

# The Promises of Baptism

A Resource for Coloring and Reflection



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# Baptism is a gift from God.

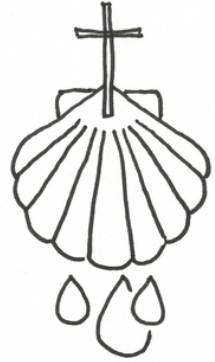
God welcomes us, names us children, and promises new life, salvation, and so much more!

Baptism is how we join Christian community, and how we know we belong  
and we can count on God no matter what.

When Lutherans affirm baptism, we also make promises:

- to **live** among God's faithful people
- to **hear** the word of God and **share** in the Lord's supper
- to **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed
- to **serve** all people following the example of Jesus, and
- to **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth.

(ELW, Affirmation of Baptism, p. 236)



These coloring pages are an opportunity to reflect on God's promises, our promises, and how we live them every day. Feel free to color, doodle, sketch, write, add details or drawings, scribble, collage, or do anything else to make them your own.

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Here are some suggestions:

## **God's promises - p. 4**

Learn more about the covenant God makes in baptism in Martin Luther's *Small Catechism*.

- We are named children of God. Add your name or a self portrait.
- When were you baptized? Add the date on the candle or the party cake.

## **Live - p.5**

Living among God's faithful people is more than just belonging to a congregation, it is a commitment to *become* God's faithful people, growing in faith and service, and to seek out God's faithful people everywhere we go.

- Where do you live? Add depictions of or notes about your community below the wavy line.
- Is the circle behind the cross the earth? The sun or the moon? Or...?
- What would God's faithful people advocate for? Add symbols to the blank signs.

## **Hear and share - p. 6**

Hearing the word of God and sharing the Lord's supper (which we more often call communion) can be part of our everyday lives, too!

- How else do we hear and explore the word of God? Add words or drawings.
- What Bible verse speaks to you today? Add that, too.
- What do you like to have at a special meal? That could go on the table.

## Proclaim - p. 7

We proclaim the good news of God in Christ through actual words, as well as in deeds.

- Add something depicting the good news to the blank sticky note.
- What words and deeds proclaim the good news? Add them to the “word” and “deed” areas as you reflect.

## Serve - p. 8

Before we can serve following Jesus’ example, we have to know Jesus’ example, so this promise includes exploring scripture, too.

- What is the example of Jesus? Symbols or words could go in the word “serve,” in the cross, or in the basin.
- Add lots and lots of people!

## Strive - p. 9

What is justice? What is peace? Who / what does “all the earth” mean? How can we work for justice here, and also everywhere?

- Add illustrations of justice and peace, or places in the world that need them, all around the outside of the circle.

## Live, hear, share, proclaim, serve, strive - p. 10

Now all our promises come together. What have you learned on the journey?

## I do, and... - p. 11

When the leader asks if we intend to continue in God’s baptismal covenant, we can say boldly: “I do, and I ask God to help and guide me!”

- Label the symbols with the promises you think they depict.
- Add more words and drawings that make the promises come alive to you!

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I hope you enjoy exploring these pages as much as I enjoyed making them!

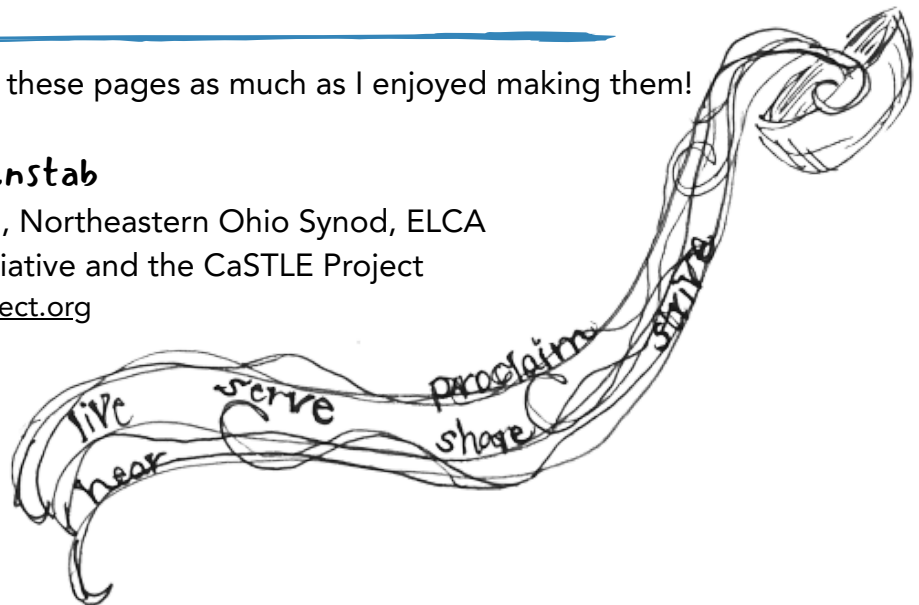
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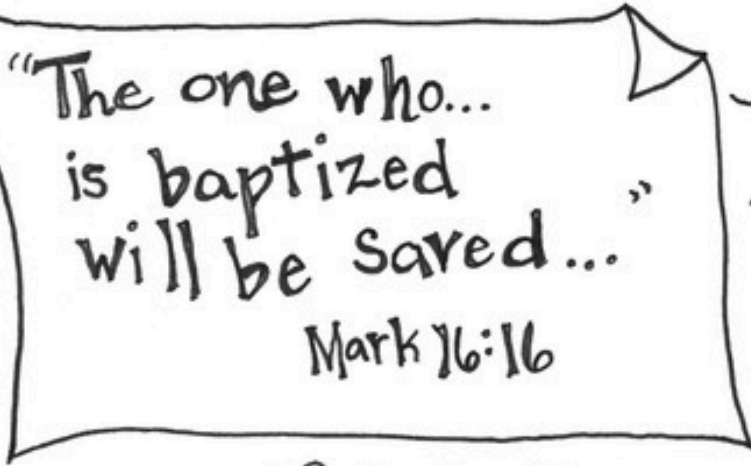
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new life renewal  
redemption



"The one who...  
is baptized  
will be saved..."  
Mark 16:16



forgiveness  
of sins

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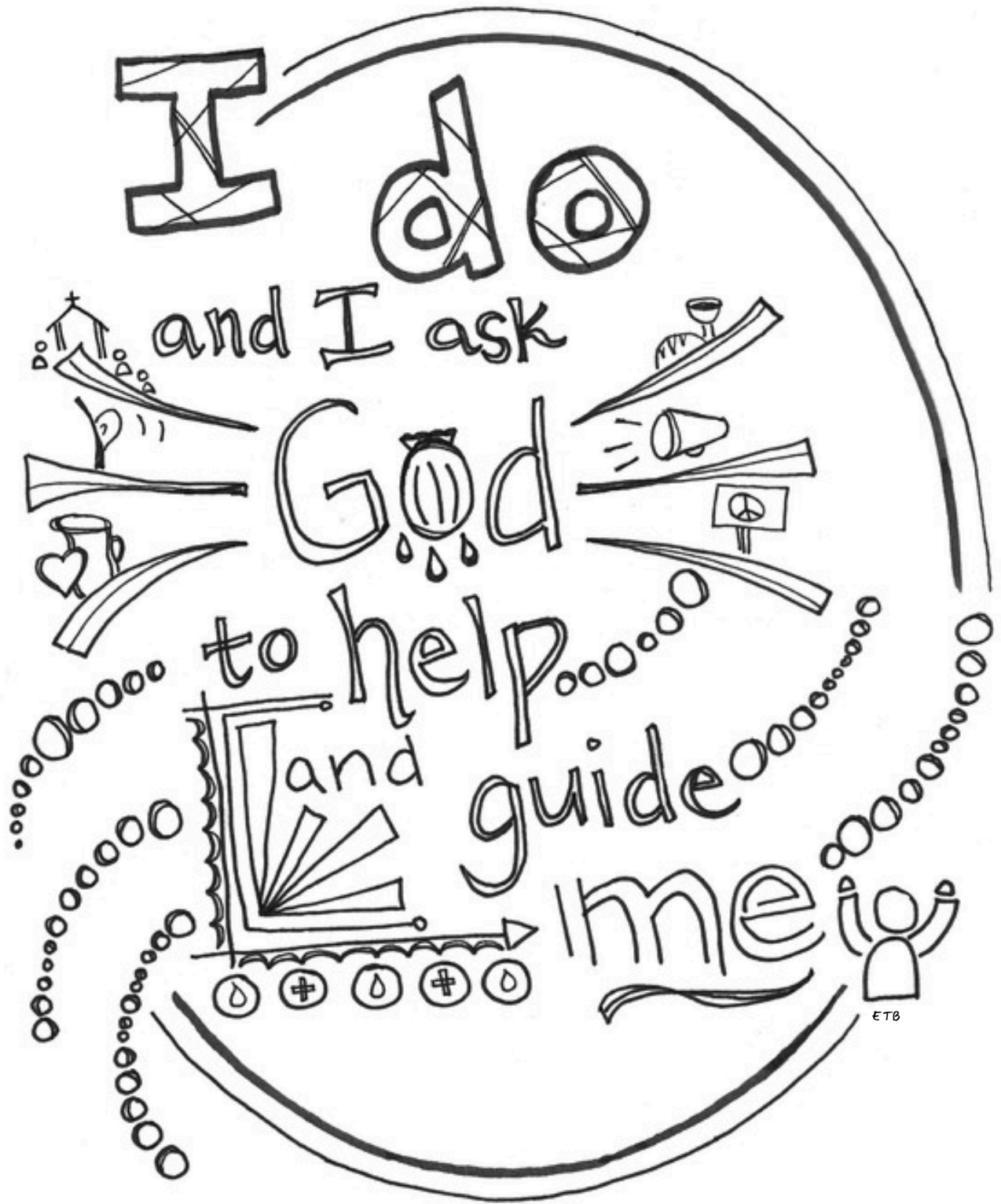








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