

TODAY'S FOCUS

We celebrate Jesus' baptism--a major step in His obedient serving that continues all the way to the cross--and how the gift of our baptism connects us to Jesus!

+ GLORY TO GOD! +

LSB 803 JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
 Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
 Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
 Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P With these words you are baptized into Christ and given the new birth of water and the Spirit.

C **So shall we stand in faith without fear now and forever.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Yet even as God's people in this world, when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find that we daily struggle against our weakness and sin that so easily besets us. Therefore, let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C God our Father, though You have made us Your own possession by our Baptism into Christ, still we struggle to live as Your redeemed children in this fallen world. Therefore, we confess our sin and weakness to You and in repentance pray You of Your mercy to forgive our sins and grant us Your grace and strength.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord
God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on
us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the
Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the
Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River
You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with
the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful
in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of
everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

C Amen.

+ GOD'S WORD FOR US +

¹But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep
over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your
Savior;

I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead.

⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight,
and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for
you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children
from the east
and gather you from the west.

⁶I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do
not hold them back.’

Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of
the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1–11 NIV

¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, ^[a] that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵ The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

LSB 590 BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY sts. 1–2, 4

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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MESSAGE "UNITED THROUGH BAPTISM"

CREED

- C** I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth

and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,

begotten, not made,

being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven**

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary

and was made man;

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,**

whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,**

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +

INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed,
took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and
gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝
body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✙ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

+ HYMN OF COMMUNION +

LSB 601 ALL WHO BELIEVE AND ARE BAPTIZED

1 All who believe and are baptized Shall see the Lord's salvation;

Baptized into the death of Christ, They are a new creation.
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand
Among the glorious, heav'nly band
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

2 With one accord, O God, we pray: Grant us Your Holy Spirit.

Help us in our infirmity Through Jesus' blood and merit.
Grant us to grow in grace each day
That by this sacrament we may
Eternal life inherit.

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BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✙ give you peace.

C Amen.

HWC 345 BLESSED ASSURANCE

1 Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood **(CHORUS)**

CHORUS

**This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long**

2 Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst at my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love **(CHORUS)**

3 Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love **(CHORUS)**

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