



## Getting to know the New Apostolic Church

The New Apostolic Church is an international Christian church. The basis of its teachings is Holy Scripture. In 1863 it emerged from the Catholic Apostolic Church and is led by Apostles, just like the early Christian congregations.

The core of the New Apostolic doctrine is the return of Christ to take home those who have been prepared for this event. The New Apostolic Church places great value on the personal responsibility of its members. The individual is accountable to God for his conduct. The gospel of Christ and the system of values resulting from the Ten Commandments provide clear orientation for this.

The New Apostolic Church is fully independent and politically neutral. It is financed by the voluntary contributions of its members.

At present, over ten million Christians around the world profess the New Apostolic faith.



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# Welcome!

## Dear honoured guest, we extend a warm welcome to you.

Today you will experience a divine service with Holy Sealing in the New Apostolic Church. Perhaps this is your first time with us as a guest.

For this reason we would like to briefly introduce you to the New Apostolic Church and explain Holy Sealing as well as the sequence of this divine service.

We wish you a blessed day. You are always most welcome to join us.

## What is the significance of Holy Sealing?

The sacrament of Holy Sealing imparts the gift of the Holy Spirit to the believer. The gift of God's Spirit now takes up permanent residence within a human being.

Holy Baptism with water and Holy Sealing together constitute the rebirth out of water and the Spirit. The believer thereby becomes a child of God and receives the prerequisite for being accepted at the return of Christ. "Unless one is born out of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3: 5).

According to the testimony of Holy Scripture, Holy Sealing is bound to the Apostle ministry and is dispensed upon both children and adults through the laying on of hands and prayer of an Apostle.

## Divine service

### Sequence

- Congregational hymn
- Invocation of the triune God
- Prayer of the minister at the altar
- Reading of the Bible text for the sermon
- Musical selection
- Sermon by one or more ministers
- Congregational hymn (hymn of repentance)
- Congregation joins in the Lord's Prayer
- Proclamation of the forgiveness of sins and prayer
- Address to the person who is to be sealed (or the parents)
- Holy act in which the gift of the Holy Spirit is dispensed
- Celebration of Holy Communion \*
- Closing prayer and benediction

### General Information

We thank you for not filming or taking photographs during the divine service, which includes the act of Holy Sealing.

We happily invite you to our divine services. You can find the divine service times of the congregation nearest you at [www.nak.org](http://www.nak.org).

\* All baptised individuals who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord, and who profess His death, resurrection, and return, are invited to participate as guests.