



**UNITED PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL:
LIGHT OF CHRIST
ST. JOHN'S WINDISH
ST. PETER'S**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022
5:00 PM HOLY COMMUNION AND LIVE STREAM AT ST. PETER'S**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**8:00 AM & 10:30 AM- Holy Communion at St. John's Windish
Lutheran Church**

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CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN THE WORSHIP SERVICE

INTRODUCTION

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

~~~~~THE GATHERING~~~~~

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WELCOME: Pr. Mike

PRELUDE: *Prelude in G- Rodenkirchen*

The assembly stands as able.

PRESENTATION (ELW p. 234)

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 235)

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

A: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

A: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

A: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (ELW p. 236)

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

*to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?*

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

(ELW 301)

*1 Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav'n above,
beckon us to heav'n above.*

*2 On that holy Christmas night
through the darkness beamed a light;
all the stars above were paling.
all their luster slowly failing
as the wondrous star drew nigh,
as the wondrous star drew nigh..*

3 Sages from the East afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
to the child, the newborn king,
to the child, the newborn king.

4 Him they found in Bethlehem,
yet he wore no diadem;
there they saw a maiden lowly
with an infant pure and holy
resting in her loving arms,
resting in her loving arms.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

GREETING

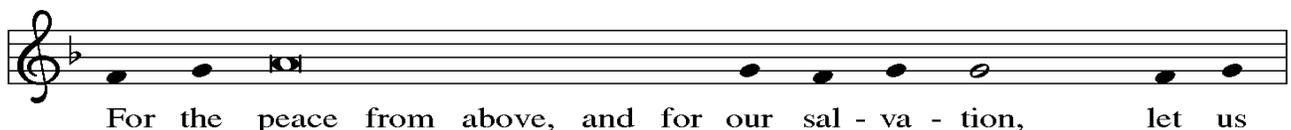
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

~~~~~**THE WORD**~~~~~

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:1-7**

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring the people home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

A/L: A reading from Isaiah:

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

<sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

<sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

<sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

<sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

<sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

<sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

A/L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 29 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;**





al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

*<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."*

*<sup>21</sup>Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup>and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."*

*P: The gospel of the lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON: Pr. Mike**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands as able.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**Crashing Waters at Creation**

**(ELW 455)**

*1 Crashing waters at creation,  
ordered by the Spirit's breath,  
first to witness day's beginning  
from the brightness of night's death:*

*2 Parting water stood and trembled  
as the captives passed on through,  
washing off the chains of bondage--  
channel to a life made new.*

*3 Cleansing water once at Jordan  
closed around the one foretold,  
opened to reveal the glory  
ever new and ever old.*

*4 Living water, never ending,  
quench the thirst and flood the soul.  
Wellspring, source of life eternal,  
drench our dryness, make us whole.*

### **INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION**

*P: The following people have been elected by the Light of Christ, St. Peter's, and St. John's Windish congregations to positions of leadership on their congregation councils. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as congregations working together.*

*The offices and names of those who are to be installed are read by a representative of each congregation.*

*A: A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)*

*You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in these congregations. You are to see that the words and deeds of these households of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.*

*You are to seek to involve all members of these congregations in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in these congregations, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.*

*You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.*

*You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and*

*mutual understanding in these congregations.*

*P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:  
Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices  
to which you have been elected?*

*Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.*

*P: People of God, I ask you:  
Will you support these, your elected leaders,  
and will you share in the mutual ministry  
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?*

***C: We will, and we ask God to help us.***

*P: I now declare you installed as officers / council members of Light of Christ, St. Peter's, and St. John's Windish congregations. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.*

***C: Amen.***

### ***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION***

*A: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.*

*(Brief Silence)*

*A: By the Holy Spirit, you gather your church and send it out in mission to share the good news of Jesus. Inspire your faithful people to be fervent in prayer and service, that all people know they are precious in God's sight. God of grace,*

***C: hear our prayer.***

*A: You reveal your love and power through water and the Spirit. Guard rivers, seas, and all bodies of water from destruction and pollution. Secure access to clean water for all, and protect the land from drought and flood. God of grace,*

***C: hear our prayer.***

*A: Establish among the nations the blessings of peace. Raise up leaders who will protect vulnerable people in their care. Strengthen advocates who risk reputation or retaliation for the sake of mercy and justice. God of grace,*

***C: hear our prayer.***

*A: You protect us through the fires and troubled waters of this life. Assure us that we will not be cut off from you by illness or despair, anxiety or pain, confusion or weakness. Comfort all who are in need (especially). God of grace,*

***C: hear our prayer.***

*A: We are joined in baptism to Christ and to one another. Bless those who are newly baptized and those who are preparing for baptism. Help us to be faithful in fellowship, worship, evangelism, service, and justice-seeking. God of grace,*

***C: hear our prayer.***

*A: You created each of your saints for your glory. We give thanks for those you have called by name into your eternal embrace (especially). Comfort us in grief and release us from fear. God of grace,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*A: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*P: The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

## ~~~~~THE MEAL~~~~~

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*The assembly stands as able.*

## **OFFERING**

### Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

*A: Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**C: Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Prepare your communion elements

### **DIALOGUE**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Lift up your hearts.*

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

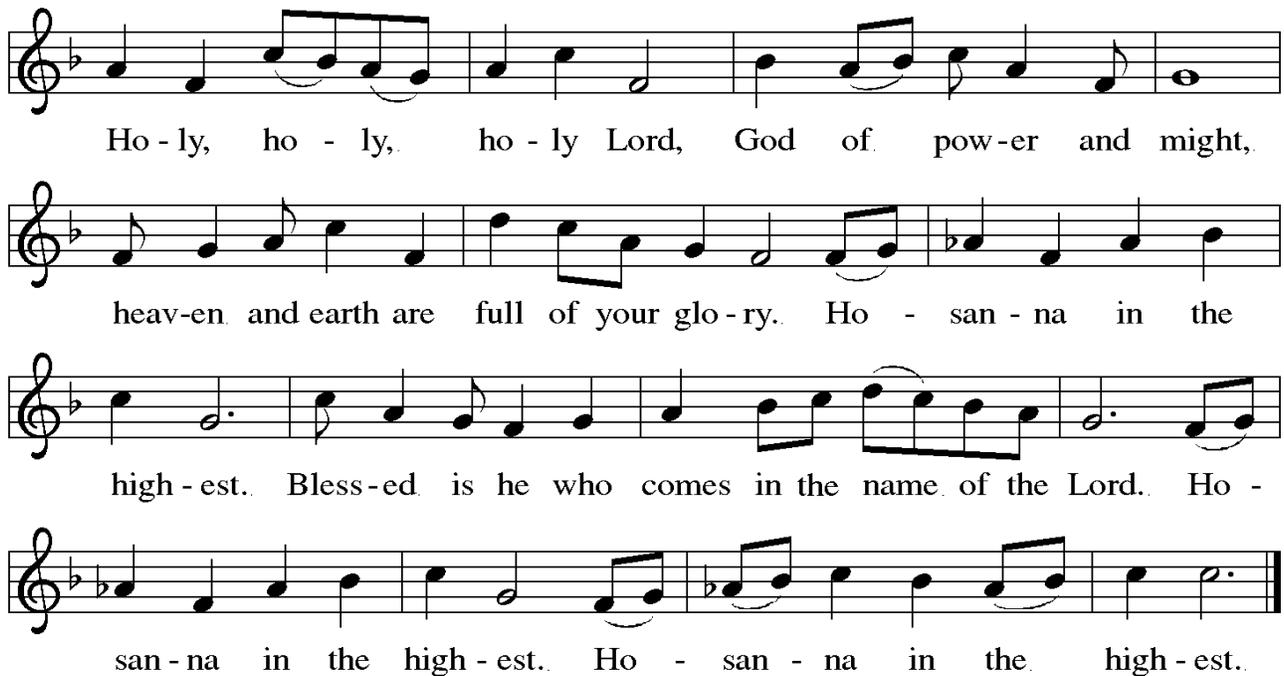
*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **PREFACE**

*P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

*P: Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations. Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.*

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light. By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, and forever.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:*

***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. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

### ~ ~ ~ COMMUNION ~ ~ ~

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*P: Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you. Share in the feast of salvation.*

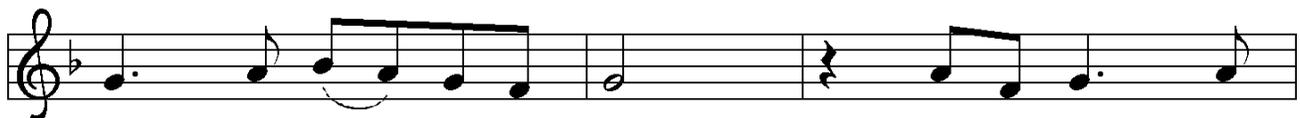
### **COMMUNION SONG**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*The assembly is seated.*

*The body of Christ, given for you.*

*The blood of Christ, shed for you.*

*and each person may respond "Amen."*

*Please take note: If you are abstaining from receiving Holy Communion, please utilize this time of silence to share the following prayer.*

**C: I believe that You are truly present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I always desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim Your resurrection. I love You above all things, and long for You in my soul.**

**Since I cannot receive You in the sacrament of Your Body and Blood, I implore You to come into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with Your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from You. May I live in You and You in me, in this life and in the life that is to come.**

**Amen.**

Based on a prayer from: *The Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)*

*The assembly stands as able*

### **TABLE BLESSING**

*P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**C: Amen**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **~::~THE SENDING~::**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING OF THE HATS AND SCARVES**

### **BLESSING**

*P: The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.*

**C: Amen**

### **SENDING SONG:**

***Brightest and Best of the Stars***

**(ELW 303)**

*1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.*

*2 Cold on his cradle the dewdrops are shining;  
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
angels adore him in slumber reclining,  
maker and monarch and savior of all.*

*3 What shall we give him, in costly devotion?  
Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine,  
gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,  
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?*

*4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,  
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;  
richer by far is the heart's adoration,  
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.*

*5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,  
dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.  
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,  
guide where our infant redeemer is laid.*

### **DISMISSAL**

*A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Andante in G Minor- Hesse*

**GOSPEL MESSAGE: Forever and Ever**

*Many of us were baptized as infants, so our only "memories" of that day consist of photos and stories told to us by those who love us. Some of us have come from other traditions and were old enough when baptized that we can remember the event ourselves. And still others came to baptism as adults, making the decision to embrace the Christian faith after learning a bit about it.*

*Regardless of when we were baptized, we are to live each day in the joy and gratitude of the newly baptized. Martin Luther urges us to live into the promise of baptism in ordinary, mundane acts: "When you wash your face, remember your baptism." We are encouraged to "walk wet," to not let our Christian identity become something we take for granted.*

*In baptism we are claimed, forever promised inclusion and welcome. Never again must we feel lonely, isolated, or left out; God has called us each by name and claimed us as God's own (Isaiah 43:1). To emphasize the eternal strength of this claim, God makes the same claim for God's own Son: "Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased'" (Luke 3:21-22).*

*You are mine forever, and I am proud of you—what more do we need to hear? Luther's advice is timelessly good: each morning, when we remember what it means to be baptized, we face the day knowing that we are loved and wanted.*

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