

HYMN “*God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It*” (LSB 594)

- 1 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!
- 2 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?
- 3 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!
- 4 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.
- 5 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!

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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

P Arise, O Lord!

C **Save me, O my God!**

P O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

C **many are saying of my soul, there is no salvation for him in God.**

P Arise, O Lord!

C **Save me, O my God!**

P But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

C **I cried aloud to the Lord, and He answered me from His holy hill.**

P Arise, O Lord!

C **Save me, O my God!**

P I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

C **I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.**

P Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be on Your people! Arise, O Lord!

C **Save me, O my God!**

P Return to your home,

C **and declare how much God has done for you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We come before our Lord in confession, no longer as slaves, but as God's own children and as heirs of all He graciously gives.

C **We confess we often remain captive and enslaved to our sin and have neglected the name You have given us as Your children.**

P Like those in Isaiah's day, we are a rebellious people who walk in a way that is neither good nor faithful, following our own devices and desires.

C **We, on our own, have no right to be called Your heirs or to receive Your blessings.**

P For the many times we forget Christ's power and victory and all we ever need fear in this body and life,

C **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.**

P In spite of our sin, the Lord gives His grace and good news of hope, promise, and victory. To the people in Isaiah's day and to us, He speaks: " 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for My servants' sake. . . . 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."

Through the mercy and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus, and in spite of our sinful nature and willful breaking of His Law given out of love, 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.

C **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Father Most Holy" (LSB 504)

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, Light never waning;
- 2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken,
Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,
- 3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;
All for Thy worship were and are created;
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.

D 4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,

One in three persons, over all exalted!
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, Now and forever.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 65:1-9

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God!**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

P Dear friends in Christ: On this important day, the day when we mark your leaving high school and stepping into new ventures, we ask God's blessing on you.

God of creation, pour out your Spirit on these students as they enter a new period of life and faith. Bless them as they begin new ventures as faithful people, hearing Your Word, responding in thankfulness by proclaiming Your love and grace through words and deeds, and serving all people while doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. We pray all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God, who has walked with you in all your studies, grant His blessings in all that still lies before you.

And you, dear members of Foothills: as one family in Christ, we ask that you continue to lift up, talk about, equip, and pray for a nurturing faith journey with our loving and graceful God for these youth and their families.

C **Our continued blessing goes with them. Amen.**

EPISTLE Galatians 3:23-4:7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 8:26-39

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth And of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures And ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY “*Rise, Shine, You People*” (LSB 825)

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus’ glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev’ry nation His new creation.

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SERMON**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P God the Father Almighty, You so loved the world that You gave Your only-begotten Son
C to save us from our sin and to make us Your children and heirs of all Your blessings
through faith in Him.**

P As You have destroyed the lasting penalties of our sin, eternal death, and the power of the devil,

C help us to live each day knowing the victory has been won by and through Christ, our Lord.

P We pray for our families: On this celebratory weekend, we pray for fathers,

C that they faithfully lead their families and children in the way of Christ and peace;

P for mothers,

C that they have strength and grace to manage their many responsibilities and to give them joy and fulfillment in their work and duties;

P and for children,

C that they grow in the faith in which You have called them through Baptism, heirs of Your promises, and develop in all ways pleasing to You.

P Lift up all those who are weighed down by the guilt and shame of sin. Release them from their bondage

C and point them to forgiveness at the feet of Jesus.

P Lord, walk with all those who are grieving in the shadow of death, [especially . . .]. Look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Comfort them with the hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

C Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your will.

P Strengthen all those who are fighting against the power of Satan. Remind them of Your presence in Your Word and Sacraments. Give hope to all those who are isolated and lonely.

C Bring them into the presence of the loving community of Your Church that they find help and hope among Your people.

P Embolden and enliven the faith You have given through Your Spirit as we are in the world but not of the world. Empower us to be Your witnesses in our relationships, our vocations, and among our neighbors, that all may know the power and the victory of Your Son's death and resurrection and rejoice in forgiveness, life, and salvation.

Additional petitions may follow.

P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" (LSB 685)

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.

Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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