

One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism



SHARE

your highs and lows

Break into pairs.
Listen carefully and record your partner's thoughts in the space provided. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ

and highlight the theme verse in your Bible

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all."

Ephesians 4:4-6



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

IMAGES

1. Choose either the cover photo, cartoon or the painting by Dr. He Qi on the back page.
2. Where are you in these works of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might they relate to your highs and lows?

CATECHISM ENCOUNTER

Scan Luther's explanation of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. What happens in baptism according to Luther?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. Do you know what your name means? Do you know who named you and why your name was chosen?

2. What words are spoken at baptism in the Lutheran church? Does it matter what words are spoken at a Christian baptism? Why or why not?

3. A friend says, "You can't baptize babies because they are not old enough to repent and accept Jesus." How do you answer?

QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

The Trinity is the mystery of inclusion, and that unity and community is what God wants for the church.

Rafael Malpica Padilla

There was once a day when you were not my child, but from this day on, no matter what you do, there will never be a day that you will not be mine.

Dick Lowey (to his adopted son)

Those who wish to fulfill their mission in the world must be people of one idea, that is, of one great overmastering purpose, overshadowing all their aims, and guiding and controlling their entire lives.

Julius Bate

Life is easier than you'd think; all that is necessary is to accept the impossible, do without the indispensable, and bear the intolerable.

Kathleen Norris



Write a definition...

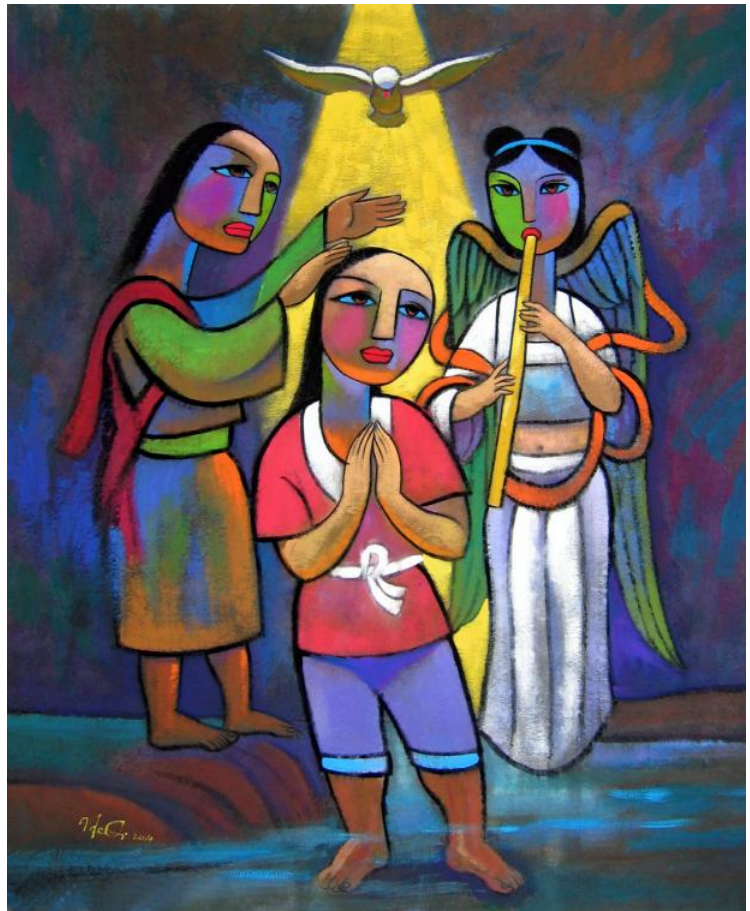
ADOPTION

BAPTISM

CHRISTIAN

INHERIT

PROMISE



Baptism of Jesus by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)



PRAY
for one another's
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Highs

Prayers for Lows



BLESS
one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER
1 THING**

In baptism you were adopted into the family of God, named and claimed, and sealed with the mark of Christ forever. This is good news!

