



the calling you have received

ephesians 4

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Traditional Service  
May 10, 2020

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (LSB-686)***

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

**Invocation**

**Pastor:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

**People:** Amen!

**Pastor:** I love Thy kingdom, Lord, The house of Thine abode,

**People:** **The Church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.**

Pastor: I love Thy Church, O God, her walls before Thee stand  
**People: Dear as the apple of Thine eye and graven on Thy hand.**

Pastor: For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,  
**People: To her my cares and toils be given till toils and cares shall end.**

Pastor: Beyond my highest joy, I prize her heavenly ways,  
**People: Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.**

Pastor: Jesus, Thou Friend Divine, Our Savior and our King,  
**People: Thy hand from every snare and foe shall great deliverance bring.**

Pastor: Sure as Thy truth shall last to Zion shall be given  
**People: The brightest glories earth can yield And brighter bliss of heaven.**

*"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"  
by Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817  
The Lutheran Hymnal #462.1,2,4,5,6*

### Confession of Sin

Pastor: Lord of the Church,  
**People: You have given us peace and unity in Christ, but that is not always reflected in our lives. We turn away from You and Your Word, and we hurt others with our words and actions. Please forgive us for Jesus' sake, Amen.**

*Please take a moment of silence to reflect  
on your sinfulness and your need for a Savior.*

### Words of Absolution

Pastor: The Lord promises to hear your confession and renew you in your faith through the forgiveness of our sins. Your sins are completely forgiven in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!  
**People: Amen!**

### The Scripture Lessons

#### Isaiah 49:5-7

<sup>5</sup> And now the LORD says – he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength – <sup>6</sup> he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for

the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." <sup>7</sup> This is what the LORD says – the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel – to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### Ephesians 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

### Please Rise For The Holy Gospel

#### Matthew 16:13-19

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

<sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

<sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

### The Nicene Creed

Pastor: We remember back to our own Baptism as we confess the Creed together. Do you renounce the devil and all of his evil works and all of his wicked ways?

**People: I do renounce them!**

Pastor: In whom do you believe?

**People:** 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!

*Love in Christ Is Strong and Living (LSB-706)*

Love in Christ is strong and living, binding faithful hearts in one  
Love in Christ is true and giving. may His will in us be done

Love is patient and forbearing, clothed in Christ's humility  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, reaching out in charity

Love in Christ abides forever, fainting not when ills attend  
Love forgiving and forgiven, shall endure until life's end

**Today's Message**

By Pastor Dave Bolte

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**The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. 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.

**Blessing**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**People: Amen!**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds (LSB-975)*

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above.

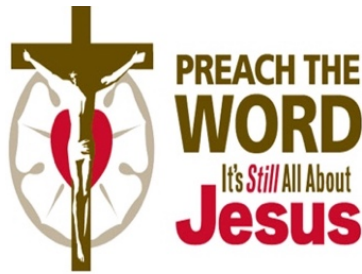
Before our Father's throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part,  
We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,  
We hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain  
And sin we shall be free,  
And perfect love and friendship reign  
Through all eternity.

*God the Father has given you God the Holy Spirit to make you  
a Biblically-literate, Doctrinally-sound, Mission-minded, and  
Passionately-engaged disciple of God the Son Jesus Christ!*



# Baptismal Unity

Isaiah 49:5-7 Eph 4:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

May 10, 2020

Pastor Dave Bolte

**Holy Baptism** is a **"calling"** in your life; that means that the Lord knows you *by name* and has given you faith; He has brought you into His Kingdom; He has worked in your life with His mighty **resurrection power** to rescue you from the world, the devil, and your own sinful nature, and He has given you all the gifts of salvation! God's **"calling"** to you is personal!

You no longer belong to the world, but you belong to God; you are no longer a slave to Satan and his demons, but now you serve the Lord God Almighty. You are no longer controlled by your sinful nature, but are empowered to live a holy and godly life. In **Holy Baptism**, God the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have called you *by name* to faith; He has brought you into His Kingdom; He has freely given you all the blessings of salvation, and He empowers you to live a holy and godly life.

**Everything changes because of your Baptism!**

One way to think about your **Baptismal "calling"** is that you have been brought into the Holy Christian Church; and in the Holy Christian Church there is **peace and unity**. That **peace and unity** centers on **seven gifts** that the Lord freely gives to you and all believers. St. Paul teaches it to us in Ephesians 4:

There is **ONE BODY** and **ONE SPIRIT**—just as you were called to the **ONE HOPE** that belongs to your call— **ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD AND FATHER** of all, who is over all and through all and in all.  
Ephesians 4:4-6

**ONE** Body  
**ONE** Spirit  
**ONE** Hope  
**ONE** Lord  
**ONE** Faith  
**ONE** Baptism  
**ONE** God And Father

These seven “Ones” describe the *peace and unity* that we have in Christ. **We all share in these gifts.** These gifts are given to you in *Holy Baptism* and define the Christian faith and life.

### *One Body*

This is a way to describe the Holy Christian Church. The Church is pictured as the “*Body* of Christ”, with Christ being its “Head”. You are a part of the *Body* of Christ, and you belong to Him. Just as your body works as a unified whole; so too the *Body* of Christ is united and there is peace in the Holy Christian Church. You belong to the *Body* of Christ!

### *One Spirit*

This is the *Holy Spirit*, which was given to you in *Holy Baptism*. The *Holy Spirit* creates your faith in Jesus and enables you to trust in the promises of salvation. The *Holy Spirit* dwells within you with His power so that you can live a holy and godly life. The *Holy Spirit* unites you with other believers in Christ as we live in *peace and unity* in the Holy Christian Church.

### *One Hope*

The *one hope* that we all share as believers in Christ is the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. We are all on a journey of faith as we live our lives and look forward the Kingdom of Heaven. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the solid foundation of our *hope*. Because Jesus lives, so to we will live. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting: that is our *one hope*.

### *One Lord*

Our *one Lord*, of course, is Jesus, the Son of God, and the Savior of the world. Everything in the Holy Christian Church is focused on our *one Lord* Jesus, and His death, burial, and resurrection. He has done the work of salvation for us and on our behalf. Because of Jesus, God forgives your sins, you have eternal life, and you have a new and living relationship with the one true and only God.

### *One Faith*

This *one faith* is **not** your personal faith in Jesus, but it is the Christian *faith* that we share with all believers in Christ. This *one faith* is the body of doctrine, the teachings of Jesus, the truths of the Holy Christian Church. The doctrines of the Christian Church teach us about God and man; they teach us about sin and grace; they teach us about the morals, values, and ethics of the Kingdom of God. This *one faith* is what



we are to be ever studying throughout our lives so that we are biblically literate and doctrinally sound disciples of the Lord Jesus.

### One Baptism

This one baptism of course is Holy Baptism, which unites you to our one Lord and gives you the one Spirit. All believers in Christ are baptized, washed clean and forgiven of all their sins. Baptism was your Call from God; it is where the Lord called you by name and gave you faith and brought you into His Kingdom. All the blessings of God in Heaven were freely given to you! Everything changed for you because of your One Baptism!

### One God And Father

The final gift that is listed that we all share together is God the Father in heaven. His divine love, care, and watchfulness over you is described with the powerful phrase “in all, over all, and through all.” Nothing is exempt from His might power and His loving care!

ONE Body  
ONE Spirit  
ONE Hope  
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ONE Faith  
ONE Baptism  
ONE God And Father

These are all gifts that we share as those Called to faith through Holy Baptism. The seven fold repetition of the word “One” highlights the complete peace and unity that we have in the Holy Christian Church.

We are to eagerly defend and protect this unity of the Spirit and this bond of peace. We are to treasure and hold fast to these things as gifts from God Himself.

**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:3-6

Although you cannot change, disrupt, or destroy these seven gifts from God, you can certainly **separate yourself** from them. **THAT'S THE DANGER!** That happens when you . .

- † Indulge in or encourage false doctrine
- † Listen to or support false teachers
- † Create strife between people in the congregation
- † Worship occasionally and haphazardly
- † Live an openly sinful and unrepentant life
- † Give a conflicting witness to the world or give offense to other believers
- † Biblically *illiterate*
- † Doctrinally *unsound*

If you are doing something that breaks the unity or disrupts the bond of peace of the Holy Christian Church, then stop! Repent! Confess it to God! And be renewed in the forgiveness of sins!

One way that this is seen especially now is by letting your faith erode during the pandemic. It has been 8 weeks since we have worshipped together ... and home worship with a video is not the same. Be careful that you do not let your faith erode during this time, and fall away from the gifts that God has given you in your Baptism! You know if your faith is suffering! If it is, be even more intentional in bringing God's Word into your daily routine! *If you need help, call me, I can help.*

God has called you *by name* into His Kingdom through *Holy Baptism!*

He has given you **incredible** spiritual gifts that most people in the world do not have.

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These gifts create *peace and unity* in the Holy Christian Church. Do everything you can to fully understand these gifts God has given to you; and then *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.* **AMEN!**