



HYMN OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2026

BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME MOST HOLY | LSB 590



Stanza 1

***Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.***

This is an audacious hymn. How can any “weak and lowly” human “claim a place” with all the saints of God? How can we claim to be buried with Christ and be dead to sin? The answer is simple yet profound — Baptism. We can sing boldly because we have been baptized into the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Baptism is the great treasure of the Christian life. It is the birth certificate that supersedes all others. It says everything about who you are. It says that you are God’s own child. It says that you have been buried with Christ and are dead to sin. It says the Holy Spirit now lives within you.

Stanza 2

***My loving Father, here You take me
To be henceforth Your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, here You make me
The fruit of all Your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
When threat’ning clouds around I see.***

Baptism is a triple gift. First, our loving Father takes you to be His child and heir. Second, Jesus won you from sin, death, and the devil by His innocent suffering and death. And now the Holy Spirit lives in you and brings comfort even in the great storms of life. All of this is graciously and freely given to you in Baptism.

Stanza 3

***My faithful God, You fail me never;
Your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
If words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
Forgive, lift up, restore Your child.***

All too often, we stray from our baptismal gifts, we look away from Jesus, and we speak and behave impurely. What then? We repent and sing, “Have mercy when I come defiled; forgive, lift up, restore Your child.” And then rejoice, “You fail me never; Your promise surely will endure.”

Stanza 4

***All that I am and love most dearly—
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
Help me Your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
Serve any will but Yours alone.***

The Christian life is a life of gratitude. In gratitude, we offer all that we are and all that we love to our Lord. We pray for strength to confess our faith sincerely. We pray, “Help me Your faithful child to be!” We take an honest inventory of our lives and sing, “Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but Yours alone.”

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At St. Paul’s, the Hymn of the Month is sung in our worship each week. May these reflections, written by congregation member and retired LCMS pastor Rev. Tim Wilkins, enrich your worship and devotional focus. In our school, children sing the Hymn of the Month in Chapel, learn stanzas as memory work, and study the hymn in music classes.