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January 8, 2023    †    The Baptism of Our Lord

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

**Today** the paraments are white as we celebrate the Baptism of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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. Gluten-free wafers are available; speak with Pastor or an elder prior to worship. (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**).

Last Sunday, January 1, 2023:

Attendance: 50 / 4 (livestream)

Offerings: \$1865 / \$165 / \$336 (electronic)

## Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

**THANK YOU** – Calvary is blessed by everyone who supports us through prayer, words of encouragement, and financial gifts. As we begin the season of Epiphany, we join with the Magi to know more about our newborn King and Messiah so that we can share the good news with the world.

**CALVARY INSIDER** – What happened at Calvary in the past week?

- We had a wonderful turn out on Tuesday for Parent/Teacher Conferences to share first semester successes and set goals for the second semester.
- Pastor Whittle led chapel on Wednesday sharing a message about Epiphany.
- 6 Girls Basketball teams competed in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Calvary Basketball Tournament on Friday and Saturday. Go Lions!

**LION ATHLETICS** – Upcoming home sporting events:

- Calvary Archery Tournament – Thurs., Jan. 12 through Sat., Jan. 14

**FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Missouri allows private K-12 tuition to be paid from a 529 fund. This is a great opportunity for families (or extended family) to contribute specifically to a student's education through state-tax deductible contributions. Qualified withdrawals for tuition expenses can happen now or well into the future. Call John Christman (638-0228) or your financial advisor today to learn more.

**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO VOLUNTEER MORE?** With countless ways to help *Build Christian Leaders* at Calvary, where could your gifts be a blessing to students and families? We have opportunities to serve by:

- volunteering at Calvary's Gift – contact John Meisel at 821-8875
- serving on the Golf Tournament Committee – first meeting is this Tues, Jan 10 at 5:30
- helping with our annual dinner auction— contact Erich Ahlers with your interest
- other day-to-day opportunities i.e. handyman or handy ma'am projects.

Where do your passions lie? We would love to have you *Build Christian Leaders* with us! Contact John Christman ([administrator@calvarylhs.org](mailto:administrator@calvarylhs.org)) to get more details!

**POSITION AVAILABLE** – Calvary is seeking a mission-minded head golf coach for the 2023 Spring season. Resumes are being accepted now. Applicants must have a four-year college degree if they have not served as an assistant coach for two years. Interested individuals should contact Erich Ahlers, [principal@calvarylhs.org](mailto:principal@calvarylhs.org) or Kerri Morris, [athletics@calvarylhs.org](mailto:athletics@calvarylhs.org) or call 573-638-0228. Resumes will be accepted until the position is filled.

**SAVE THE DATE** –

Jan. 27 Homecoming Basketball Games

Feb. 3-4 Calvary Boys Basketball Tournament

Feb. 9 Discover Calvary Day (7<sup>th</sup> grade students invited.)

## Happening at St. John's:

**Annual Voters' meeting** will be on Sunday, January 15 following a potluck dinner. Chicken from Schulte's will be provided; please bring a side or dessert. Nominations so far for boards are:

Elder – Tim Meller

Trustee – Donn Schmoeger

Evangelism – Patty Ott

Sunday School – Sara Kautsch

Finance – Marla Young

**“When an abortion is performed,** we proclaim that we know better than God. We disregard His wisdom, for He taught us that we should never kill innocent human beings. We proclaim that we do not want or need a gift from God. And in doing so, we seek to make ourselves more powerful than God. We seek to make ourselves God.” *Archbishop Samuel Aquila – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS...**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 subjects include: Biblical Archeology's Top Discoveries of 2022, The Secularization of the West, The Wedding at Cana, Jesus Calls the First Disciples and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

### **This week:**

Sunday, 1/8      9am      Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am      Divine Service

Wed, 1/11      4:30      Confirmation Class

Thurs, 1/12      7pm      Adult Information Class

Sunday, 1/15      9am      Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF  
                         10am      Divine Service  
                         Potluck & Voters' Meeting

# Confession and Absolution

## 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.
  
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.
  
- 3 He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.
  
- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.
  
- 5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—

That name to us is Love.

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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 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*

my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.  
 I will tell of | the decree.\*  
 The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have be- | gotten you.  
 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
 and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.  
 You shall break them with a | rod of iron\*  
 and dash them in pieces like a potter's | vessel."  
 Now therefore, O | kings, be wise;\*  
 be warned, O rulers | of the earth.  
 Serve the | LORD with fear,\*  
 and rejoice with | trembling,  
 for his wrath is quickly | kindled.\*  
 Blessèd are all who take ref- | uge in him.  
**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.**  
 Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
 my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

## Kyrie

### 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.  
 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3a</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia

*LSB 190*

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 3:13–17*

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

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

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

#### **406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

- 1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,  
To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'nly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.
- 2 O hear and mark the message well,  
For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell  
And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows  
Pure water, freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows  
Our kinship while bestowing  
The Baptism of His blessing.
- 3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,

Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My beloved Son,  
In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and Him alone,  
And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."

4 There stood the Son of God in love,  
His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove  
Upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us,  
With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus  
Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain 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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## Sermon

*Stand*

### Offertory / Presentation of Offering

*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.

### Prayer of the Church

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all the baptized, that having been united to Christ's death and resurrection through water and the Word, we may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit and equipped with His gifts to live the new life given us by God's gracious act, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who proclaim Jesus Christ, that through their godly message, many would repent of their sins and join Him in His heavenly kingdom, especially for Pastor Lange, missionaries Jennifer Rajek, Tom Park, and Martin Dicke, and military chaplains Chad Boggs and Ronald Martin, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For families, that the Lord would bless all parents, especially mothers, to joyfully acknowledge the gifts of spouse, children and home; and for the elderly, the widowed and the orphaned, that our heavenly Father would show forth His grace to them so they would not feel alone, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the rulers of the nations, [*especially President Biden, President Putin, and President Zelenskyy* \_\_\_\_\_], that they would submit to the preaching of God's Word and acknowledge Jesus as the Christ and true King, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those threatened by natural disaster, dangerous weather, pestilence, flood or famine, that our God who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, would provide all that is needed for this body and life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all of God's children, that they would continue to recognize the many gifts of the Lord and give thanks, especially for Brad Plaster (1/9) and Abby Distler (1/12) as they celebrate another year of the Lord's blessings, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For those in need of healing and deliverance, [*including Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, Addy Beinlich, Cindy Eggen, Troy Schepmann, and Donn Schmoeger* \_\_\_\_\_,] that God would provide healing, restoration and justice according to His good and gracious will; and that He would cause us to rejoice in the everlasting faithfulness of Christ, His Servant, who preserves the bruised reed and the faintly burning wick, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For all who partake of Holy Communion today, that living as those who have been crucified with Christ in Baptism and raised to newness of life, we would receive with repentant hearts His body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, You have called Your Church from every tribe and nation. Grant that Your people throughout the world would rejoice in the death and resurrection of Christ and live as those who have died and risen with Him in Holy Baptism; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and 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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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.  
**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

- C** 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.

## Distribution

### 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

- 1 Jesus Christ, our blessèd 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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### 370 What Child Is This

- 1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

- 2 Why lies He in such mean estate  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

- 3 So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own Him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby;  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

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### 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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### *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 ☩ 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.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this  
salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us  
through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;  
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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,  
Enlighten those who sit in night;  
Let those afar now hear Your voice  
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace  
The souls now lost in error's maze;  
Enlighten those whose inmost minds

Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

- 3 O gently call those gone astray  
That they may find the saving way!  
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed  
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
  
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;  
Recall the wand'ers to Your fold.  
Unite all those who walk apart;  
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
  
- 5 That they with us may evermore  
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore  
And endless praise to You be giv'n  
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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