

# In Community

AN EAU CLAIRE AREA ELCA SERIES ON  
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CHURCH TOGETHER  
AND WITH ALL OF GOD'S CREATION



## In Community with Christ

Baptism is a new birth. We become children of God and heirs with Christ. Receiving forgiveness, we are freed from sin and death to righteousness. Whatever sins we commit cannot hold us captive. Not only every day, but also every hour, God's forgiveness frees us to new life so that we may start anew to serve God.

## Romans 6:3-5

Baptism is both an event and a process. We become members of any family by an event like birth, adoption, or marriage. Baptism, too, is an event—the washing in God's grace with water and word. The process of baptism is ongoing education and growth in Christian understanding while loving our neighbors.

## Activity

Have an intentional conversation with someone this week about how you and others fulfill the baptismal promise to serve all people following the example of Jesus. How have you served? Has it changed in different stages of life? How have others served you? How did it feel to serve and to be served?