



# BAPTISM

July 25, 2021— “Water Baptism”

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

## James 2:26

✦ **Main Sacraments of the Church:**

**Baby Dedication**

**Communion**

**Water Baptism**

## One Rule for Sacraments

Salvation is by Christ alone, by grace alone, and faith alone. Salvation is not faith plus works.

## Romans 10:9,10

✦ Water baptism is one way we put our faith in action by putting ourselves and those around us on notice, that we have committed our life to Jesus.

We must never allow the sacraments of the church to become arbitrary or traditional.

## Matthew 28:18-20

✦ Jesus gave us a mandate:

- 1. Make disciples**
- 2. Baptize**
- 3. Teach**

Water baptism is not just a formality, but a spiritual reality

## Colossians 2:11-12

The feeling of longing for home is born into us. That wonderful dream cannot become real without great faith - enough for the Holy Ghost to lead us to repentance, baptism, and the making and keeping of sacred covenants with God. This faith requires enduring bravely the trials of mortal life.

~Henry B. Ering

## Matthew 16:15-17, Acts 8:30-39

Water baptism is an outward demonstration of an inward regeneration, or an outward testimony of one's inward faith.

✦ God does point us to sacraments, but God instituted the sacraments to point us back to Him.