

Memorization (choose one):

Matthew 28:19;

¹⁹ 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,

Luke 18:16-17;

¹⁶ But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

John 3:5-6;

⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

Mark 16:16;

¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Titus 3:5-6;

⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior

Romans 6:3-4.

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

MEMORY WORK – THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

What is a sacrament? (Luther's Small Catechism – Question 236)

A sacrament is a sacred act.

A. That is instituted (begun) by God

B. That has the Word of God and a visible element (water in Holy Baptism and bread and wine in Holy Communion)

C. By which God offers, gives, and seals the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ.

How many sacraments are there? (L.S.C. – Questions 237)

By the Lutheran definition of a sacrament there are two sacraments: Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

I. What is Baptism?

Baptism is not water only, but it is water used together with God's Word and by His command.

II. What benefits does Baptism give?

In Baptism God forgives sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives everlasting salvation to all who believe what He has promised.

III. How can water do such great things?

It is not water that does these things, but God's Word with the water and our trust in his Word. Water by itself is only water, but with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is a life-giving water.

IV. What does Baptism mean for daily living?

It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and day after day a new self should arise to live in a right relationship with God and with a holy life.