

OPENING HYMN: Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me

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My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and stay

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INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES Genesis 1:1–2; Psalm 29:3–4

P In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

C **And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.**

P And God said, “Let there be light.”

C **The voice of the Lord is over the waters.**

P The voice of the Lord is powerful.

C **The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

P The voice of the Lord reveals Jesus as His Son.

C **The voice of the Lord reveals we are His children too.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P In Holy Baptism, each of us was baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we were united with Christ. Yet, we have often lived as if we were entirely independent and autonomous. We have lived as if our identity were not in Jesus, but in our own selfish desires. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to turn back to Him and ask for His forgiveness. *Silence for reflection.*

P Heavenly Father,

C **we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. On account of Jesus, forgive us, renew us, and unite us to Your name.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. In Baptism, you were united to Christ in both His death and resurrection. You were buried with Him, but also raised to walk in

newness of life. 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. We are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER 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.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 1:1–5

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S SERMON:

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 1:4–11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Thanks be to You, O Lord.

CATECHISM: The Third Article and Baptism

P: The First Sunday after the Epiphany is traditionally celebrated as the day we commemorate the Baptism of Our Lord. Today we confess the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and also speak the words from Luther’s Small Catechism regarding the work of the Spirit through Baptism.

C: 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: As the Holy Spirit works through the Means of Grace, we ask, “How can the water used in Holy Baptism do such great things?”

C: Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: “He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

HYMN: Beneath The Waters (I Will Rise)

This is my revelation Christ Jesus crucified
Salvation through repentance At the cross on which He died

Now here my absolution Forgiveness for my sin
And I sink beneath the waters That Christ was buried in

Chorus: I will rise, I will rise As Christ was raised to life
Now in Him, Now in Him I live

I stand a new creation Baptised in blood and fire
No fear of condemnation By faith I'm justified (Chorus)

I rise as You are risen Declare Your rule and reign
My life confess Your Lordship And glorify Your Name
Your word it stands eternal Your kingdom knows no end
Your praise goes on forever And on and on again

No pow'r can stand against You No curse assault Your throne
No one can steal Your glory For it is Yours alone
I stand to sing Your praises I stand to testify
For I was dead in my sin

But now I rise I will rise As Christ was raised to life
Now in Him Now in Him I live

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SERMON: The Wonder in the Water - Mark 1:4-11

OFFERING:

HYMN: You are My All in All

Thank the Lord and sing His praise Tell everyone what He has done
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice And proudly bear His name
He recalls His promises And leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

You are my strength when I am weak You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jewel Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin my cross my shame Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name
Jesus Lamb of God Worthy is Your name (repeat)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise Tell everyone what He has done
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice And proudly bear His name
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With shouts of thanksgiving Alleluia! Alleluia!

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PRAYERS:

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Dear heavenly Father, in the Jordan River, You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved Son. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, strengthen all those who have been baptized, especially those who have been baptized recently, with Your heavenly protection. Lead them to find their true identity in You as Your beloved sons and daughters. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, comfort all those who are suffering in grief, [especially . . .]. Console them with the sure and certain hope that just as we have been united with Christ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, give courage to all those who live in conflict with their family members, especially regarding differences of faith. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, bless all pastors, church planters, missionaries, and servants in Your Church who proclaim Your Word and administer Your Sacraments. Embolden them to seek and to save the lost and bring those who have strayed back into Your family. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, place Your healing hand upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Have mercy upon them, and lead them on the path to health according to Your will. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, comfort us with the assurance that we are Yours. Bless us as we continue in these days of the pandemic. Deliver us in Your mercy and restore us by Your grace. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,

C **reveal Your grace to us.**

P Lord, we commend all these things to You in the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus. Lord, by mighty work and wonder,
C reveal Your grace to us. Amen.

THE 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 ✠ give you peace.
C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: As It Is In Heaven

Our Father Who art in Heaven Hallowed be Thy name
Come and let Your glory come And let Your glory fall
Our Father Who art in Heaven The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory come And let Your glory fall

I will sing sing a new song I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song To the Lord

Chorus: Let Your Kingdom come Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Ev'ry heart proclaim The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven

God give us new ev'ry morning Mercy as daily bread
In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray
And lead us not to temptation But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus In the name of Jesus we pray

I will sing sing a new song I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song To the Lord (Chorus)

For the Kingdom is Yours And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen
And the Kingdom is Yours And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen (Chorus)

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