



JESUS IS THE SAVIOR

JESUS IS MY SAVIOR *BY FAITH*

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

– Mark 16:16

In many places, June ushers in warmer weather. Summer begins in earnest, and that means people like to be outside and enjoy the warm temperatures. One activity that many enjoy is swimming. It might be a backyard pool, a community pool or beach, or even a lawn sprinkler. Whatever the method, people love to get wet.

Followers of Jesus get wet too, when they are baptized. Baptism is a wonderful gift of God where water is applied and the words are spoken as Jesus commanded, “I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). When those words and the water are combined like this, according to Jesus’ promise, baptisms take place. Through this special means, God creates faith in people—infant or adult. Sins are washed away, and by faith in Jesus God makes them members of his family.

After baptism, learning continues so that people grow in their faith and grow closer to God for the confidence and joy of life with God both now and forever. There is much to learn and know in the Bible. It guides us. It refreshes us. And its mes-

sage saves us! It is the “living water” (John 4:10) that Jesus gives us. Much more refreshing than any pool or beach or sprinkler! It quenches our thirst for belonging to God, for truth about God, and for true peace with God. The Word of God creates and strengthens faith in Jesus as our Savior.

Without faith in Jesus, people will be “condemned,” that is, lost forever in hell when they die. As Christians, we seek to invite everyone to hear Jesus’ message and be baptized, so hell is not their destiny. This is because Jesus told us to baptize and teach, so that people can have saving faith and will enjoy heaven when they die.

Many people think of summer as a gift, when we have rest and relaxation. But the real gift that lasts forever—no matter the weather—is the gift of faith in Jesus that comes through baptism and God’s Word! Come and share with us the joy of being members of God’s family.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Still Growing the Church and Preserving the Saints through Word and Sacrament

DO YOU HAVE

QUESTIONS ABOUT BAPTISM?

Contact the church or one of the pastors, who are willing to spend time with you to answer your questions.

If you have not been baptized, we would be happy to baptize you and your family.



Worship schedule

Sunday 8:00am + 9:45am
Monday 7:00pm

Bible Instruction Class

This course covers the basic teachings of the Christian faith. It is an opportunity to learn or review the central message of God's Word—our sin and God's grace, which is found in Jesus Christ. **The class is open to all.** Contact the church office or one of the pastors for more information or to enroll.

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