

PARENT GUIDE

Week 28—Baptism

What We Covered

This week, we explored the meaning and power of Baptism. We learned that Baptism is not just a symbolic ritual, but a real act of God where He forgives our sins, gives us His Spirit, and makes us part of His family. Through God's Word and water, He calls, claims, and sends us to live as His children.

Why We Talked About It

Baptism is often misunderstood as something we do to show our faith. We clarified that in Lutheran belief, Baptism is something God does for us, regardless of age or understanding. It's not earned—it's a gift of grace. Understanding Baptism helps students see their identity as rooted in Jesus and reminds them daily of His promises.

Catechism Connection

- What is Baptism?
"Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word."
- What does Baptism do?
"It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this."
- Who should be baptized?
"All people are to be baptized... even infants."
- What does it mean for daily life?
"The Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die... and a new person should daily emerge and arise to live before God."

What You Can Do

- Talk about their baptism story and be ready for questions: Share details about when and where your child was baptized. If they haven't been baptized yet, this is a great time to begin the conversation.
- Look at baptism pictures or keepsakes: Do you have a gown, candle, or certificate? Tell them why it matters.
- Remind them of their identity: Speak this truth regularly: "You are baptized. You belong to Jesus."