

Baptism Information

Holy Cross Lutheran Church • Indianapolis, Indiana

CHILD'S FULL NAME: _____

FATHER: _____

MOTHER: (Maiden Name) _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

BIRTHDATE: _____

BIRTH PLACE: _____

SPONSORS: _____

DATE FOR BAPTISM: _____

SERVICE TIME:

- Sat. 5:30
- Sun. 8:30
- Sun. 10:45

Please try to avoid selecting Communion Sundays (1st & 3rd Sundays) as it lengthens the service time considerably. Any Saturday is fine.

Submit this form to the Church Office.



judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

The minister pours water three times on the head of the child, saying:

I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Amen

The minister lays his hand upon the one baptized and gives this blessing:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting. Peace be with you.

Amen

A baptismal candle may be lighted from the paschal or altar candle. In giving the candle the minister says:

Receive this burning light. Live always by the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for his coming that you may meet him with joy and enter with him to the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which shall have no end.

Through Baptism God has added name(s) to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as (a) fellow member(s) of the body of Christ, (a) child(ren) of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.

And you, name(s), the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

Amen

All return to their places.

Important Scripture References about Baptism:
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-39, 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 16:16



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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You are to be commended for following through on your responsibility as Christian parents to see that your child receives the blessings of Holy Baptism. Through baptism God works faith in your child's heart and begins a lifelong relationship with your child. If your child remains in saving faith, he/she will receive the promised inheritance of heaven. Baptism is not a guarantee of heaven. It is merely the first step of a lifetime of growing and maturing in Christian faith. So it is crucial that you continue to nurture that faith by praying with your child daily, reading the Bible to him/her, having family devotions, bringing him/her to God's house for weekly worship, Sunday School, and our "Genesis" Midweek Christian education program.

It is also important that your child see continued growth in faith as something important to you as well. Model for your child what it means to be a child of God by worshipping weekly and involving yourself in regular on-going study of God's Word.

On the day of baptism, please be sure to arrive a little early and notify Pastor that you are here. He will go over last minute details with you and the sponsors. If you have questions prior to then, please feel free to call (823-5801) or email (jws@hcl.in.lcms.org).

The Order of Baptism

From the Hymnal on page 199

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation:

Our Lord commanded Baptism, saying to his disciples in the last chapter of Matthew: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to

me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. “The holy apostles of the Lord have written: “*The promise is for you and your children,*” and: “*Baptism now saves you.*”

We also learn from the Word of God that we all are conceived and born sinful and so are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent his Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The minister turns to the candidate/candidates to be baptized.

P Receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead + and upon your heart + to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Hear how our Lord Jesus Christ has opened the kingdom of God to little children.

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

The minister addresses the sponsors (if present):

P It is your task as sponsors to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized.

After this child has been baptized you are at all times to remember him/her in your prayers, put him/her in your prayers, put him/her in mind of his/her Baptism, and, as much as in you lies, give your counsel and aid, especially if he/she should lose his/her parents, that he/she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord’s Prayer; and that, as he/she grows in years, you place in his/her hands the Holy Scriptures, bring him/her to the services of God’s house, and

provide for his/her further instruction in the Christian faith, that he/she come to the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood and thus, abiding in his/her baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, he/she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

This, then, you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Sponsors: Yes.

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with his grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

P In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of this child into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer he gave us.

C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even forevermore.

C Amen

P Because this child cannot answer for himself/herself, we shall all, together with sponsors and parents, faithfully speak on his/her behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C I do renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to