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January 11, 2026  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 rejoice that Jesus came to bless the water of Holy Baptism, that we who are baptized might be made Holy like Him.

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**).

Sunday, January 4, 2026:

Attendance: 73 (5 livestream)
Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF: 8 / 16 / 3
Offerings: \$2210 / \$198 / \$170 (electronic)

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary after returning from break?

- On Monday, students and their families met with teachers for Parent Teacher Conferences to share the wins of 1st semester and plan for 2nd semester.
- Wednesday Chapel was led by Pastor Pierce. He shared a message on Baptism and our identity in Christ.
- Following chapel, 11 alumni from the past four graduating classes spoke with current students about college experiences and entering the work force.
- Our Lady Lions played hard in the 14th annual basketball tournament! Go Lions!

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT at CALVARY BASKETBALL: Middle school students (grades 5-8) are invited to attend the Calvary varsity basketball games Tuesday, Feb 3rd beginning at 6 PM. 5th-8th graders wearing a Calvary shirt OR a shirt representing their current school will receive free admission. Come out, rep your school and cheer for the Lions!

DISCOVER CALVARY DAY! – The Calvary Student ambassadors are looking forward to a Visit Day event on February 5th! This day is intended for 7th grade students to discover the advantages of a Lutheran high school education and the many opportunities available at Calvary. If you know a 7th grader (or 8th grader that has not attended before) who would benefit from knowing more about the Calvary experience, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 for more information.

CALVARY BLOOD DRIVE – Mark your calendars for the next Calvary blood drive on Tuesday, February 23, from 1-6 PM in the Café at Calvary Lutheran High School. Please consider donating to help save a life!

SAVE THE DATE: BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT – Calvary's 22nd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament will be Friday, May 29th at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton. Flights will begin at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Start putting your team together now for a fun day supporting students at Calvary Lutheran High School! Planning for this event begins THIS WEEK. If you are interested in helping to prepare for this event, contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 to learn more.

UPCOMING EVENTS –

Jan. 15-17	Calvary Archery Tournament
Jan 30	Homecoming Basketball Games, 6PM
Feb. 3	Middle School Night at Calvary Basketball Games
Feb. 5	Discover Calvary Day (7 th Grade Visit Day)
Feb. 6-7	Calvary Boys Basketball Tournament
Feb 20-21	Winter One Act Performances

Happening at St. John's:

How Can You Serve? Consider what you can do to support the mission of St. John's – both within the congregation and to the community around us. At next week's voters' meeting, we will be electing people to fill the following positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one person on each of the following boards: Elders, Evangelism, Sunday School, Finance, and Trustees.

Calvary's Gift needs help! The store continues to grow, supporting Calvary, but needs more workers to meet the demands. There are various opportunities in the front and back of the store, and at various times. Even a couple of hours given regularly would make a huge difference! Text 573-338-2442 to schedule an interview appointment.

"A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on." *Carl Sandburg – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

This week:

Sunday, 1/11	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Fellowship
		Ministry Update from Heit's Point Lutheran Camp
	5pm	Confirmation Class
Tues, 1/13	7pm	Lutheran Basics
Fri, 1/16	7pm	Church Council
Sunday, 1/18	9am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF
	10am	Divine Service
		Calvary Brunch (hosted by Ladies' Aid)
		Annual Voters' Meeting

The Water Made Holy by Jesus

Today, we celebrate The Baptism of Our Lord. Barely more than two weeks have passed since we celebrated Jesus' birth, but He was baptized by John around 30 years later. Though the exact date is unknown, we celebrate it now because it is the next major event in Jesus' life and ministry.

When Jesus asked John to be baptized, John seemed taken aback. John was baptizing "for the repentance of sins," and the Son of God would be without sin. Why should Jesus be numbered with the sinners, with those He came to save? What in Him needed cleansing?

Clearly (to those of us who have been given faith by the Holy Spirit to see and know), Jesus did not need to be cleansed or forgiven of any sin of His own. But Jesus came to bear the sins of the world. He came, as Paul wrote, to be made sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), "so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

In a sense, when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, He took on Himself then the sins that would be washed away in your own baptism. In Holy Baptism, Jesus became the sinner so that through Holy Baptism, you would become the saint. It is the place and means of His glorious exchange. For, as Paul also wrote (Romans 6:4), "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."

As we celebrate Jesus' baptism, it is important that we remember it not merely as a historical event, but as the event which prepared the way for you to receive His gifts of faith and the Holy Spirit through the waters of Holy Baptism (Acts 2:38). As we celebrate Jesus' baptism, it is a celebration of the baptism of each one of us, as we were each united to Him and made a part of His kingdom.

Confession and Absolution

346 When All the World Was Cursed

- 1 When all the world was cursed
By Moses' condemnation,
Saint John the Baptist came
With words of consolation.
With true forerunner's zeal
The greater One he named,
And Him, as yet unknown,
As Savior he proclaimed.
- 2 Before he yet was born,
He leaped in joyful meeting,
Confessing Him as Lord
Whose mother he was greeting.
By Jordan's rolling stream,
A new Elijah bold,
He testified of Him
Of whom the prophets told:
- 3 Behold the Lamb of God
That bears the world's transgression,
Whose sacrifice removes
The devil's dread oppression.
Behold the Lamb of God,
Who takes away our sin,
Who for our peace and joy
Will full atonement win.
- 4 O grant, dear Lord of love,
That we receive, rejoicing,
The word proclaimed by John,
Our true repentance voicing,
That gladly we may walk
Upon our Savior's way
Until we live with Him
In His eternal day.

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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’ly 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

¹Behold 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.
²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
 or make it heard in the street;
³a bruised reed he will not break,
 and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
 he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged
 till he has established justice in the earth;
 and the coastlands wait for his law.
⁵Thus 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:
⁶“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,
⁷to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸I am the LORD; that is my name;
 my glory I give to no other,
 nor my praise to carved idols.
⁹Behold, 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*

¹What 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.

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.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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; ¹⁷and 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.

Apostles' Creed

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.

Sit

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

- 1 To Jordan's river came our Lord,
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,
The God from God, the Light from Light,
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.
- 2 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.
- 3 As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.
- 4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound
Came God's own voice with words profound:
"This is My Son," was His decree,

“The one I love, who pleases Me.”

5 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.

6 Now rise, faint hearts, be resolute;
This man is Christ, our substitute!
He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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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 In thanksgiving for the revelation of Jesus Christ to us in His wondrous Epiphany in the Jordan, and for the revelation of God’s name and blessing to us in Holy Baptism, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all the baptized children of God, that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life, 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; for Pastor Evandro Kopper (St. Paul, California), Pastor Rocco Mallardi (Heit’s Point), missionary Tom Park, and military

chaplains Justin Krupsky, Chad Boggs, and Ronald Martin, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the family, especially all Christian homes; for husbands and wives, that God would turn them toward one another in love; for fathers and mothers, that God would equip them for their holy duty as teachers of the faith; and for all children, that God would preserve them in the saving faith and certain promises of their Baptism unto life everlasting, especially for Abby Distler (1/12), Camryn Paull (1/16), and all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the rulers of the nations, 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 all those bruised and afflicted in spirit, *[especially Cindy Eggen, Marguerite Young, and Beth Depke]*, that Christ would be a servant to them in their hour of need and bring them out of their afflictions, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who have received Holy Baptism, that they would treasure this heavenly gift and so receive the body and blood of Christ for their forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That we who have died to this world in Holy Baptism would ever more and more live in the resurrected life of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself with the Holy Spirit in the fullness of grace at the Baptism of Your dear Son. With Your voice, You directed us to the One who has borne our sins, that we may receive grace and forgiveness. Keep us, we implore You, in the true faith. Since we have been baptized in accordance with Your command and the example of Your Son, strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; 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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger 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.

Sit

Distribution

623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray
That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine
Enrich us with Your grace divine.
- 2 Give us, who share this wondrous food,

Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

- 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold
To seize the gift of love retold;
All that You are we here receive,
And all we are to You we give.
- 4 One bread, one cup, one body, we,
Rejoicing in our unity,
Proclaim Your love until You come
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.
- 5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:
O keep us steadfast till that day
When each will be Your welcomed guest
In heaven's high and holy feast.

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590 Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

- 1 Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.
- 2 My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat'ning clouds around I see.
- 3 My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.
- 4 All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.

Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.

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411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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

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

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

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

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394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;

Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

- 3 Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.
- 4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.
- 5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.

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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 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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