

Sunday, November 16th, 2025
Sermon Series: "I Believe." The Nicene Creed.
(Pentecost, 2025)
"Humanity and Sin."

...We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins...

Genesis 3.15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

John 3.16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Baptism: Reason and Meaning

Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

"Sacrament:" Latin: *Sacramentum*: "A pledge or security" (Translates the Greek: μυστήριον (*mysterion*): Lit., "Mystery."

The Lutheran Church: * Instituted by Jesus; *A visible element; *Offers the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ.

"Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word."
(Martin Luther. *The Small Catechism*)

Acts 2.38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism: Promise and Power

A _____ of _____.

Matthew 3:16-17 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Romans 6.3-5 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Romans 5.18-19 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

(Answers: Means, Grace).