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# **LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS**

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## **BAPTISM OF JESUS**

***Even Jesus needs baptism.***

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# **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

... in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# Gathering Song

## *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters – No. 445*

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daugh-ters, where your cleans-ing wa-ters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nur-ture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your ho-ly wis-dom! Un-im-ag-ined, all your ways!



Num-ber them a-mong your peo-ple; bless as Christ blessed long a-go.  
Let us join your feast, par-tak-ing cup of bless-ing, liv-ing bread.  
To your name be glo-ry, hon-or! With our lives we wor-ship, praise!



Weave them gar-ments bright and spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light.  
God, re-new us, guide our foot-steps; free from sin and all its snares,  
We your peo-ple stand be-fore you, wa-ter-washed and Spir-it-born.



Fill, a-noint them; send your Spir-it, ho-ly dove and heart's de-light.  
one with Christ in liv-ing, dy-ing, by your Spir-it, chil-dren, heirs.  
By your grace, our lives we of-fer. Re-cre-ate us; God, trans-form!

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# **Hymn of Praise**

## ***Glory to God***

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

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.

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

## Psalm 29

<sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the <sup>l</sup> LORD, you gods,  
ascribe to the LORD glo- <sup>l</sup> ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory <sup>l</sup> due God's  
name; worship the LORD in the beau- <sup>l</sup> ty of  
holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God  
of <sup>l</sup> glory thunders;  
the LORD is upon the <sup>l</sup> mighty waters.

**<sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of  
splendour.**

Refrain: ***The voice of the Lord is upon the  
waters.***

**<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;**

**<sup>6</sup>the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**



<sup>7</sup> The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD | shakes the  
wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness  
of Kadesh.**

Refrain: ***The voice of the Lord is upon the  
waters.***

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe  
and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying,  
"Glory!"

**<sup>10</sup> The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king  
for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup> O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

Refrain: ***The voice of the Lord is upon the  
waters.***

# **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Hymn of the Day**  
***Down Galilee's Slow Roadways – No. 916***

**Vs. 1** Down Galilee's slow roadways a stranger  
traveled on  
from Nazareth to Jordan to be baptized by John.  
He went down to the waters like soldier, scribe, and  
slave,  
but there within the river the sign was birth and grave.

**Vs. 2** Arising from the river he saw the heavens torn;  
it seemed the sky so open revealed the Spirit's form.  
The holy dove descended amid a glorious voice:  
"You are my own beloved, my child, my heart, my  
choice."

**Vs. 3** We too have found a roadway; it led us to this  
place.  
We all have had to travel in search of hope and grace.  
But now beside this water again a voice is heard.  
"You are my own, my chosen, beloved of your Lord."

# **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*



who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of  
sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## **Peace Sharing**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering Song**  
***O Blessed Spring* – No. 447**

**Vs. 1** O blessed spring, where word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life-giving Tree.

**Vs. 2** Through summer heat of youthful years,  
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,  
the boughs will shout for joy again.

**Vs. 3** When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

**Vs. 4** As winter comes, as winters must,  
we breathe our last, return to dust;  
still held in Christ, our souls take wing  
and trust the promise of the spring.

**Vs. 5** Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,  
be praised for this blest mystery:  
that word and water thus revive  
and join us to your Tree of Life.

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# Great Thanksgiving

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

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

# **Holy**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.



# **Thanksgiving Prayer**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **The 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

# **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Songs**  
***Taste and See – No. 493***

**Refrain:** Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**Vs. 1** I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me.

**Refrain:** Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**Vs. 2** Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free.

**Refrain:** Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.

Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

**Vs. 3** Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust.

**Refrain:** Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

# ***I Bind unto Myself Today* – No. 450**

**Vs. 1** I bind unto myself today  
the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three.



**Vs. 2** I bind this day to me forever,  
by pow'r of faith, Christ's incarnation,  
his baptism in the Jordan River,  
his cross of death for my salvation,  
his bursting from the spiced tomb,  
his riding up the heav'nly way,  
his coming at the day of doom,  
I bind unto myself today.

**Vs. 3** I bind unto myself today  
the virtues of the starlit heaven,  
the glorious sun's life-giving ray,  
the whiteness of the moon at even,  
the flashing of the lightning free,  
the whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
the stable earth, the deep salt sea,  
around the old eternal rocks.

**Vs. 4** Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

**Vs. 5** I bind unto myself the name,  
the strong name of the Trinity  
by invocation of the same,  
the Three in One and One in Three,  
of whom all nature has creation,  
eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation;  
salvation is of Christ the Lord!

**Sending Song**  
***Wade in the Water* – No. 459**

**Refrain:** Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

**Vs. 1** (See that host all dressed in white,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(the leader looks like the Israelite.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

**Refrain:** Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

**Vs. 2** (See that band all dressed in red,)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.
(looks like the band that Moses led.)
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

**Refrain:** Wade in the water,
wade in the water, children,
wade in the water,
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

**Vs. 3** (Look over yonder, what do I see?)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(the Holy Ghost a-coming on me.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

**Refrain:** Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.



**Vs. 4** (If you don't believe I've been redeemed,)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.  
(just follow me down to Jordan's stream.)  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

**Refrain:** Wade in the water,  
wade in the water, children,  
wade in the water,  
God's a-goin'-a trouble the water.

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

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