

FEAR NOT

I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

FEAR NOT

I am with you.



ISAIAH 43

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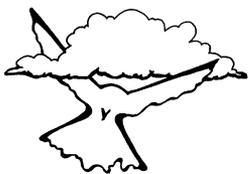
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Divine Service ~ Setting 1 (adapted)

The Baptism of Our Lord

The First Sunday after The Epiphany

January 13, 2019 – 9:30 am

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



Have you ever thought about how powerful fear and worry are in our lives? Fear takes hold. It ties us in knots and refuses to let us go. On our own, we're powerless to undo these "fear knots." Only Jesus has the power to release us from their captivity. "Fear not," He says to His redeemed people! "You are Mine," He refreshingly reminds us. Our worship on this Baptism of Our Lord Sunday brings us with Jesus to the baptismal waters, enabling us to hear the living voice of our God as He washes us clean and makes us His own. Fear may take its hold for a moment, but Jesus' hold is eternal. "Fear knots" may have their day; "Fear not" are saving words forever!



PRELUDE AND WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

LSB 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee; Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Please stand ...

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

P In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

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;

C the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.

P The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

C The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

P 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 is over the waters;

C the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters.

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

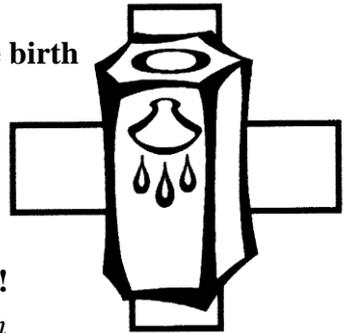
C The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in His temple all cry, "Glory!"

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!

P *Do you not know that all of us who have been
baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?*

C 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.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will
forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word
and for self-examination...*



- P** Almighty God,
C have mercy upon us.
Speak over us words of life.

**Forgive us our sins
and lead us with Jesus to life everlasting. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God, your merciful Father, has declared you in Holy Baptism to be His child and has gathered you into the family of His Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all your sins and grants you new life through His Spirit. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen. The voice of the LORD is indeed merciful and gracious!

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Father Welcomes"

LSB 605

Refrain



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,
3 Let us dai - ly, die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.
Shall be born a - gain.
Live in the peace of God.

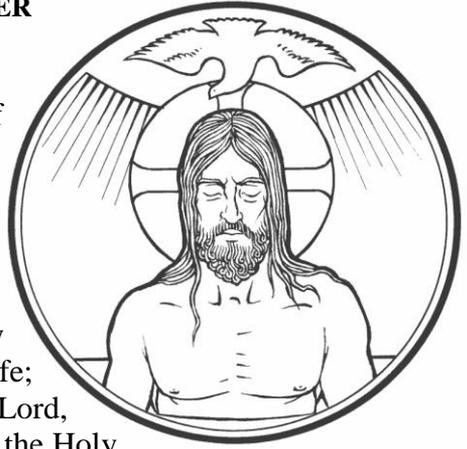
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SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River Your voice proclaimed Him to be Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Set free from fear all who are baptized in His name that they may fearlessly make known Your words of 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.



Please be seated...

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 43:1–7

L The Old Testament Reading for The Baptism of Our Lord is from Isaiah, chapter forty-three.

But now 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.*”² *When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and*

**You are precious in my eyes,
and honored, and I love you.**

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.”³ *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.*”⁴ *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.*”⁵ *Fear not,*

for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you.”⁶ *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,*”⁷ *everyone 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.

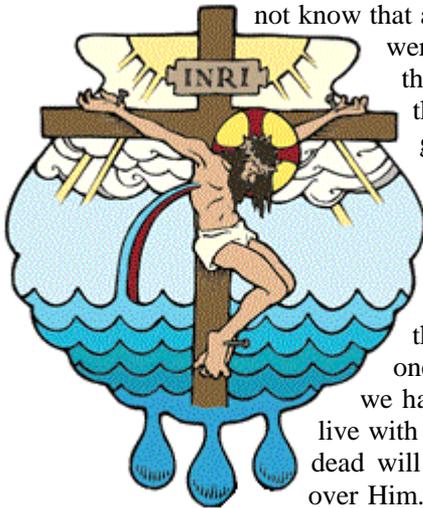
C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 6:1–11

☐ The Epistle is from Romans, chapter six.

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you



not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴We 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. ⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. ⁶We 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. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

☐ This is the Word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord”* **LSB 406 →**



1 To Jor - dan came the Christ, our Lord, To do His
 2 O hear and mark the mes - sage well, For God Him -
 3 These truths on Jor - dan's banks were shown By might - y
 4 There stood the Son of God in love, His grace to
 Fa - ther's plea - sure; Bap - tized by John, the Fa - ther's Word
 self has spo - ken. Let faith, not doubt, a - mong us dwell
 word and won - der. The Fa - ther's voice from heav'n came down,
 us ex - tend - ing; The Ho - ly Spir - it like a dove
 Was giv - en us to trea - sure. This heav'n - ly wash - ing
 And so re - ceive this to - ken. Our Lord here with His
 Which we do well to pon - der: "This man is My be -
 Up - on the scene de - scend - ing; The tri - une God as -
 now shall be A cleans - ing from trans - gres - sion
 Word en - dows Pure wa - ter, free - ly flow - ing.
 lov - ed Son, In whom My heart has plea - sure.
 sur - ing us, With prom - is - es com - pel - ling,
 And by His blood and ag - o - ny Re - lease from death's
 God's Ho - ly Spir - it here a - vows Our kin - ship while
 Him you must hear, and Him a - lone, And trust in full -
 That in our Bap - tism He will thus A - mong us find
 op - pres - sion. A new life now a - waits us.
 be - stow - ing The Bap - tism of His bless - ing.
 est mea - sure The word that He has spo - ken."
 a dwell - ing To com - fort and sus - tain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,
 "Go out to ev'ry nation,
 And bring to them the living Word
 And this My invitation:
 Let ev'ryone abandon sin
 And come in true contrition
 To be baptized and thereby win
 Full pardon and remission
 And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside
 This grace so freely given;
 They shall in sin and shame abide
 And to despair be driven.
 For born in sin, their works must fail,
 Their striving saves them never;
 Their pious acts do not avail,
 And they are lost forever,
 Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds Is water as we pour it.
Before the eye of faith unfolds The pow'r of Jesus' merit.
For here it sees the crimson flood To all our ills bring healing;
The wonders of His precious blood The love of God revealing,
Assuring His own pardon.

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Please stand...

HOLY GOSPEL

st Luke 3:15–22

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

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

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ 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 with fire. ¹⁷ *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.”* ¹⁸ So with many other exhortations

he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² 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 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated...

SERMON HYMN*“Have No Fear, Little Flock”***LSB 735**

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To
 flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In
 bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -
 God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

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SERMON*“Our Lord’s ‘Fear Nots’ for Our ‘Fear Knots’!”*

Fear not, for I
 have redeemed you;
 I have called you by your name;
YOU ARE MINE.

~ Isaiah 43:1 ~

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” **LSB 404**



1 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Had no blem - ish
 2 John con - fessed Him as the Sav - ior— “Look, the sin - less
 3 This the bap - tism that our Sav - ior Great - ly longed to
 4 Je - sus, once with sin - ners num - bered, Full o - be - dience



of His own; In the wa - ters of the Jor - dan
 Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the san - dals
 un - der - go; This the crim - son cleans - ing need - ed
 was Your path; You, by death, have con - se - crat - ed



His true worth and work were shown: Heav - en o - pened
 Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the
 So the world God’s love might know; This the mis - sion
 Wa - ter in this sav - ing bath: Dy - ing to the



and the Spir - it There de - scend - ed like a
 feet of Je - sus, Bring - ing news of peace to
 of Mes - si - ah As He stepped from Jor - dan’s
 sin of Ad - am, Ris - ing to a life of



dove, As the Fa - ther’s voice re - sound - ed,
 us, Christ, the her - ald of sal - va - tion,
 stream, He, the cho - sen and a - noint - ed
 grace; We are count - ed with the righ - teous,



“Hear My Son, the One I love.”
 Preach - ing mer - cy from the cross:
 Son of God, sent to re - deem.
 O - ver us the cross You trace.

Please stand...

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

P Let us profess our faith together...

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes:

"...Lord, in Your mercy:"

Congregational response:

"hear our prayer!")

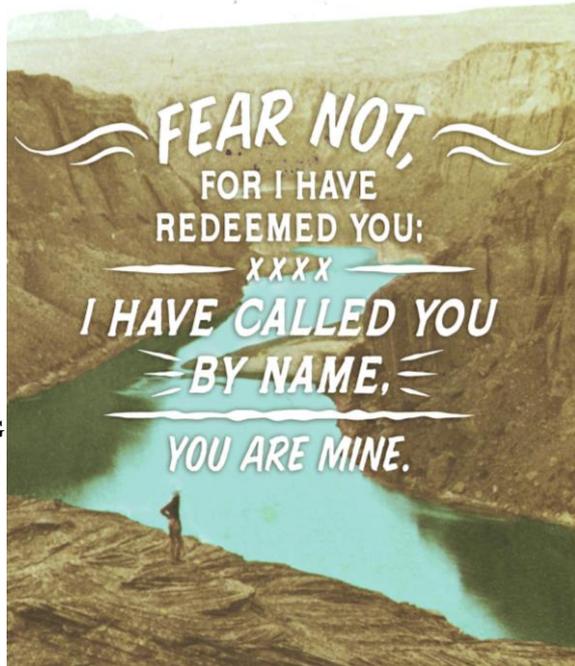
SHARING THE PEACE

(We greet one another in the Name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation/unity of the Spirit.)

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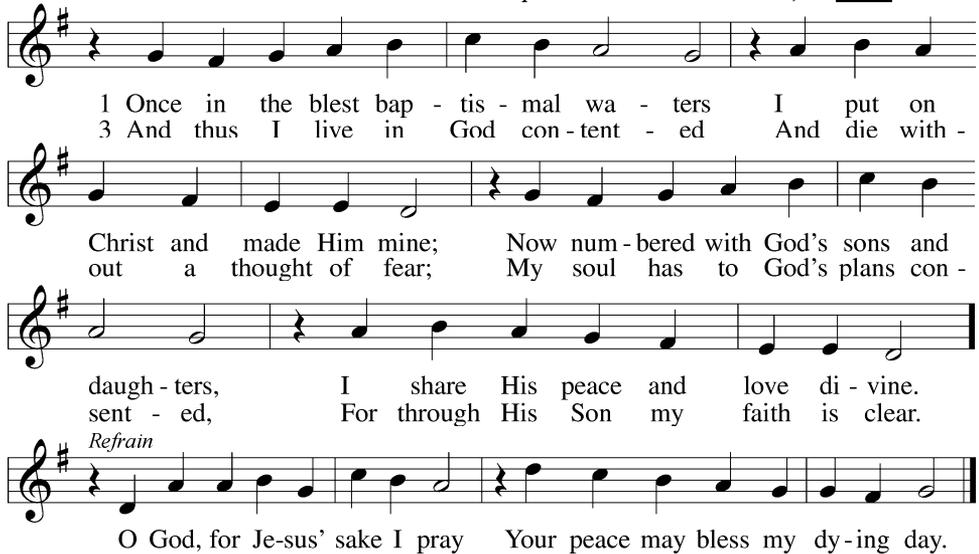
OFFERING / MUSICAL OFFERING

(As the Offering is gathered, please sign the attendance folder near the center aisle and pass to the person sitting next to you.)



Please stand...

OFFERTORY HYMN “Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters” stz. 1, 3 **LSB 598**



1 Once in the blest bap - tis - mal wa - ters I put on
3 And thus I live in God con - tent - ed And die with -
Christ and made Him mine; Now num - bered with God's sons and
out a thought of fear; My soul has to God's plans con -
daugh - ters, I share His peace and love di - vine.
sent - ed, For through His Son my faith is clear.

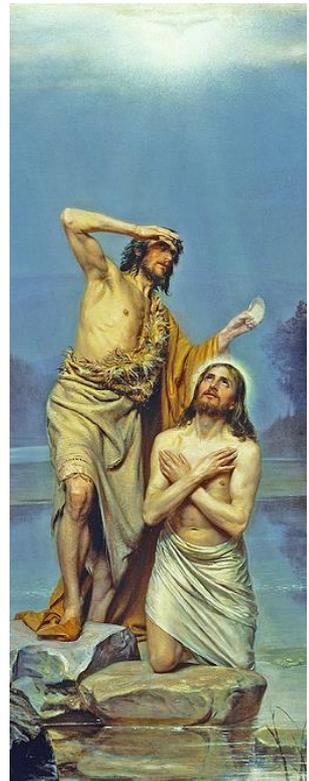
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O God, for Je - sus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy - ing day.

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CLOSING RESPONSES AND COLLECT

- P** Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!
- C** For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD
endures forever.
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His Name;
- C** bring an offering, and come into His courts!
- P** 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 that we
may live out each day without fear in our
baptismal grace; through the same Jesus Christ,
our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

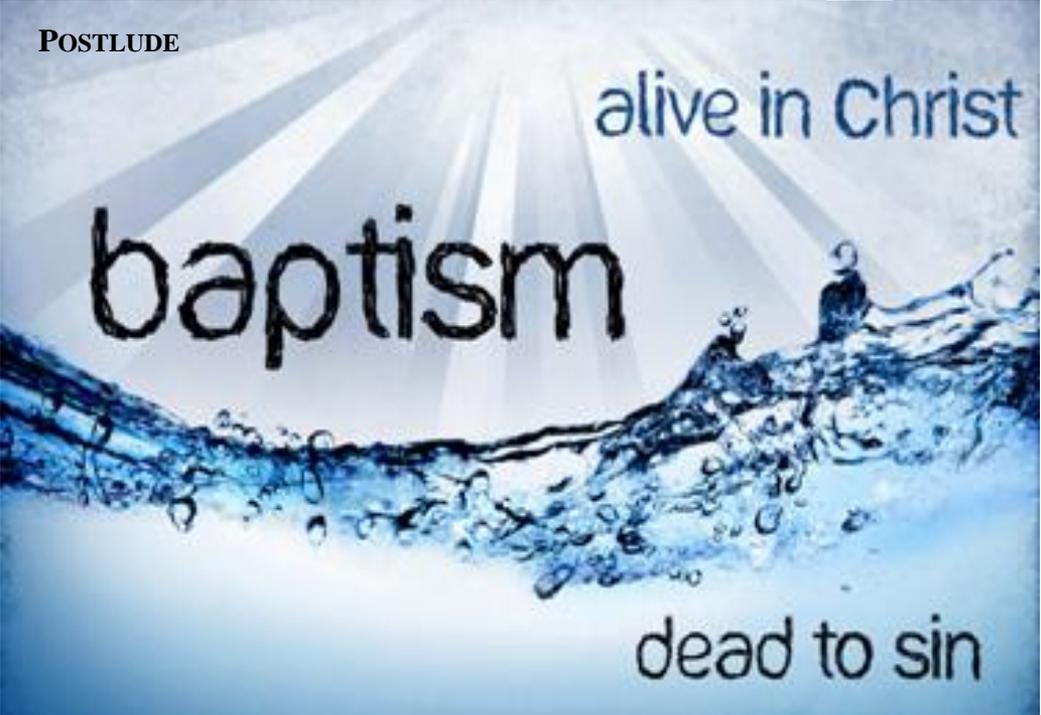
- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and 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.**

BENEDICTION

- P** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- C** **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.**
- P** Walk in the newness of life you have been given by the Father, who has called you by name and made you His own in Jesus Christ!
- C** **May the voice of the LORD bless us always so that we may live with no fear.**
- 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.

CLOSING HYMN “*God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*” **LSB 594** →

POSTLUDE



baptism

alive in Christ

dead to sin



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
 5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -
 did re - lease me In a dear for -
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Baptism

*We are buried with him by baptism into death; that like
as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father,
even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

ROMANS 6:4



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with appreciation*

for His gift of Baptism!

