



# Holy Baptism with water

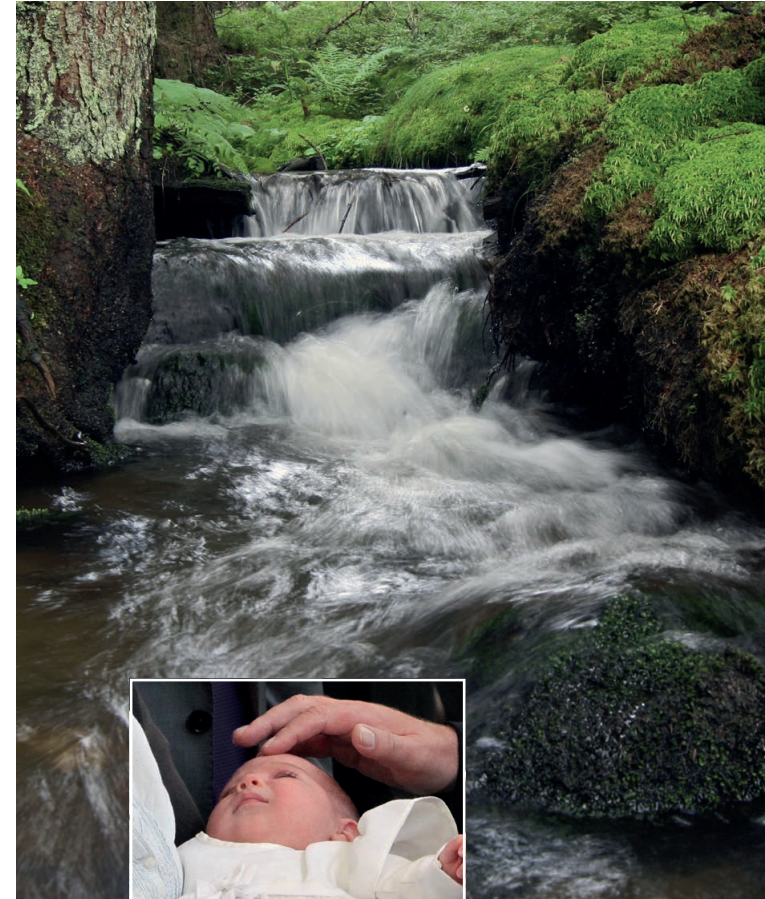
## Getting to know the New Apostolic Church

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 Baptism 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 Baptism with water, as well as the sequence of this divine service.

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

## What is the significance of Holy Baptism with water?

Holy Baptism with water is the first and fundamental act of grace of the triune God upon a human being. Through baptism, original sin is washed away and the baptised human being is incorporated into the fellowship of all those who believe in Jesus Christ and profess Him as their Lord. Thereby the triune God opens the way for human beings to attain salvation in Christ.

The person to be baptised vows to avoid sin and live a life of following Christ.

Children can also receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism with water. Their parents profess belief in the gospel on their behalf. The parents promise to raise their child to believe in the gospel.

Baptisms dispensed in other Christian denominations are recognised as long as they are performed with water in the name of the triune God.

## 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 baptised (or the parents)
- Act of baptism and dispensation of blessing
- 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 baptism. There will be an opportunity to do so when the congregation comes to offer their congratulations, and afterward.

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.