



# *Our Baptismal Identity*



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## *Welcome to Holy Trinity*

We're glad you came today to join us in worshiping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the "GUEST" cards in the pews and give them to the ushers or pastor. If you want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor.

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HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.



## THE OFFICE OF MATINS

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-Stand-

### Confession of Sin

**P**ASTOR *Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.*

**A**LL **Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done. Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.**

**P** *The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

-Be seated-

### Hymn • “Baptized in Water”

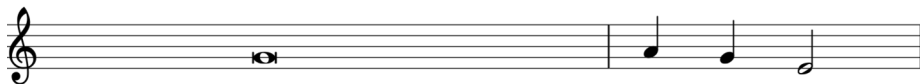
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| <p><b>1. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,<br/>Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King:<br/>Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise,<br/>Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.</b></p> | <p><b>2. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,<br/>Dead in the tomb with Christ our King:<br/>One with his rising, Freed and forgiven,<br/>Thankfully now God’s praise we sing.</b></p> |
| <p><b>3. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,<br/>Marked with the sign of Christ our King:<br/>Born of one Father, We are his children;<br/>Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.</b></p>     |  |

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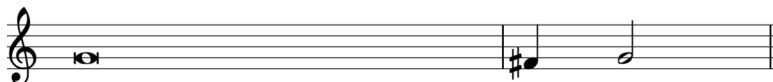
## Versicles

**P** *O Lord, open my lips.*



**C**ONGREGATION And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

**P** *Make haste, O God, to deliver me.*



**C** Make haste to help me, O Lord.

## Gloria Patri ~ Glory to the Father



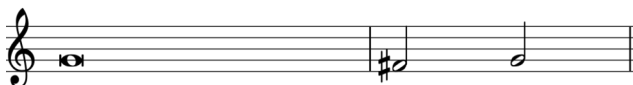
**A** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.



As it was in the beginning, is now and ev-er shall be: for - ev-er-more. A-men.

## Invitatory ~ Invitation to praise God

**P** *O come, let us worship the Lord.*

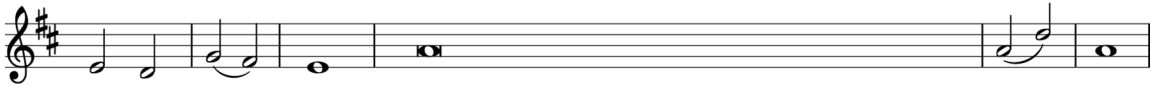


**C** For He is our Mak - er.

## Venite Exultemus ~ Come, let us exalt



**A** O come, let us sing to the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of



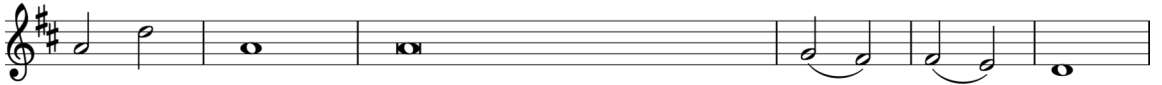
our sal - va - tion. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing



And make a joyful noise to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great



God: And a great King a - bove all gods. In His hands are the deep places



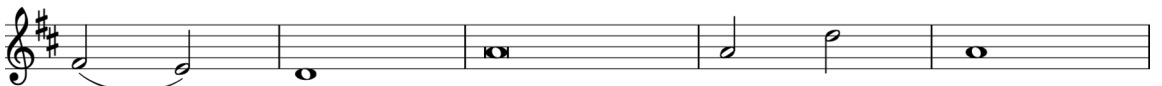
of the earth: The strength of the hills is His al - so.



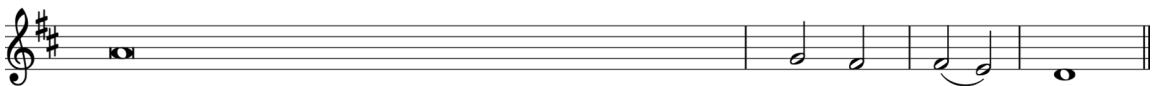
The sea is His, for He made it: And His hands form-ed the dry land.



O come, let us worship and bow down: Let us kneel before the Lord, our



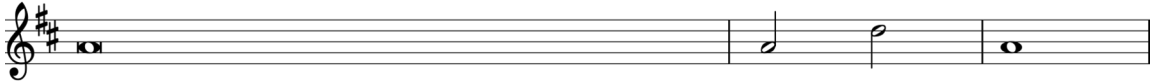
Mak - er. For He is our God:



And we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Ho-ly Ghost;



As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:



For - ev - er - more. A - men.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** *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; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**A** **Amen.**

-Be seated-

## First Reading • 1 Samuel 16:1-13

David was the youngest of eight brothers and a shepherd. Yet, at his anointing, the Lord declared his true identity—future king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons.”

<sup>2</sup> Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’

<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you.”

<sup>4</sup> So Samuel did what the Lord had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, “Do you come in peace?”

<sup>5</sup> He said, “Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup> When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, “Certainly this is the Lord’s anointed.”

<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the Lord does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.”

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.”

<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, “Is that all of the young men?”

Jesse said, “There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes.”

<sup>12</sup> He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The Lord said, “Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one.”

<sup>13</sup> So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the Lord rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

## Psalm 2

*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*

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Why do the nations | *conspire* \*  
and the peoples | *plot in vain?*

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers  
gather together a- | *gainst the Lord* \*  
and against his A- | *nointed One.*

### [Refrain]

The One enthroned in | *heaven laughs;* \*  
the Lord | *scoffs at them.*

Then he rebukes them in his anger  
and terrifies them in his wrath, | *saying,* \*  
"I have installed my King on Zion, my | *holy hill."*

I will proclaim the decree | *of the Lord:* \*  
He said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have become your | *Father."*

**Glor**y 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. | A-men.**

### [Refrain]



## Second Reading • Titus 3:4-7

In the eyes of the world, baptism appears to be just a religious ceremony. St. Paul explains baptism is so much more—a second birth that gives you the identity of God’s child and heir.

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared,<sup>5</sup> he saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit,<sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,<sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

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## Gospel • Luke 3:15-17,21-22

People wondered if John the Baptist was the Messiah. He was a powerful preacher who lived a unique life. But at his baptism, Jesus was identified by his Father as the Anointed One.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ.<sup>16</sup> John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.<sup>17</sup> His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>21</sup>When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened,<sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you.”

## Responsory

☐ *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*



☐ Thanks be to You, O Lord!

## Remembrance of Baptism

**P** *Holy Baptism is the priceless means of grace by which our Father in heaven connects us with Christ in his life, death, and resurrection. The apostle Paul wrote: "All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Again Paul wrote: "All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."*

*In Holy Baptism, God takes away our sins and gives us new life. We reject the devil and confess that we believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*

*I ask you: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?*

**C** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

**P** *Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?*

**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?*

**C** **Yes, 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.**

**P** *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?*

**C** **Yes, 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.**

**P** *Is it your sincere prayer and desire to remain faithful to your Lord Jesus, to value the Word and sacraments, and to live a life that pleases God?*

**C** **Yes, and I ask God to help me.**

**P** *May the eternal God, who saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you to everlasting life.*

**A** **Amen.**

-Be seated-

**Sermon Hymn** • *“To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”*

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| <p>1. To Jordan’s river came our Lord,<br/>The Christ, whom heav’nly hosts adored,<br/>The God from God, the Light from Light,<br/>The Lord of Glory, pow’r, and might.</p> <p>2. The Savior came to be baptized –<br/>The Son of God in flesh disguised –<br/>To stand beneath the Father’s will<br/>And all his promises fulfill.</p> <p>3. As Jesus in the Jordan stood<br/>And John baptized the Lamb of God,<br/>the Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,<br/>Descended on him from above.</p> | <p>4. Then from God’s throne with thund’rous<br/>sound<br/>Came God’s own voice with words<br/>profound:<br/>“This is my Son,” was his decree,<br/>“The one I love, who pleases me.”</p> <p>5. The Father’s word, the Spirit’s flight<br/>Anointed Christ in glorious sight<br/>As God’s own choice, from Adam’s fall<br/>To save the world and free us all.</p> <p>6. Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!<br/>This man is Christ, our substitute!<br/>He was baptized in Jordan’s stream,<br/>Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.</p> |
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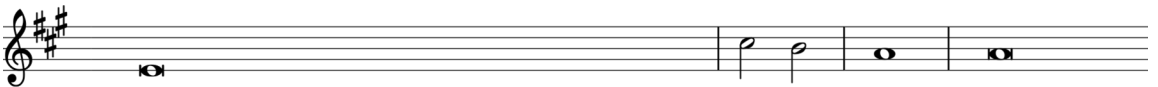
**Sermon** • *Titus 3:4-7*

**God Shows Us His Kindness and Love**

1. By the appearance of His Son.
2. In the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.
3. With the hope of eternal life.

**Offering**

**Te Deum Laudamus** ~ *You, O God, We Praise*



**A** We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord. All creation



worships You, the Father ever - last - ing. To You all angels, all the pow'rs of



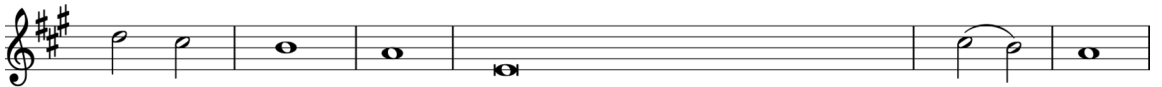
heav'n, Cherubim and seraphim sing in end-less praise: "Holy, holy, holy,



Lord God of heav'nly hosts, heaven and earth are full of Your glo - ry."



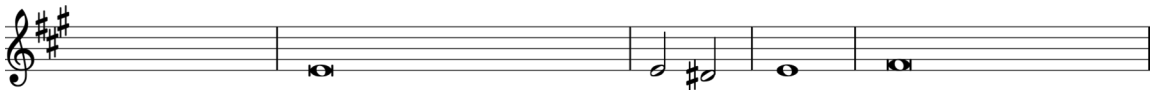
The glorious company of apostles praise You. The noble fellowship of



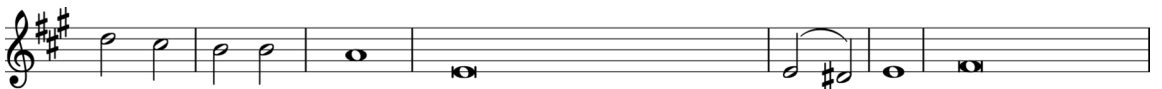
proph-ets praise You. The white-robed army of martyrs praise You.



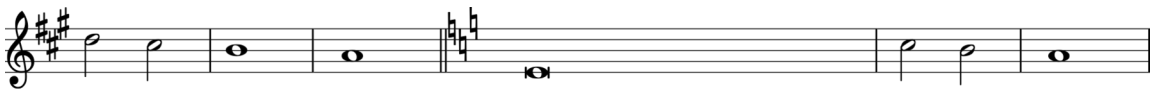
Throughout the world the Ho-ly Church ac - claims You: Father of majesty



unbounded, Your glorious, true, and on - ly Son, And the Holy Spirit,



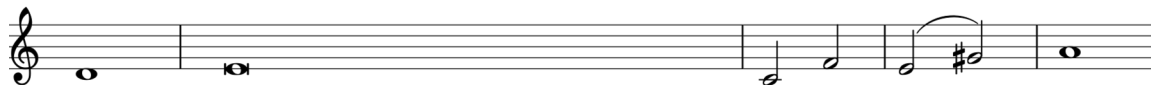
Comfort - er and Guide. You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, The eternal Son



of the Fa - ther. When You became man to set us free,



You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir - gin. You overcame the sting of



death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.



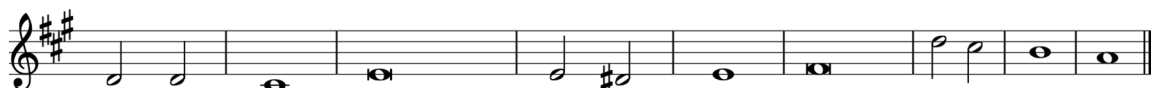
You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther. We believe that



You will come to be our Judge. Come then,



Lord, and help Your peo - ple, Whom You have bought with the price of



Your own blood, And bring us with Your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

-Stand-

### **Kyrie Eleison** ~ *Lord Have Mercy*



**A** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

☩ 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.

### Hymn • 246, "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

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| <p>1. God's own child, I gladly say it:<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>He, because I could not pay it,<br/>Gave my full redemption price.<br/>Do I need earth's treasures many?<br/>I have one worth more than any<br/>That brought me salvation free<br/>Lasting to eternity!</p>      | <p>3. Satan, hear this proclamation:<br/>I am baptized into Christ.<br/>Drop your ugly accusation,<br/>I am not so soon enticed.<br/>Now that to the font I've travelled,<br/>All your might has come unravelled,<br/>And, against your tyranny,<br/>God my Lord unites with me!</p>    |
| <p>2. Sins, disturb my soul no longer;<br/>I am baptized into Christ.<br/>I have comfort even stronger:<br/>Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.<br/>Should a guilty conscience seize me<br/>Since my Baptism did release me<br/>In a dear forgiving flood,<br/>Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?</p> | <p>4. Death, you cannot end my gladness;<br/>I am baptized into Christ!<br/>When I die, I leave all sadness<br/>To inherit Paradise!<br/>Though I lie in dust and ashes<br/>Faith's assurance brightly flashes:<br/>Baptism has the strength divine<br/>To make life immortal mine.</p> |

### Collect ~ Congregation's Prayer

☩ *O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.*



**C** A - men.

### **Benedicamus ~ Call for blessing**

**P** *Let us bless the Lord.*



**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Apostolic Benediction ~ Final blessing for God's people**

**P** *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*



**C** A - men.

-Be seated-

### **Closing Hymn • “All Who Believe and Are Baptized”**

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| <p><b>1. All who believe and are baptized<br/>Shall see the Lord's salvation;<br/>Baptized into the death of Christ,<br/>They are a new creation.<br/>Through Christ's redemption they shall<br/>stand<br/>Among the glorious, heav'nly band<br/>Of ev'ry tribe and nation.</b></p> | <p><b>2. With one accord, O God, we pray:<br/>Grant us your Holy Spirit.<br/>Help us in our infirmity<br/>Through Jesus' blood and merit.<br/>Grant us to grow in grace each day<br/>That by this sacrament we may<br/>Eternal life inherit.</b></p> |
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