receive abundant grace and the free gift of righteousness.

At Jesus' Baptism, the Spirit of God descended on Him, and a voice from heaven affirmed that He is God's beloved Son, with whom the Father is well pleased. This event began Jesus' public ministry, His journey to Jerusalem and the cross, and His work to redeem and reclaim lost and condemned sinners as God's own children.

Jesus' Baptism opened the door to connect sinful people to Himself. Our Baptism connects us to Jesus. In Baptism, we receive Jesus' righteousness, the gift of faith, forgiveness of sin, and eternal life. The Holy Spirit begins His work in us.

## Baptismal Hymn

See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

"See This Wonder in the Making" (LSB 593:1, 4). Text by Jaroslav J. Vajda; copyright © 1984 CPH.

## Prayer

*Lord God, thank You for making us Your children in Baptism. Amen.*

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