

## Baptism

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:19)

Baptism is a wonderful part of the Holy sacraments of the Christian Church. John the Baptist baptized Jesus with water, and Jesus called believers to baptize new converts in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28).

In Bethlehem, baptism is not a mere ceremony done by tradition. Rather, full immersion of a believer in water symbolizes the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; it is the means through which believers demonstrate our faith in the risen savior, as well as our death to sin and resurrection to a new life. Baptism, then, is an outward sign of inward change.

We are excited that you are joining with this body of believers as we strive to be the disciples that Jesus has called us to be and witnesses to all the world of God’s goodness.