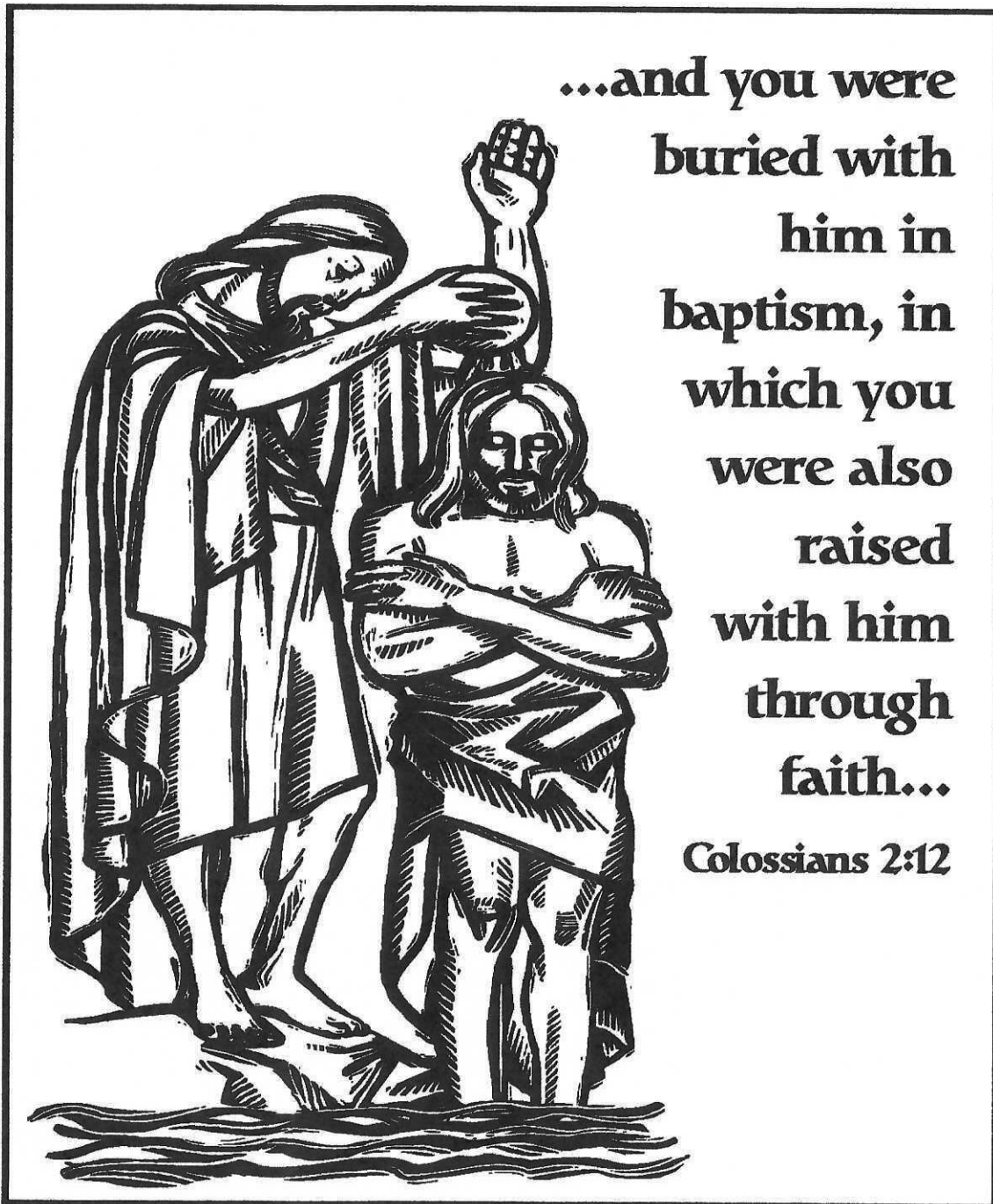


# Christ Lutheran Church

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The Baptism of Our Lord  
THE CHANGE BAPTISM BRINGS TO US  
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## TODAY'S MESSAGE: THE CHANGE BAPTISM BRINGS TO US

Today, with Christians throughout the world, we remember and consider the meaning of the baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ and we remember and consider the meaning of our baptism. Through His baptism, Jesus showed Himself to be the One who came to stand in our place – the sinless Redeemer washed for the sins of sinful people – so that we could stand with Him today and so that we could stand and live with Him forever in heaven. In his letter to the Romans, Paul tells us that through baptism, our sin has been put to death and we have been raised to a new life with Christ. Baptized into our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who was baptized, died and rose to serve us, we are washed and called to serve others in His name.



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

*Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.

# **✚ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✚**

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

*Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Father Welcomes”

LSB 605

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam’ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.**

REFRAIN

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe, shall be born again.**

REFRAIN

**Let us daily die to sin. Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord. Live in the peace of God.**

REFRAIN

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins

*Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9*

**P:** Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Psalms 124:8*

**C:** *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.  
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he has called them the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. *John 1:12; Mark 16:16*

**ALL: Grant this, Lord, to us all.**

**ALL: *(sung)* A - - - men.**

### Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 29

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

**C: The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

P: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**C: The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.**

P: The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**C: The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

P: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

**C: May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!**



### **Gloria Patri** *(sung)*

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **Kyrie** *(sung)*

*Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis** *(sung)*

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee. We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: *(sung)* And with thy spirit.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, through your baptism you have shown that you are God-with-us. Through our baptism into your death and resurrection, you have washed away our sins and given us new life in your name. Help us to serve you in all things and to give witness to all that you have done for us; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading [ESV]**

*Isaiah 43:1-7*

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life."

“Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Your words (O Lord) are Spirit and they are life.** John 6:63

### Epistle Reading [ESV]

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, 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.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. 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.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Your words (O Lord) are Spirit and they are life.** John 6:63

### Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 3:1-3, 15-18, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness, and he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

As the people were in expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

**C:** *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"

LSB 405

**To Jordan's river came our Lord, the Christ whom heav'n'ly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light, the Lord of glory, pow'r and might.**

**The Savior came to be baptized – the Son of God in flesh disguised –  
To stand beneath the Father's will, and all His righteousness fulfill.**

**As Jesus in the Jordan stood, and John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove, descended on Him from above.**

**Then from God's throne with thundrous sound, came God's own voice with words  
profound: "This is My Son," was His decree, "The one I love, who pleases Me."**

**The Father's word, the Spirit's flight, anointed Christ in glorious sight,  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall, to save the world and free us all.**

**Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute. This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream, proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.**

Sermon

THE CHANGE BAPTISM BRINGS TO US

## Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

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

**And 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.**

**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. Amen.**

### Offertory *(sung)*

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**Offering** *(Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you.")*

*[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]*

### Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

**P:** We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.

**C:** May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.

### Prayers

## ✙ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✙

*VISITORS and MEMBERS*

*Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** *(sung)* And with thy spirit.



P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*  
C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalms 136*  
C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, and now we praise you that you sent us your only-begotten Son and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you manifested the fullness of your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

**Sanctus** *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*  
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer** *Matthew 6:9-13*  
**ALL: 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.**

**Words of Our Lord** *Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*  
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread . . .

In the same way also he took the cup after supper . . .

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *John 20:19*  
C: *(sung)* **A - - - - men.**

**Agnus Dei** *(sung)* *John 1:29*  
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the  
sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - men.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

“All Who Believe and are Baptized”

LSB 601

**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.**

**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.**

“All Christians Who have been Baptized”

LSB 596

**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!**

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**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.**

**But all of that was washed away – immersed and drowned forever.  
The water of your Baptism day, restored again whatever,  
Old Adam and his sin destroyed, and all our sinful selves employed,  
According to our nature.**

**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.**

**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.**

**So use it well! You are made new – in Christ a new creation!  
As faithful Christians, live and do, within your own vocation,  
Until that day when you possess, His glorious robe of righteousness,  
Bestowed on you forever!**

**Nunc Dimittis** *(sung)*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people; a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**P:** Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

*Psalm 107:1*

**C:** *(sung)* And His mercy endureth forever.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**ALL:** God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness  
sent your Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us  
pardon and peace in this sacrament and we ask you not to forsake your children

**but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we be enabled to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

**P:** Bless we the Lord.

*Psalm 103:1*

**C:** *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**

### **Closing Hymn**

**“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”**

**LSB 922**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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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