

Baptized into His Death:

Reliving Your Baptism Every Day

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ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all

about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or

projected on the wall in front of you.

Restrooms: are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.

Nursery: We encourage families to worship together. If an adult needs to step out of

the chapel briefly with a child, the nursery is provided just outside the chapel

near the restrooms.

For Kids: Activity sheets for young children are available on the bulletin table. Small

bags with quiet activity items hang near the table.

CURRENT SERIES: BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH

St. Paul writes, "...do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" (Romans 6:3). There is a connection between our baptism and Christ's passion. This makes Lent the perfect season to learn anew all that which God's Word tells us about Baptism. We will see how we were powerfully connected in our baptism to all Christ's saving work. We will study again what our baptism means for our daily lives. And we will rededicate ourselves to the struggle of living the new life Baptism gives.

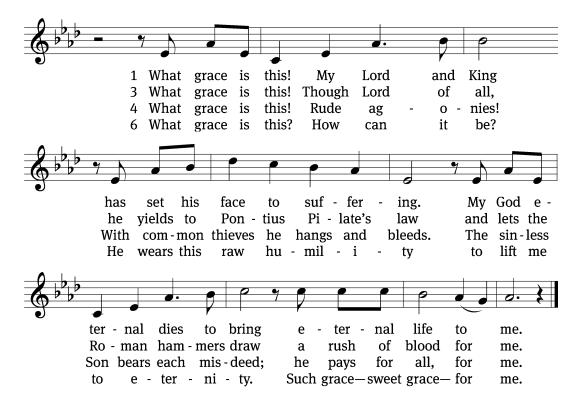
TODAY: RELIVING YOUR BAPTISM EVERY DAY

You can celebrate the day you were born. Eat cake. Go out for dinner. Pull out a photo album and stroll down memory lane. You can celebrate but you cannot actually relive the day you were born. Your spiritual rebirth in Baptism can be relived, however. Not relived through rebaptism, but by repentance.

In the first of his 95 Reformation theses, Martin Luther wrote, "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." The entire life! Today we see the joy and the need to relive our baptism every day through repentance.

As we follow Christ and his suffering to the cross, today we read the account of Jesus' trial before Pilate in Mark 14:66-15:15.

HYMN What Grace Is This



STAND

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

Amen.

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith. We are heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ into his death. By it we share in his resurrection. By your Spirit enable us to relive our Baptism through daily contrition and repentance that we may always walk by the light of faith and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE NEW LIFE OF BAPTISM

As baptized children of our loving Father, we confess our sins without fear.

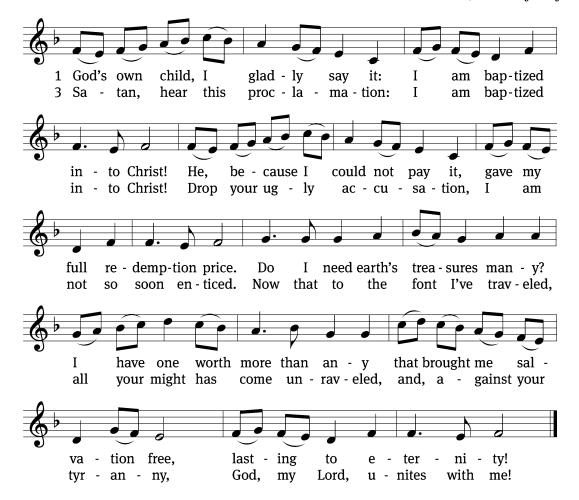
Heavenly Father, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbor in what we have thought, in what we have said, and in what we have done. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our sins. Forgive us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us. and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.

Silence for reflection and confession

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in his great mercy has pardoned and delivered you from all your sins. May he also confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BE SEATED



PRAYER

Almighty and ever-living God, in Baptism by water and the Spirit you have forgiven all our sins. Now let your Holy Spirit rest upon us, we pray: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; that our delight may always be in the fear of the Lord.

Amen.

SACRED HISTORY OF THE SUFFERING AND DEATH OF OUR LORD-Mark 14:66-15:15

Peter Denies Jesus

⁶⁶While Peter was in the courtyard below, one of the servant girls of the high priest came there. ⁶⁷When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked directly at him and said, "You were also with the Nazarene, Jesus!"

⁶⁸But he denied it, saying, "I don't know or understand what you are saying," and he went out to the entryway. Then a rooster crowed.

⁶⁹When the servant girl saw him, once more she began to tell those standing there, "This is one of them."

⁷⁰But again he denied it. After a little while those who were standing there said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, because you are a Galilean."

⁷¹But he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know this man you are talking about!" ⁷²Just then, the rooster crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said to him: "Before the rooster crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Jesus' Trial in Pilate's Court

^{15:1} As soon as it was morning, the chief priests, along with the elders, the experts in the law, and the whole Sanhedrin, reached a decision. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. ²Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"

He answered him, "It is as you say."

³The chief priests accused him of many things. ⁴Pilate questioned him again, "Are you not going to answer anything? See how many charges they are bringing against you!"

⁵But Jesus still did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

Barabbas or Jesus?

⁶At each Festival, Pilate used to release to the people one prisoner whom they requested. ⁷There was one named Barabbas, who was imprisoned with the rebels and had committed murder in the rebellion. ⁸The crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do for them what he usually did.

⁹Pilate replied, "Do you want me to release the King of the Jews to you?" ¹⁰In fact, he knew that it was because of envy that the chief priests had handed him over.

¹¹But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas to them instead.

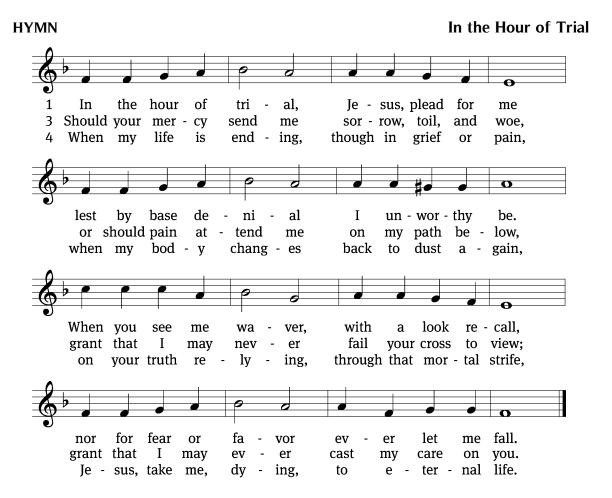
¹²Again, Pilate replied to them, "Then what do you want me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?"

But they shouted even louder, "Crucify him!"

¹⁵Since he wanted to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. After he had Jesus flogged, he handed him over to be crucified.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death.



¹³"Crucify him!" they shouted back.

¹⁴But Pilate said to them, "Why? What has he done wrong?"

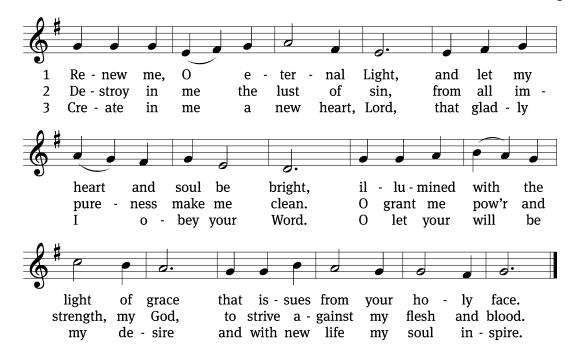
6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through 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.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

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OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).

During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!

EVENING PRAYER

O Lord, support us all the day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last.

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.

BLESSING

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and preserve us.

Amen.

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

HYMN



- 1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless ings
- 2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit tle
- 3 When in the night I sleep-less lie, my soul with heav'n ly



of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious thoughts sup - ply; let no ill dreams dis - turb my rest, no pow'rs of



own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose dark-ness me dis - tress. Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow:



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self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may vig - 'rous make serve my God when I a - wake. to heav'n - lv host: praise Fa - ther. Son. and Ho - ly Ghost.

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