

# DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR APRIL 20-26, 2025

*Weekly Bible Memory Verse*

Acts 2:38–39

<sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

*Weekly Hymn: 590 BAPTIZED INTO YOUR NAME  
MOST HOLY*

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.

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.

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.

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.

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## *Weekly Catechism: HOLY BAPTISM - FIRST*

### *What is Baptism?*

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

### *Which is that word of God?*

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)

### ***We pray for others and for ourselves:***

✠ That the Holy Spirit will open blind eyes and soften hardened hearts and turn many to saving faith in Jesus Christ

✠ We pray for all those facing health problems: Darlene F, Jerry Babb, Sherry, Jerry Bullock, Joan C, Jan's business colleague Brian (hearing), Jan's friend Helen and her sister Margaret, Eric, Carol Meyer, Marilyn L's sister Cathy and husband Jerry – ongoing health concerns, Traci W's dad Lee.

✠ For all with cancer: Colleen's niece Karen, Jerry Babb's

brother-in-law Ron, Karl, Jim M' neighbor John and his brother in law Dean (stage 1), Dick's friend Jim, Don & Sandi's friend Jan Carr, Pat, Mary S., Thelma (resident at Stone Bay where Jerry Bullock is)

✝ For comfort and joy in the resurrection for those grieving recent deaths: Jan's friend Jeff whose father died, Tim's Aunt Marvel, DiAnn's friend Judy.

✝ For Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Minnetonka that God will soon provide a pastor for them.

✝ That every Christian will display new life in Christ in their words and actions

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