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*St. John's Lutheran Church is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.*

**Today** the paraments are green as we focus on our Life in Christ. During this half of the year, the readings look more at Jesus' teaching for us than at the major events in His life and death for us.

**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John's as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

**The bulletin insert** contains explanation and discussion of the articles of the Augsburg Confession, presented in 1530. You can find the text of the Augsburg Confession in the Book of Concord, available from Concordia Publishing House, or online at [bookofconcord.org](http://bookofconcord.org).

Last Sunday, September 12, 2021:

Attendance: 69 / 5 (livestream connections)  
Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 13 / 18 / 3  
Offerings: \$1450 / \$118 / \$715 (electronic)

## Happening at St. John's:

**Directory Pictures** are on hold while we figure out what we are doing!

**From Paula Scheperle:** I would like to say thank you for all of the well wishes, thoughts, prayers, and get well messages from everyone. I wanted to share a quick update with you. The treatments are doing what they should so far and Pastor and I are grateful. The goal is to suppress my immune system so that eventually it will reset itself and I can get back to normal. It looks like it is an 18 month plan. So in the meantime I have been instructed to be very careful around anyone who may be sick with any virus, or contagious bug, as I won't have an immune system to fight it off. I will be avoiding most situations where I come in contact with larger groups of people. So while I may not be physically present with you my heart, thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, Paula.

**PROVIDING ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT ON THE FRONT LINES...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Growing Up in Nazi Germany and Communist East Germany; A Theology of the Body; St. Michael and All Angels; Vaccine Mandates and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**“God has put us in our roles** as life-affirming Lutherans in this place at this time. We must continue despite the world's resistance. We must lean on God because He will support us. We must remember He has the words of eternal life!” *Virginia Flo, Regional Director of Minnesota and National Conference Director, Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

### **This week:**

Sunday, 9/19	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service Ladies' Aid meeting
Monday, 9/20	4pm	Confirmation
Wed, 9/22	10:30	Chapel at Calvary LHS
	7pm	Lifelight
Sunday, 9/26	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service

## **CALVARY INSIDER – Here's What Is Going On!**

- The Senior class led chapel on Wednesday around the school year theme: "Love that Conquers; Hope that Endures." September Family group meetings followed.
- Students helped at the Special Olympics event on Friday.
- Drama practice began this week. Save the date for performances of "The Curious Savage" on October 29 and 30!

**LAST WEEK FOR FALL MUMS** – Calvary students are selling \$10 certificates for beautiful 9" potted mums. The certificates can be purchased from a Calvary student or picked up from the office and redeemed at Trinklein's Greenhouse. You can also get your mums directly from Trinklein's (no certificate needed) located at 7518 Tanner Bridge Rd. Call Diane Trinklein with questions, 573-619-3079. Mums can be picked up through THIS SATURDAY, Sept. 25. Limited to quantity on hand – while supplies last!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** - Calvary is seeking a mission-minded individual to fill the stipend position of Head Girls Basketball Coach. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled and may be submitted to Calvary at 2525 Route B, Jefferson City, MO 65101. For more information, please contact Erich Ahlers at 573-638-0228 or [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org).

**READY FOR HIGH SCHOOL?** – In a world of competing philosophies and never-ending "breaking news" cycles, a Christ-centered worldview and critical thinking skills are imperative. These two qualities are prioritized daily at Calvary and we want to pass on helpful strategies to all 8th graders preparing to take the next step. Join us 11:30-2:30 on Tuesday, October 11 as Calvary hosts "Survive & Thrive," a half-day event focused on high school readiness. Contact John Christman (573-638-0228) with your interest in attending this dynamic event.

**RASA ORCHARD APPLES FOR SALE** – The Fall Apple Sale is underway! We offer four varieties of apples: Fuji, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith and Red Delicious. Order sizes range from ½ peck to a full bushel and apple butter is available. The deadline for ordering is Friday, October 8 with a tentative delivery date of the weekend of October 23 (weather dependent). Profits from these sales are used to support all Calvary school programs through its Booster Association. Order forms are available in the school office or online. Contact the school at [638-0228](tel:573-638-0228) to place your order.

**LION ATHLETICS** – Home sporting events for the week of Sept. 19:

- Sept 20 - Soccer v. Battle, 4:30pm
- Lion athletes hit the road this week for several away games!

For more dates to support your Calvary Lions, check out our Google calendar or our website: [www.calvarylhs.org/events](http://www.calvarylhs.org/events).

# Confession and Absolution

## 725 Children of the Heavenly Father

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

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

## Exhortation

*LSB 184*

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**Commit your way | to the LORD,\*  
trust in him, and | he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.

**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\***  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries  
out evil de- | vices!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

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

### Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill 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, heav'nly 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 and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Jeremiah 11:18–20*

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”

<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 3:13—4:10*

<sup>13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the

wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia**

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**Holy Gospel**

*Mark 9:30–37*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene 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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

## 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the\_unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.



- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?
- 4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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## Sermon

### *Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 192*

- C** 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.

## Presentation of Offering

## Prayer of the Church

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For humility, that God—who opposes the proud and gives grace to the humble—would help us to submit to Him and resist the devil, that he would flee from us, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For our Synod's leaders and all pastors, teachers, missionaries and chaplains, that the Lord would give them the wisdom that comes down from above, making them peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere; and that they would sow among us in peace, yielding a harvest of righteousness, especially for Pastor Fields, missionary Vance Becker, and military chaplains David Edwards, Joel Giese, Lincoln Winter, and Winston Grieser, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the Holy Spirit would pacify our passions, and that we would not be ruled by the jealousy and selfish ambition that give rise to disorder and every vile practice, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** That the Lord would uphold this world in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that the Lord would bless parents and children in service toward each other and faith until life's end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the members of this congregation, that God would protect and guide each of them, that all may be faithful through blessing and adversity, especially for Palmer Ott (9/19) and Lydia Meller (9/24) and Clint & Abby Distler (9/22) as they celebrate birthdays and anniversary, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the sick and those in any need, [especially Lois Belshe, Carolyn Walker, Cindy Eggen, Esther Heidbreder, Paula Scheperle, and H.F Seidel], let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who draw near to the altar today, that in repentance, with cleansed hands and purified hearts, we may receive Christ, who draws near to us in His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** O Lord of hosts, grant that what we ask from You may not be squandered after our passions, but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them to service for You and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

## Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

LSB 195

**C** 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

LSB 162

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

- 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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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

LSB 197

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

## Agnus Dei

LSB 198

- G** 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. Amen.

*Sit*

## Distribution

### 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,  
Turned away God's wrath forever;  
By His bitter grief and woe  
He saved us from the evil foe.
- 2 As His pledge of love undying,  
He, this precious food supplying,  
Gives His body with the bread,  
And with the wine the blood He shed.
- 3 Jesus here Himself is sharing;  
Heed then how you are preparing,  
For if you do not believe,  
His judgment then you shall receive.
- 4 Praise the Father, who from heaven  
To His own this food has given,  
Who, to mend what we have done,  
Gave into death His only Son.

- 5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken  
That this food is to be taken  
By the sick who are distressed,  
By hearts that long for peace and rest.
- 6 Agony and bitter labor  
Were the cost of God's high favor;  
Do not come if you suppose  
You need not Him who died and rose.
- 7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,  
And receive My grace and favor:  
Those who feel no pain or ill  
Need no physician's help or skill.
- 8 "For what purpose was My dying  
If not for your justifying?  
And what use this precious food  
If you yourself were pure and good?"
- 9 If your heart this truth professes  
And your mouth your sin confesses,  
You will be your Savior's guest,  
Be at His banquet truly blest.
- 10 Let this food your faith so nourish  
That its fruit of love may flourish  
And your neighbor learn from you  
How much God's wondrous love can do.

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## 845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

- 1 Where charity and love prevail  
There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love  
By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear  
His charity we learn;  
Let us with heart and mind and soul  
Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other's faults  
As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well  
In Christian holiness.

- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;  
Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek;  
Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst  
Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined  
We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan  
That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all  
Whose Father is the same.

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## Distribution Hymn

*Stand*

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

### The Dismissal

*LSB 199*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart  $\text{✠}$  in peace.
- C** Amen.

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

- C** 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.

### Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

### Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten 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 may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your

Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

- 1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!
- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my Baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!

- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.
- 5 There is nothing worth comparing  
To this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!

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