To Jordan Came Our Lord, the Christ

BAPTISM

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Martín Luther, 1524
har. Lucas Osiander, 1586

1. To Jordan came our Lord, the Christ,
   To do God’s pleasure will ing,
   And there was by Saint John baptized,
   All righteousness fulfilling;
   Becker a bath To wash away transgression,
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2. So hear ye all and well perceive
   What God doth call a Baptism
   And what a Christian should believe,
   Who error shuns and schism:
   De clar eth is His pleasure,
   Be loved Son, In whom My soul delighteth;

3. To show us this, He hath His Word
   With signs and symbols given;
   On Jordan’s banks was plainly heard
   The Father’s voice from heaven:
   “This is My well-
   Be not denied, Nor should our faith e’er waiver,

4. In tender man hood God the Son
   In Jordan’s water standeth;
   The Holy Ghost from heaven’s throne
   In dove-like form descendeth;
   That thus the truth
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Martin Luther, 1541
tr. Richard Massie, 1854; alt.
And quench the bitterness of death By His own blood
Not simple water, but the Word And Spirit with-
Hear Him!" Yea, hear Him, everyone, Whom He Himself
That all three Persons do preside At Baptism’s ho-
and Passion, He would a new life give us.
out measure; He is the true Baptizer.
invieth; Hear and obey His teaching!
ly la ver And dwell with the believer.
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5. Thus Jesus His disciples sent: Go, teach ye every

6. Who in this mercy hath not faith Nor aught there-in dis-

7. The eye of sense alone is dim And nothing sees but

nation, That, lost in sin, they must repent
cerneth, Is yet in sin, condemned to death
water; Faith sees Christ Jesus and in Him

And flee from condemnation. He that believes
And fire that ever burneth; His holiness
The Lamb ordained for slaughter; It sees the cleans-

and is baptized Shall thereby have salvation,
avails him not, Nor aught which he is doing;
ing fountain, red With the dear blood of Jesus,
A new-born man he is in Christ, From death free and
His in-born sin brings all to naught And maketh sure
Which from the sins, inherited From fallen Ad-
damnation, He shall inherit heaven.
his ruin; Himself he cannot succor.
am, frees us And from our own misunderstandings.