The Baptism of Our Lord
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596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized *sts. 1–3, 5–6*

1 All Christians who have been baptized,
Who know the God of heaven,
And in whose daily life is prized
The name of Christ once given:
Consider now what God has done,
The gifts He gives to ev'ryone
Baptized into Christ Jesus!

2 You were before your day of birth,
Indeed, from your conception,
Condemned and lost with all the earth,
None good, without exception.
For like your parents' flesh and blood,
Turned inward from the highest good,
You constantly denied Him.

3 But all of that was washed away—
Immersed and drowned forever.
The water of your Baptism day
Restored again whatever
Old Adam and his sin destroyed
And all our sinful selves employed
According to our nature.

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

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

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."
The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation.
But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P How are you named?

R *[Name]*

P *[Name]*, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.
We pray that You would behold *[name(s)]* according to Your boundless mercy and bless *[him/her/them]* with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in *[him/her/them]*, which has been inherited from Adam and which *[he himself / she herself / they themselves]* *[has/have]* committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that *[he/she/they]* be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, *[he/she/they]* would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve *[name of candidate(s)]* as sponsors in the Christian faith?

℟ *Yes, with the help of God.*
℗ God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
ℂ **Amen.**
℗ Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.
℗ This is the Word of the Lord.
ℂ **Thanks be to God.**

Lord's Prayer

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 Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✢ forevermore.
ℂ **Amen.**
℗ *[Name(s)]*, do you renounce the devil?
℟ *Yes, I renounce him.*
℗ Do you renounce all his works?
℟ *Yes, I renounce them.*
℗ Do you renounce all his ways?
℟ *Yes, I renounce them.*
℗ Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
℟ *Yes, I believe.*
℗ Do you believe 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?
℟ *Yes, I believe.*
℗ Do you 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?
℟ *Yes, I believe.*
℗ *[Name]*, do you desire to be baptized?
℟ *Yes, I do.*
℗ *[Name]*, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ℂ **Amen.**
℗ The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✢ everlasting.
ℂ **Amen.**
℗ Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
℗ Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.
𝔸 In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you *[a member / members]* of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *[an heir / heirs]* with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our *[brother(s)/sister(s)]* in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
ℂ **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**
℗ Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted *[name(s)]* the new birth in Holy Baptism and made *[him/her/them]* *[a member / members]* of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and *[an heir / heirs]* of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as *[he/she/they]* *[has/have]* now become Your *[child/children]*, You would keep *[him/her/them]* in *[his/her/their]* baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure *[he/she/they]* may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
ℂ **Amen.**
℗ Peace ✢ be with you.
ℂ **Amen.**

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 begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.
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 refuge in him.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Kyrie *LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 154*

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
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.**

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 42:1–9*

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle Reading *Romans 6:1–11*

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**
Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel Reading *Matthew 3:13–17*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Message

405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord *sts. 1, 3–6*

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.

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 "Life or Death" Romans 6:1-11

Offering

Offertory *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Prayer of the Church

P …Lord, in your mercy:
C **Hear our prayer.**
P …through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C **Amen**

Benediction *LSB 166*

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.**

578 Thy Strong Word *sts. 1, 3, 5–6*

1 **Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;**
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

3 **Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;**
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

5 **Give us lips to sing Thy glory,**
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△ **6** **God the Father, light-creator,**
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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