

**IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Manitowoc, Wisconsin



**BAPTIZED INTO HIS DEATH**  
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## Reliving Your Baptism Every Day

### **Lent: A Time of Catechetical Review**

Already at the time of the Reformation, Lutheran churches would hold special services several times each year to review the catechism, a summary of key biblical teachings. Lent was almost always used as a time of catechetical review. We follow this Lutheran tradition this Lent by gathering for special midweek services under the following theme.

### **Baptized into His Death**

St. Paul writes, “Don’t you 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**

*Romans 6:1-14*

You can celebrate the day you were born with cake. Perhaps people will sing, “Happy Birthday to you.” Perhaps you will pull out a photo album and stroll down memory lane. You can and should celebrate the day you were born. However, you cannot actually relive the day you were born. (Nor would your mother want you to try!) Yet, we need to relive the day we were reborn in Baptism every day. Not in the sense that we go to church, stand by the font, and have the pastor pour water over our head. That only needed to happen once. But when we repent of our sins, it is like reliving our baptismal day. Our sinful nature, which was buried with Christ in our Baptism, is reburied through repentance.

In the first of his 95 Reformation theses, Dr. 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.

# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Opening Hymn – Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain

CW 394

*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, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

## **Prayer**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. 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.

**Father eternal, 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. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

*Silence for personal 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.**

Let us pray.

## **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.**

*Be seated*

## **Response – God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It**

*CW 679:1*

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!

## Reading

*Romans 6:1-14*

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

<sup>5</sup> For 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. <sup>6</sup> For 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— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

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

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

## Response – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

*CW 679:3*

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!

## Passion Reading – Gethsemane

*Mark 14:27-42*

<sup>27</sup> “You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written:

“‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.’”

<sup>28</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

<sup>29</sup> Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

<sup>30</sup> “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times.”

<sup>31</sup> But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” <sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.”

<sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> “*Abba*, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

<sup>37</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Simon,” he said to Peter, “are you asleep? Couldn’t you keep watch for one hour? <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

<sup>39</sup> Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. <sup>40</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

<sup>41</sup> Returning the third time, he said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

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

## Hymn – Christ, the Life of All the Living

CW 396:1,2,6,7

## Sermon

*Romans 6:1-14*

Baptized into His Death: Reliving Your Baptism Every Day

## Hymn – Renew Me, O Eternal Light

CW 689

## Offering

*Grades 5-6 sing “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (4pm)*

*Adult Choir sings “Gift of Grace” (6:30pm)*



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*Stand*

## Evening Prayers

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

Hear us as we pray as Jesus taught.

**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.**

*Be seated*

## **Closing Hymn – Abide with Me**

*CW 783:1,5-7*



**Musician:** Ann Wilson

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Paul Bowe