

# Immanuel Lutheran Baptism Planning Guide

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
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## **Congratulations!**

*The gift of life is precious to God and we give thanks with you on the birth/adoption of your son/daughter. We want this to be a meaningful time for you and your family.*

Before any date is set, the pastor will ask to meet with you, especially if he/she doesn't know you and/or this is your first child. During that meeting the pastor will review our beliefs about the Sacrament of Baptism. Non-members of Immanuel may receive Baptism if they are regular worshipers.

## **What Is Baptism?**

The following is a list of what baptism is  
And why we Lutherans (and other denominations)  
baptize children

1. We surround a child with love. Baptism is a sacrament in which God gives grace to be a child of the kingdom.

2. A child is God's creation,  
God's child

3. Parents are not enough. A child belongs to a community, a people of faith, who share a history and offer support. That is why baptism generally occurs during the worship service.

4. Baptism ushers a child into the story of God's love revealed in Jesus.

## The Vows

You and your Sponsor(s) will promise to raise your child in the Christian faith and the Christian community. Your promise will be a response to the Good News of faith in Christ. In the ELW (red hymnal) your promises are to:

- ❖ Live with your son/daughter among God's faithful people,
- ❖ Bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
- ❖ Teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments,
- ❖ Place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, and
- ❖ Nurture them in faith and prayer.

Our prayer at Immanuel is what Jesus taught us in the Bible, Mark 10:  
"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God".