

# Confession and Absolution

## 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

- 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.
  
- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—  
    Our shame is fully covered  
With all that He once sacrificed  
    And freely for us suffered.  
For here the flood of His own blood  
Now makes us holy, right, and good  
    Before our heav'nly Father.
  
- 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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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Exhortation

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**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

## Confession of Sins

LSB 203

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

## Absolution

LSB 203

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **+** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Stand*

# Service of the Word

## 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 be- | gotten you.  
Ask of me, and I will make the nations your | heritage,\*  
and the ends of the earth your pos- | session.  
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 ref- | uge in him.  
**Glory 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. | Amen.**  
Behold my servant, whom | I uphold,\*  
my chosen, in whom my | soul delights.

**C** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

**C** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## 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.

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 42:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
    my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
    he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
    or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
    and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
    he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
    till he has established justice in the earth;  
    and the coastlands wait for his law.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
    who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
    who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
    and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
    I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
    a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
    from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD; that is my name;  
    my glory I give to no other,  
    nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup>Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
    and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
    I tell you of them.”

**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 for- | ever.  
Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due his name;\*  
    bring an offering, and come in- | to his courts!

## 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to Thee,  
    Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
        Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
    Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
    My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
    A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
    Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
    From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
    Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
    A ransomed soul!

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## Epistle

*Romans 6:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>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.

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

### Alleluia

*LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### Verse

*LSB 205*

**C** These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

### Alleluia

*LSB 205*

**C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Apostles' Creed**

**C** 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  $\ddagger$  everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

**407 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord**

1 To Jordan came the Christ, our Lord,  
To do His Father's pleasure;  
Baptized by John, the Father's Word  
Was given us to treasure.  
This heav'ly washing now shall be  
A cleansing from transgression  
And by His blood and agony  
Release from death's oppression.  
A new life now awaits us.

2 O hear and mark the message well,  
For God Himself has spoken.  
Let faith, not doubt, among us dwell  
And so receive this token.  
Our Lord here with His Word endows  
Pure water, freely flowing.  
God's Holy Spirit here avows  
Our kinship while bestowing  
The Baptism of His blessing.

3 These truths on Jordan's banks were shown  
    By mighty word and wonder.  
The Father's voice from heav'n came down,  
    Which we do well to ponder:  
"This man is My beloved Son,  
    In whom My heart has pleasure.  
Him you must hear, and Him alone,  
    And trust in fullest measure  
The word that He has spoken."

4 There stood the Son of God in love,  
    His grace to us extending;  
The Holy Spirit like a dove  
    Upon the scene descending;  
The triune God assuring us,  
    With promises compelling,  
That in our Baptism He will thus  
    Among us find a dwelling  
To comfort and sustain us.

5 To His disciples spoke the Lord,  
    "Go out to ev'ry nation,  
And bring to them the living Word  
    And this My invitation:  
Let ev'ryone abandon sin  
    And come in true contrition  
To be baptized and thereby win  
    Full pardon and remission  
And heav'nly bliss inherit."

6 But woe to those who cast aside  
    This grace so freely given;  
They shall in sin and shame abide  
    And to despair be driven.  
For born in sin, their works must fail,  
    Their striving saves them never;  
Their pious acts do not avail,  
    And they are lost forever,  
Eternal death their portion.

7 All that the mortal eye beholds  
    Is water as we pour it.  
Before the eye of faith unfolds  
    The pow'r of Jesus' merit.  
For here it sees the crimson flood  
    To all our ills bring healing;  
The wonders of His precious blood  
    The love of God revealing,  
Assuring His own pardon.

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## Sermon

## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

*Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).*

### 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.  
**F**or Thine is the kingdom  
    and the power and the glory  
    forever and ever. Amen.

### Benedicamus

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**A** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**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  $\ddagger$  give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

### 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
    Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
    His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
    To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
    And rule in equity.
- 2 He comes with rescue speedy  
    To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
    And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
    Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
    Were precious in His sight.
- 3 He shall come down like showers  
    Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
    Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
    Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
    From hill to valley flow.

4 Kings shall fall down before Him  
    And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
    His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
    And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
    A kingdom without end.

5 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
    He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
    All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
    His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
    That name to us is Love.

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