

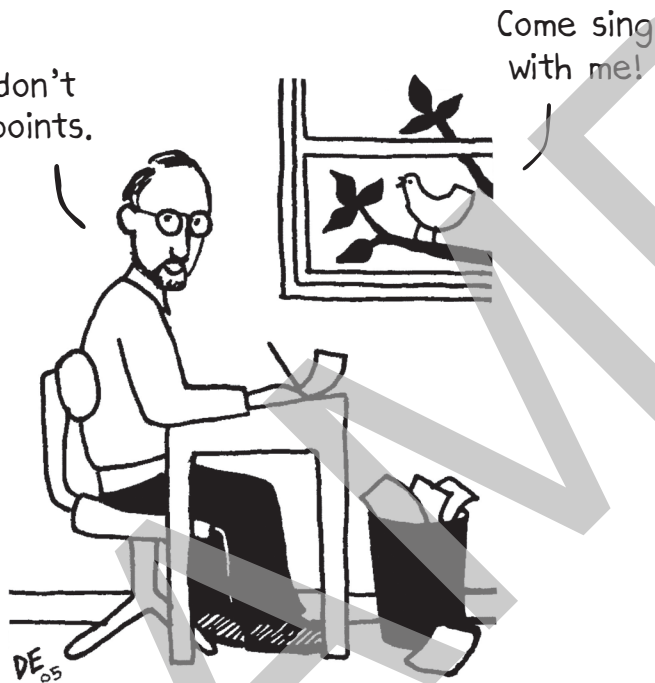
These Certificates Are Pointless

When we set out to design some keepsake certificates adorned and inspired by the art and teaching of Pastor Daniel Erlander, we realized that the conventional idea behind things like diplomas and awards—earning a fancy piece of paper to show off one’s achievements or smarts or skills—doesn’t fit so well with the vision of Christian life and community Dan shared so freely and generously.

“You don’t need points,” he would sometimes say. “It’s okay to be pointless.” With the deep grace of that declaration in mind, we made these certificates to help you and your congregation try another way to recognize and celebrate people.

It is our hope that the whimsical creativity of Pastor Daniel Erlander will inspire your congregation to recognize and honor all the people who promote and encourage various aspects of Christian ministry.

You don’t
need points.



An “official” seal

This seal uses the back-cover image from *A Place for You*. It incorporates the no-longer-crabby people and Sarah dancing and smiling together. The rulebook / scorecard is thrown away, and they share the good news: All is gift. All is grace.

Erlander Confirmation Certificates

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Affirmation of Baptism

On this day, in the company of the saints, we celebrate and affirm all the promises God made in your baptism, and we rejoice as you claim these promises in your life. Join us in bearing the troublemaking love of Jesus in the world.

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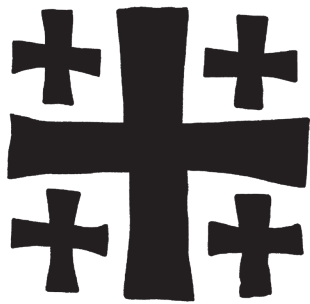
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You will
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“Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:38-39



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On this day, in the company of all the saints, we celebrate and affirm the promises God made in your baptism. We rejoice as you claim these promises in your life.

May the gift of God's Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom, understanding, and courage. May you honor God's holiness and rejoice in the wonder of God's presence, now and forever.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name; you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.
Isaiah 43:1-2

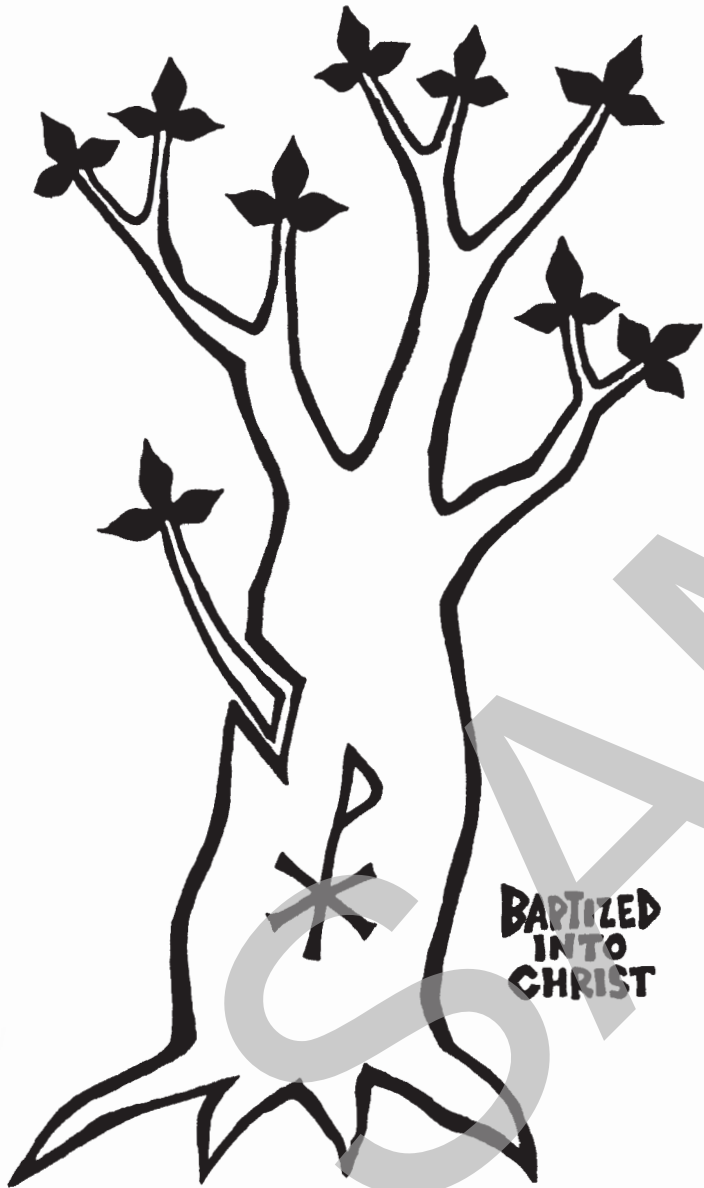
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Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
Jeremiah 17:7-8



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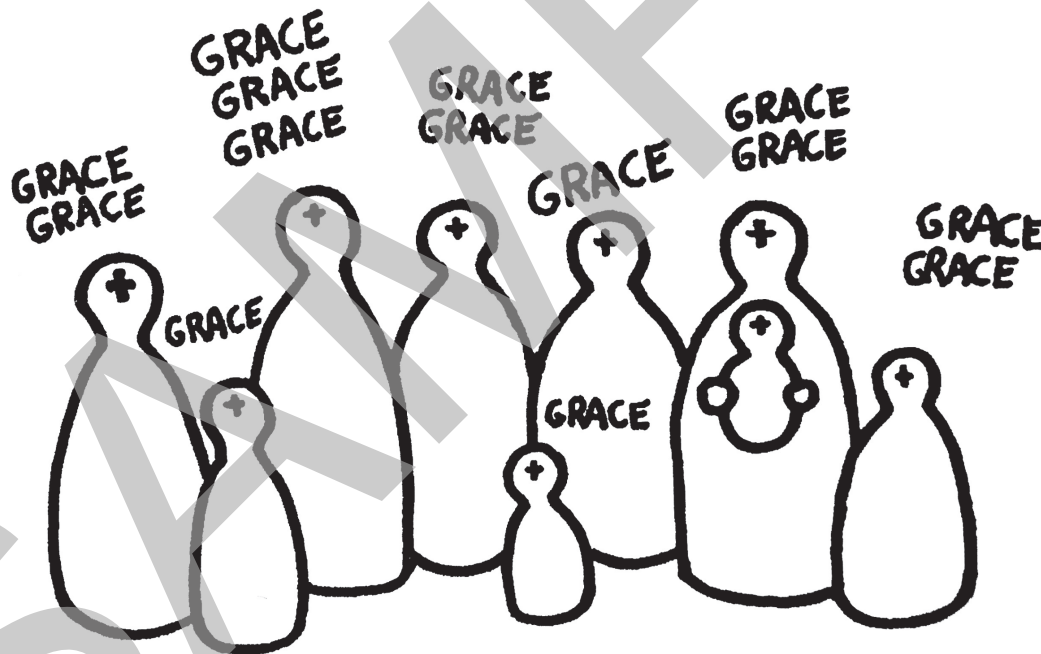
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On this day, in the company of all the saints, we celebrate and affirm the promises God made in your baptism. We rejoice as you claim these promises in your life.

It is also taught among us that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions, but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ suffered for us and that for his sake our sin is forgiven and righteousness and eternal life are given to us. For God will regard and reckon this faith as righteousness, as Paul says in Romans 3:21-26 and 4:5.

Article 4, Augsburg Confession

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