

THE VOW OF BAPTISM SPONSORS

It is your task as sponsors to confess with the whole Church the faith in our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized.

After this child has been baptized you are at all times to remember him/her in your prayers, put him/her in mind of his/her Baptism, and, as much as in you lies, give your counsel and aid, especially if he/she should lose his/her parents, that he/she be brought up in the true knowledge and worship of God and be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer; and that, as he/she grows in years, you place in his/her hands the Holy Scripture, bring him/her to the services of God's house, and provide for him/her further instruction in the Christian faith, that he/she come to the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood and thus, abiding in his/her baptismal grace and in communion with the Church, he/she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

This, then, do you intend gladly and willingly to do?

Tasks of Sponsors and Parents/Guardians

Willingness to:

Confess the Faith: trust in the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in whose name this child is to be baptized.

- **PRAY** for him/her often
- **REMIND** him/her of his/her Baptism, that he/she is a child of God
- **RAISE** him/her in the true knowledge and worship of God by:
 - Teaching him/her the **Ten Commandments**,
 - Teaching him/her the **Creed**
 - Teaching him/her the **Lord's Prayer**
 - Placing in his/her hands the **Holy Scripture**
 - Bringing him/her to **Worship**
 - Teaching him/her the **Christian faith**
 - at **home**: talk, study, pray, worship together
 - at **church**: Sunday School, Catechism, Confirmation, Youth Group, etc.
 - Bringing him/her to the **Lord's Supper** to receive Christ's Body and Blood
 - Teaching him/her to participate in God's **mission**, using his/her gifts to bring the love of God to all people.
 - Setting an **example** in all these areas.

All of this is done so that in living out his/her life in his/her baptismal grace and in close association with the Church, he/she may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ.

Luther's Small Catechism contains helpful information on many of the items above. It can be located at www.lcms.org. Type "small catechism" in the search box and click on the first link. This should serve as a guide for parents/guardians and sponsors to help raise their child in the Lord.