

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 594

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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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Introduction: Dear friends in Christ: †*Being alive* and †*being in sin* both began when we were conceived ([Psalm 51:5](#)); therefore, *all people need to be saved* ([Rom. 3:10](#)), *and only God can do it* ([John 14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#))! God told us in His Word that He has chosen to work *through baptism* to save us! How? **God the Father** sends **the Spirit** to unite sinners to **His Son**! The Bible says:

- **God** “*saved us...by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior*” ([Titus 3:5-6 NAS](#)). So baptism is a primary tool (means) through which God regenerates a person; **God** takes a person who is *dead in sin* and makes him *alive in Christ!*
- “*For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ*” ([Galatians 3:27 NAS](#)). Try to picture the disgusting filth of sin; then *imagine it being covered with a clean sheet*. That is a picture of baptism; *Jesus, the very Son of God, is the clean sheet that covers our sin!*

Since Jesus lived and died to remove our sins, *it is essential to be in relationship with Him!* If you are, **rejoice**; if you are not, the Spirit is calling you to **repent** – *to be sorry for your sins and return to the wonderful blessings of baptism!*

Today's sermon is different; most sermons are **based directly on the Bible**, but this sermon is **built on a Bible-based hymn**.

After each stanza is preached, we will sing it together; as we sing, let us rejoice in the great blessings that belong to us thru Jesus!

1. **Stanza 1** (Rom. 6:1-10; 1 Pet. 3:18-22; Tit. 3:4-7; Rom. 8:17; Gal. 4:1)
 - a. **God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!**
// So, having been baptized into Christ, *we are clothed, thus covered, with Jesus' sinless life!*
 - b. **He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.** // Since we have all sinned, *we all owe a debt that we cannot pay*; therefore, we stand in awe and rejoice that *Jesus paid our full redemption price!* "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God" (1 Pet. 3:18 NAS).
 - c. **Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any, that brought me salvation free, lasting to eternity!** // Let's be honest: We are each living a short, temporary life; even the things we tend to value – *like houses and cars* – are temporary. So let us see the great value of Jesus and always treasure Him! **Sing Stanza 1**

2. **Stanza 2** (Rom. 6:1-10; 1 Pet. 3:18-22; Tit. 3:4-7; Act. 22:16; Exo. 24:8; Heb. 9:19-21)
 - a. **Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!**
// What's going on in the life of a Christian? He was dead in sin; *now he is alive in Christ*; yet sin is still at work to tempt him, destroy His peace, and pull him away from Christ.
 - b. **I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.** // Sin is powerful to kill, *but Jesus' holy precious blood is even more powerful to wash us clean*: "...the blood of Jesus... cleanses us from all sin" (1Jo 1:7 NAS).
 - c. **Should a guilty conscience seize me, since my Baptism did release me, in a dear forgiving flood, sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?** // Even those who are continuing in Christ can be overwhelmed with guilt; therefore, God invites us to "draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean [by the blood of Jesus]" (Heb. 10:22 ESV). **Sing Stanza 2**

3. **Stanza 3** (Rom. 6:1-10; Rom. 8:33-39; 2Co. 4:8-10; Isaiah 50:8-9)
- Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!** // Lucifer, a great created holy angel, is now Satan, a very powerful evil ✓ angel, ✓ enemy, and ✓ accuser against all who know Jesus. So the Bible says: “woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short” (Rev. 12:12 ESV).
 - Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.** // The devil’s scheme is to accuse us to the point of hopelessness, to make us think our sin is greater than Jesus ultimate sacrifice; therefore, we continue to ♠fill our minds with God’s truth (Rom. 12:2; Psalm 119:9, 11; 119:105; 119:160) and ♠rest in Jesus’ total victory (John 19:30)!
 - Now that to the font I’ve traveled, all your might has come unraveled, and, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!** // The Bible declares: “If God is for us, who can be against us? (Rom. 8:31 ESV). So is He for us? Yes, *just look at the cross*; then, by God’s grace and God’s power, *let us ever continue in Jesus Christ!* **Sing Stanza 3**
4. **Stanza 4** (Rom. 6:1-10; Tit. 3:4-7; Col. 2:12; Gen. 18:27; Job 30:19; Job 42:6; Luke 23:43)
- Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!** // Since people who are †baptized into Christ and †continue in Christ still die, where are the eternal blessings? God wants us to know that *death is a door* through which He “takes us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven” (L.P., 7th Petition Explanation).
 - When I die, I leave all sadness, to inherit paradise!** // For us who *live on earth*, we have a sad view of death; but consider God’s view of death for those who die in Jesus: “...the righteous are taken away to be spared from evil. Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death” (Isaiah 57:1-2 NIV).

- c. **Though I lie in dust and ashes, faith's assurance brightly flashes: Baptism has the strength divine, to make life immortal mine.** // You've died, your dead, and your body is lying in a casket under six feet of dirt; pleasant – **NO**, but okay – **YES!** Why? Because Jesus will ✨return (Mt. 24:37-39), ✨raise every person (John 5:28-29), and ✨forever bless all who were baptized into Christ and, finally, died in Christ (Rev. 21:1-4)! **Sing Stanza 4**
5. **Stanza 5** (Rom. 6:1-10; Tit. 3:4-7; Rom. 5:5; Eph. 2:6-7; Luke 13:18; Rom. 8:18)
- a. **There is nothing worth comparing, to this lifelong comfort sure!** // What is valuable to YOU? Gold, good health, earthly possessions; if you value such things over your baptism into Christ, *you and all you have will perish*. Jesus said, “**For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?**” (Mark 8:36 NAS).
- b. **Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.** // Are YOU afraid to die? Is YOUR grave a scary thought? For all who die in Christ, ✨we don't fear the grave, ✨we know the rest will be good, and ✨we know Jesus will wake us up someday!
- c. **Though my flesh awaits its raising, still my soul continues praising: I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!** // Being baptized into Christ, *then continuing to know Christ*, we are so blessed: ✨Our sins are forgiven, ✨we are members of God's holy family, ✨the Holy Spirit is living within us, ✨we rejoice in Jesus as Savior, ✨we follow Jesus as Lord, ✨we know all of God's promises are true, and ✨we are certain that one day we will be with God in paradise! And all God's people said: **Amen!** **Sing Stanza 5**