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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)**

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Mission Statement

*"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."*

Vision Statement

*"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community,  
and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching  
and  
teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."*

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**SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER – MAY)**

- ✠ Divine Service w/Holy Communion: 9:00 a.m.  
(Also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
  - 10:15 – 11:15 am Sunday School
  - 10:30 am Adult Bible Study and Coffee Hour

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## ANNOUNCEMENT'S:

- *Welcoming* **WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!** If you are a visitor, we look forward to visiting with you today and in the near future. Please write your name, address, and phone number in our visitor's book located at the back of church at the visitor's desk. We invite you to fellowship, coffee & treats following the worship service. Adult Bible Study begins at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.
- **Individual or Family Pastoral Care:** *Please remember that Private devotion and Holy Communion are available for individuals or couples that are homebound, at greater risk for COVID, or in times of emergency. Call the church office at 507-835-2647 to schedule an appointment when needed.*
- **Live Streaming on Facebook** for the 9:00 worship service for your convenience.
- **Church Offering Envelopes for 2023** are ready to be picked up in the Parish Hall.
- **Women's Bible Study** will meet January we plan to meet on the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 – 10:45 -- **January 11 and January 18.**
- **Cotta Guild** plans to meet Thursday January 12 at noon for an "Invite-a-Guest-Potluck". (Guests do not need to bring food.) Pastor will have a devotion and install new officers. We will draw names for 2023 for our "Caring for Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ". All women of the congregation are welcome to join us.
- **Anyone**, whether you purchased one or not, and are wishing to take a **SMALL Poinsette** home to enjoy their beauty, please feel free to do so.
- In honor of **Sanctity of Life** in January, we are gathering items for Rachel's Hope, a pregnancy Center in Austin. Items needed are listed on a poster on the bulletin board. All congregation members may place donations in the boxes by the elevator.
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2pm** there will be a **SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING** to determine a call for our next Pastor.
- On behalf of the Stewardship Board, we delivered 82 pounds of food from our Church to the Food Shelf. **Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.**
- **January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 will be the Installation of all Board members** during service. New members please feel free to come to your January meetings as scheduled.

### **UP COMING CHURCH MEETINGS**

**January 9<sup>th</sup>:** Church Council Meeting @ 6pm

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** Special Voter's Meeting @ 2pm

**January 20<sup>th</sup>:** Mission Trip Team Hot Beef Commercial Drive Thru 5p-7p

**January 28<sup>th</sup>:** Live Nativity Potluck @6pm

**January 29<sup>th</sup>:** Quarterly Voter's Meeting @ 10:15 am

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Great Exchange Begins  
January 8, 2023

## AS WE GATHER

The Baptism John proclaimed was for repentance, that people might be ready to receive the Messiah. When our Lord asked to be baptized, though, He had nothing of which to repent. In gracious obedience, He was baptized to begin this wonderful exchange with sinners, fulfilling the Law in our place and taking upon Himself God's judgment against sin. His ministry would fulfill the words Isaiah penned centuries earlier. Indeed, the Father was pleased with His servant Son that day but forsook Him on the cross as He took our sins with Him. As Paul writes in the Epistle, that great sacrifice ensures that we are able, now and forever, to be "alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
People: Amen.

### INSTALLATION OF BOARD MEMBERS

#### OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 6:4; Matthew 3:17*

Pastor: We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death,  
People: **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.**

Pastor: This is My beloved Son,  
People: **with whom I am well pleased.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 6:3, 10*

Pastor: Isaiah wrote about God's gracious Servant. It was a prophecy about Jesus, who, although He was righteous, exchanged places with us in Baptism and on to death. Let us confess our failures to reflect His obedient servanthood in our daily living.

People: **We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have sought to live by our own strength and will. In our sinful condition, we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.**

Pastor: Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? . . . For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen. Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!**

HYMN: "Songs of Thanksgiving and Praise"

[LSB 394]

### SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, although He had nothing of which to repent, Jesus was baptized "to fulfill all righteousness."

People: **Grant us Your Holy Spirit and faith to trust that Your Son was taking our place and that Your pleasure in His obedience means eternal life for us and all who are baptized in His name;**

Pastor: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 42:1–9* (God delights in His Servant.)

42 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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** *Romans 6:1–11* (Buried and raised with Christ in Baptism.)

**6** 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.

Lector: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

People: **By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?**

Lector: 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. 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.

People: **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. For one who has died has been set free from sin.**

Lector: Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

People: **For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God.**

Lector: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**    *Mark 1:11b*

**Pastor:**    Alleluia. You are My beloved Son;

**People:**    **with You I am well pleased. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Matthew 3:13–17* (The Father proclaims Jesus His Son.)

<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."

**Pastor:**    This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:**    **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

**Pastor:**    Do you renounce the devil?

**People:**    **Yes, I renounce him.**

**Pastor:**    Do you renounce all his works?

**People:**    **Yes, I renounce them.**

**Pastor:**    Do you renounce all his ways?

**People:**    **Yes, I renounce them.**

**Pastor:**    Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**People:**    **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:**    Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**People:**    **Yes, I believe 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.**

**Pastor:**    Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People:**    **Yes, 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.**

## CATECHISM

Pastor: What is Baptism?

People: **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

Pastor: Which is that word of God?

People: **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**

Pastor: What does such baptizing with water indicate?

People: **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

Pastor: Where is this written?

People: **St. Paul writes in Romans, chapter six: "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."**

**HYMN:** "Create in Me"

[LSB #956]

Create in me a clean heart, O God

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence;

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;

And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

## SERMON

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**     *Romans 6:11; Isaiah 42:6; Psalm 29:11*

Pastor: Because of our Baptism we "must consider ..... thoughts, words, and deeds in both their private and public lives, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

.... we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

**Pastor:** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who obediently lived His entire life, including being baptized in our stead, in order to exchange His righteousness for our sinful condition. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS:** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

**LSB #457 (V. 1)**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Pastor:** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for in Your great mercy You sent Your only-begotten Son so that He might exchange His righteousness for our sinful condition, obediently doing all things according to Your will, from His Baptism to His death on the cross in our place. Grant us now to receive Him in, with, and under this bread and wine, as He comes in this foretaste of the eternal feast that awaits us in heaven. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28*

**Pastor:** Our Lord Jesus Christ....

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

**Pastor:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**



Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** People: Our Father who art in heaven...

### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

**AGNUS DEI: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today***

**LSB #457 (V. 4)**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"In The Cross of Christ, I Glory" [LSB 427]

"Lift High The Cross" [LSB 837] verses 1, 2, 3 & 6

"All Christians Who Have Been Baptized" [LSB 596] verses 1, 2, 3, & 6

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks, heavenly Father, that we have again been assured that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

People: **Strengthen us now as we seek to serve You and love the people around us as Your sons and daughters, who have been given Christ's own righteousness in this great exchange of faith and love;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

### **BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26***

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

**HYMN:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" [LSB 739]

### **DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**



**IN OUR PRAYERS:**

- **Called Home:**
- **Hospitalized:** Loy Spies (Son of Lois Spies)
- **Medical Procedure:** Karen Thompson (Kathy Flagstad's Sister) waiting for available kidney.
- **Illness:** Cindy Kuschel, Pastor Loeslie from Bethlehem Lutheran Morristown
- **Up Coming Surgeries:** Debbie Roemhildt
- **Thanksgiving & Continued Recovery:** Anita Risto's, Judy Graper, Tony Jelinek (son in law to Vivian Bohmbach), Margret Schwarz
- **Treatment:** Loy Spies, Tim Andree (friend of Matt Klinger), Dixie Flitter (sister of Shirley Bluhm)
- **For those with Covid-19**
- **Those who are sick and/or in need and wish to remain unnamed.**
- **All the service men & women who are serving in the military:** Noah Berg, Matthew Gilmore, Jacob Lemmen, Aaron & Sarah Lenz, Jason Paschall, David Reinsbach, John Thompson
- **Waseca Circuit Missionaries:** Rev. Edward Naumann & Rev. Dr. Stephen Oliver (Taiwan) & John Wolff (Kenya)

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**St. Paul Lutheran Church**

- **Preparing for Holy Communion:** To assist in a time of preparation, prayers are located in the front cover and on pages 329-330 of your hymnal. For anyone with alcohol concerns, diluted cups are located in the center of the tray. Gluten free communion wafers are available upon request.
- **Facebook Live-stream and Radio Broadcasts:** Our worship service is live-streamed on Facebook each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (*in Facebook search for: @stpaulwaseca to locate our Facebook page.*) Our worship service is also Radio Broadcast each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. on Radio 1170 AM or 106.3 FM, and [www.newstalk1170.com](http://www.newstalk1170.com)
- **Prayer Chain:** If you would like to add someone or something to the prayer chain, please call the church office at 835-2647.
- **Sunday School:** please join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15, for ages 3 through grade 8.

**The Lord's Supper**

- ✚ We believe, teach, and confess in accordance with Holy Scripture that the Lord's Supper is a precious gift from God, in which Christ gives us His true body and blood, in, with, and under the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.
- ✚ The Bible teaches that this sacrament may also be spiritually harmful when misused, (*For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes. Therefore, whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this reason, many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep. 1 Corinthians 11:26-30*)
- ✚ The Lord's Supper is a testimony of the unity in faith. We ask that only those who have been instructed and who are in fellowship with the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod come with a contrite and joyful heart to the Lord's Table. (*Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers*)
- ✚ Any guest wishing to receive communion here at St. Paul Lutheran Church, please speak with the Pastor or the Elder on duty, prior to the church service. Thank You.

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: January 8<sup>th</sup> - January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (also Facebook Live)  
\*\* Installation of ALL Board members\*\*\*

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**Monday (9<sup>th</sup>):**

10 am Prayer Team

6pm Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday (10<sup>th</sup>):**

1:00 pm Quilters

3:30 – 4:30 pm Adult Confirmation

6pm Rescheduled Board of Elder's Meeting

**Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup>):**

9:30– 10:15 am Women's Bible Study

3:30 – 4:30 pm Confirmation 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

7:00 pm Rescheduled Board of Trustee meeting

7:00 pm Senior Choir and Contemporary Ensemble practice

**Thursday (12<sup>th</sup>):**

6:00 a.m. Bible Breakfast at Jonnie Bean

Noon Cotta Guild "Invite -a- Guest- Potluck"

**Sunday (15<sup>th</sup>):**

9:00 am Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Facebook Live and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)

10:15 am Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study

**SERVING THE LORD IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:**

**THIS WEEK: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Blake Schroeder

**ELDER/DEACON:** Andrew Gilmore/ Jim Wyffels

**RADIO MONITOR:** Ron Wood

**FACEBOOK:** Geri Kuschel

**READER:** Rhonda Christianson

**NEXT WEEK: January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023:**

**ORGANIST:** Cindy Wood

**ACOLYTE:** Troy Ryan

**ELDER/DEACON:** Andrew Gilmore/ Jim Wyffels

**RADIO MONITOR:** Kathy Flogstad

**FACEBOOK:** Cindy Gilmore

**READER:**

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**

**Worship Attendance on Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> 4pm: 94 and 6pm: 81**

**Sunday December 25<sup>th</sup>: 63 Bible Study: 0 Sunday School: 0**

**Sunday January 1<sup>st</sup>: 87 Bible Study: 0 Sunday School: 0**

**General Fund (in person & Direct Deposit):**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>: \$ 1394.00**

**December 25<sup>th</sup>: \$11,716.00 and December 31<sup>st</sup>: \$1,700.00**

**Memorial for John Schaal: \$25.**

**January 1<sup>st</sup>: \$5212.00 [Radio broadcast in memory of Lee Williams: \$150.00]**

**[Improvement fund: 4629.00]**

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
  
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.
  
- 3 Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

4 Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.

5 Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.

## EASTER

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- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
  
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
  
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
  
- Δ4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more luster to the day.

4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.



*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.  
*Refrain*

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.  
*Refrain*

3 All new-born soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.  
*Refrain*

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.  
*Refrain*

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell.  
*Refrain*

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory!  
*Refrain*



- 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!

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand;  
    I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light.  
    Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
  
- 2 When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
    When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call;  
Hold my hand lest I fall.  
    Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.
  
- 3 When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near  
    And the day is almost gone,  
At the river I stand;  
Guide my feet, hold my hand,  
    Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

