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## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER TO FIND A HIDING PLACE

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*Sapped of strength by all the frustrations and disappointments of survival in a broken world and of our own self-destructive thoughts and choices, we gather to be recharged by the power of Word and Sacrament.*

### BELLS AND WELCOME

In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,  
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your

Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,  
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to

sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

The musical notation consists of three staves in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, including a repeat sign (double bar line with two dots) before the final phrase. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, ending with a final cadence.

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.  
**Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit (John 3:5,6).**

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us (Psalm 51:5).  
**But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:11).**

My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence-  
 My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of  
 forth your child and heir.  
 all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort  
 me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise  
 Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and  
 sure - ly will en - dure.  
 deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -  
 filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

All that I am and love most dear - ly - Re - ceive it  
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me

all, O Lord, from me.  
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or

own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

**HOLY BAPTISM** (*Saturday*)

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit.

**Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life.**

We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

**FIRST LESSON**

**Titus 3:4-7**, Bible page 1201

*God saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,  
poured on us generously through Jesus Christ.*

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

**Psalm 2**, Hymnal page 65

*The powers and authorities of this world plot and plan, but God has placed Jesus,  
his Anointed One, over all things.*

**GOSPEL LESSON**

**Luke 3:7-22**, Bible page 1028

*John the Baptist's ministry included the baptism of Jesus.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there 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.**

HYMN 89, vv. 1-5

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

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.

The Savior came to be baptized --  
The Son of God in flesh disguised --  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all his promises fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on him from above.

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."

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.

SERMON

Psalm 32, Bible page 553

*Pastor Pete Panitzke*

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jesus Christ, Lord of glory, you delight in making yourself know to us and others.  
**Bring us to recognize and rejoice in your majesty and your ministry.**

In love you chose to exercise your greatest strength to serve us in our greatest need.  
**You revealed the brightness of your glory through humble deeds of love.**

You called ordinary men to do extraordinary things as your disciples and apostles. You also call us confidently to follow you, diligently to learn from you, and lovingly to imitate you.  
**Equip and empower us to serve you and our neighbor faithfully. Use us as your witnesses to bring many throughout the world to the light of your gospel.**

You revealed your glory through mighty signs and wonders. Assure us that you still rule all things in the universe and use them to serve our eternal good. In wise compassion you often exercise your power to help and heal people with physical and emotional needs.  
**Give us courage and compassion to relieve the distress of the hurting, to pray for all according to their needs, and to be content and cheerful when in your wisdom you ask us to endure hardship.**

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

Preserve your truth among us, and by that truth preserve us until you appear in dazzling splendor to bring us to the glory of heaven.

**Let our anticipation of the heavenly kingdom ennoble our thinking and speaking, enrich our conduct, and increase our joy in all aspects of earthly life.**

Hear us, Light of the Gentiles and Glory of Israel.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 299

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.

With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.

CLOSING PRAYER

Precious Savior, you are the Light of the world.  
The message of salvation in your name is meant to bring joy to every heart.  
Send out your light and your truth to all people,  
that every knee may bow before you and every heart worship you as true God.  
We pray in your name, Jesus.  
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.  
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS