



**“Return**  
to your **home,**  
and **declare** how  
much **God** has  
done **for you.”**

Luke 8:39

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**OPENING HYMN            "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"    LSB 594, vv. 1, 2, 4**

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!

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?

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.

**INVOCATION**

As we gather, we remember our Baptism, when the Lord claimed us and adopted us as His own children through water and Word. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**OPENING SENTENCES**

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**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.**

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.**

## CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, like those in Isaiah's day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is not good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.

**On our own, we have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.**

Like those who witnessed the demon-possessed man being freed from his torment, we often prefer Jesus depart from us rather than offer our praise for His power and glory.

**Our guilt, shame, and fear overtake us, and we refuse Your blessings of grace, forgiveness, and new life.**

For the many times we ignore or shatter Your Law and choose to forget who You have called us to be as Your own children,

**forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

In spite of our sin, the Lord gives His grace and good news of hope, promise, and victory. Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, He calls us His children and His heirs to set us free and to live in the victory He has won for us. Through Christ alone we have gained access to His grace by which we now stand. As a called and ordained 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.**

## HYMN

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

LSB 594, vv. 3, 5

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!

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!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. All-present, eternal Holy Spirit, who sustains Your church through trial, safeguards her against temptation, and secures her in the triumph of our Savior, Jesus Christ, produce in Your people the fruits of faithfulness, kept in true worship and service through the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, namely Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

**Isaiah 65:1-9**

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here am I, here am I," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds." Thus says the Lord: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE LESSON**

**Galatians 3:23-4:7**

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

**"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"    LSB 528, vv. 1-2**

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 8:26-39**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” LSB 528, vv. 3-5**

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.

Look unto Him, ye nations; own, Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.

**SERMON**

**“The Fear of God”**

**Pastor Barry**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” LSB 849**

Praise the One who breaks the darkness	Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
With a liberating light;	Christ, who suffered in our place.
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,	Jesus died and rose victorious
Turning blindness into sight.	That we may know God by grace.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,	Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,	Seeing what our God has done;
Calming storms, and feeding thousands	Let us praise the true Redeemer,
With the very Bread of peace.	Praise the One who makes us one.

Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **OFFERING**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Dear heavenly Father, place Your wise hand upon all the nations of the earth, give them leaders who seek after justice and peace, and lead all people to the freedom of Your Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan in their lives. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Empower them to resist Satan's lies with the truth of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



Lord, give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely. Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Look, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering... Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **THE 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.**

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **CLOSING HYMN      "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"      LSB 528, vv. 6-7**

See all your sins on Jesus laid;	To God all glory, praise, and love
The Lamb of God was slain.	Be now and ever giv'n
His soul was once an off'ring made	By saints below and saints above,
For ev'ry soul of man.	The Church in earth and heav'n.

### **SENDING**

#### **THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY!**

If this is your first time at St. John's, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

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## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Paul DeRocher/10 John Spry

Usher Team: 8:30 Mark Asmus/10 Brad Willmsen

Welcome Team: 8:30 Dick and Bonnie Schaefer/10 Steve and Mindi Baker

Tech Crew: 8:30 Jason Eickhoff/10 Julie Bruce

UPCOMING WEEK	
Sunday, June 22	Worship 8:30/10am
	Parents in the Word 9:30am
Monday, June 23	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Tuesday, June 24	Family Faith Night @Veteran's Park 5:30pm
	Discovery Class 5:30pm
Wednesday, June 25	Picnic with Police @ Fireman's Park 5:00pm
Friday, June 27	AA 6:30pm
Sunday, June 29	Worship 8:30/10am
	Parents in the Word 9:30am
	Voters Meeting 11:00am

## **Celebrating Birthdays**

6/22

Alexandra Matzke  
Heidi Sturmfels

6/23

Scott Ewing  
Tom Trost  
Addie Gilmore

6/24

Mallory Kulzer

6/25

Benjamin Wetzel  
Autumn Dart  
Patrick Frederiksen

6/26

Jamie DeBoer  
Elizabeth TeSlaa  
Wendy Roberts  
Mike Dartt  
Bailey Luedtke  
Ben Peterson  
Linnea Peterson

6/27

Aaron Kemnitz  
Deb McLean

6/28

Cindy Pagelkopf  
Gabby Bergo

## **Celebrating Anniversaries**

6/22 Richard and Pat Wrase

6/23 Gregory and Lynda Gentz

6/23 Evan and Faith Hagen

6/26 Kurt and Mary Beussman

6/26 Roger and Janice Narkie

6/26 Bill and Lara Groboski

6/27 Al and Anne Dutcher

6/27 Miles and Wendy Voehl

6/28 Tim and Mary Goltz

6/28 Pastor Al and Barbara Holthus

## **Expectant Moms**

Hannah Herelle  
Courtney Messenger  
Rachel Hubley

Anna Jeurissen  
Hailey Busker  
Jessica Lewis

## **Prayers for Healing and Strength**

Bob DeMaris  
Timmy Rawerts  
Gene Henke  
Ingrid Dixon  
Carol Affeldt

Julie Carver  
Judy Wolff  
Gretchen Laubach  
Pearl Gray  
Jeanette Leiske

Angel Benes  
Kim Bergo  
Joann Mueller  
Jack Boman

