

## *CELEBRATING JESUS' BAPTISM AND OURS!*

When Jesus was coming up out of the baptismal waters, the voice of the Father proclaimed Him as His Son, in whom He delighted. Those words would be repeated on the Mount of Transfiguration, but with this order to the disciples: "Listen to Him!" Seeing Jesus, we learn what it means to be "alive to God in Christ Jesus," as Paul urges in the Epistle. We are also considered God's children through our Baptism. It is all grace, of course; given as a loving gift. Today we listen again to the Gospel, respond with prayer and praise, and are given grace to tell our friends what Christ has done for us all.

### **+ WORSHIP THE LORD +**

#### *LSB 537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR*

sts. 1, 3–4

1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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## INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## OPENING SENTENCES

Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17

- P** We were buried therefore with [Christ] by baptism into death,
- C** **in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**
- P** This is My beloved Son,
- C** **with whom I am well pleased.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Romans 6:3, 10

- P** Isaiah wrote about God's gracious Servant. It was a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us confess our failures to reflect His obedient servanthood in our daily living.
- The Father put His Spirit upon His Servant.
- C** **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**
- P** Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life

He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**☐ Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

*THIS IS THE FEAST*

LSB 155

**☐ This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*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.

**C** **Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their  
calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of  
everlasting life;**

**P** 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 +**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 42:1–9 NIV

<sup>1</sup>“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom I delight;  
I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup>He will not shout or cry out,  
or raise his voice in the streets.

<sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break,  
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.  
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

<sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth.

In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

<sup>5</sup> This is what God the Lord says—  
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,  
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,  
who gives breath to its people,  
and life to those who walk on it:

<sup>6</sup> “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be  
a covenant for the people  
and a light for the Gentiles,

<sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to  
release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the LORD; that is my name!

I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;  
before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*EPISTLE*

Romans 6:1–11 NIV

<sup>6:1</sup> What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized

into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We 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.

<sup>5</sup>For 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. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup>In 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.**

## *CATECHISM*

## Baptism, First and Fourth

**P** What is Baptism?

**C** **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

**P** Which is that word of God?

**C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:**  
**“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”**

**P** What does such baptizing with water indicate?

**C** It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

**P** Where is this written?

**C** St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: “We 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.”

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Matthew 3:13–17 NIV

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

<sup>14</sup> But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

<sup>15</sup> Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

<sup>16</sup> As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*LSB 596 ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED* sts. 1–2, 4–5

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized, Who know the God of heaven,  
And in whose daily life is prized The name of Christ once given:  
Consider now what God has done, The gifts He gives to ev'ryone  
Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- 2 You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception,  
Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception.  
For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the  
highest good,  
You constantly denied Him.
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ— Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood Now makes us holy, right, and good  
Before our heav'nly Father.
- 5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift And give God thanks forever!  
It gives the power to uplift In all that you endeavor.  
When nothing else revives your soul, Your Baptism stands and  
makes you whole  
And then in death completes you.

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*Message: Celebrating Jesus' Baptism AND Ours!*

## CREED & BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

**P** Do you renounce the devil?



**C** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*OFFERING*

*OFFERTORY*

## *OUR PRAYERS*

### **+ SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION +**

#### *INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION*

#### *LORD'S PRAYER*

**G** 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*

**P** 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."

*PAX DOMINI*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

**+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +**

*LSB 590 BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY*

- 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.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
O cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.

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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### *LSB 411 I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**

**ref In Him there is no darkness at all.**  
**The night and the day are both alike.**  
**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**  
**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

2 I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path,  
And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

## *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.**

### *LSB 922 GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING*    sts. 1–4

1    Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are My own.

    In My love's baptismal river

    I have made you Mine forever.

Go, My children, with My blessing— You are My own.

2    Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

    Here you heard My dear Son's story;

    Here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, My children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

3    Go, My children, fed and nourished, Closer to Me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

    Here My Spirit's power filled you;

    Here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, My children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

4    I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:

I the Lord will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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