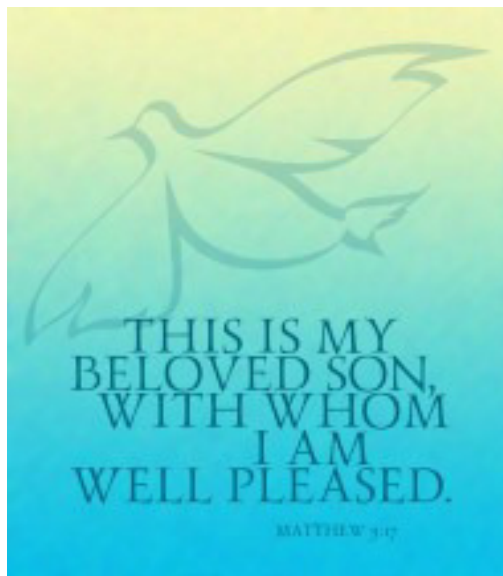


FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY & THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 11, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



"Be and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ"

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

P - Presiding Minister

A - Assisting minister

C - Congregation

*** - PLEASE STAND**

Please be sure to turn off all electronic devices.

PRELUDE: “What Star Is This?” (arr. by: F. Ritter)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

**P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.**

**P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom
 no secrets are hid:
C Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
 Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your
 holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please kneel or sit as you are able.

**P Most merciful God,
C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
 We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we
 have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you
 with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
 For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive
 us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and
 walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake,
 forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of
 Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of
 all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy
 Spirit.
C Amen.**

***PEACE:**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN: “*Bright & Glorious Is the Sky*” vs. 1,3,5-6 (LBW 75)**

1 Bright and glorious is the sky,
radiant are the heavens high
where the golden stars are shining.
All their rays to earth inclining
beckon us to heav’n above,
beckon us to heav’n above.

3 Sages from the East afar,
when they saw this wondrous star,
went to find the king of nations
and to offer their oblations
unto him as Lord and King,
unto him as Lord and King.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 As a star, God’s holy word
leads us to our King and Lord;
brightly from its sacred pages
shall this light throughout the ages
shine upon our path of life,
shine upon our path of life.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958, alt.
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***GREETING:**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE: “Glory to God” (LBW pg. 79-80)**



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry.



Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a- way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,



you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

***PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P Let us pray:

P Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world;

C **through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 42:1-9

A A reading from Isaiah.

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 29

A ¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

C **²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

A ³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

C **⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

- A ⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- C ⁶**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- A ⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- C ⁸**The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.**
- A ⁹And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”
- C ¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.**
- A ¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 6:1-11

A A reading from Romans.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***VERSE:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 3:13-17**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Dwight Hanson—A Faintly Burning Wick

***HYMN OF THE DAY: “Shall We Gather at the River” (WOV 690)**



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

***APOSTLES' CREED:**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS ELECTED TO NEW TERMS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

- A** Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, by the power of the Holy Spirit poured out upon us in Holy Baptism, draw us into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Create in us hearts that truly desire to do your will. Make us die every day to sin and rise in the renewal of faith, as we seek to serve you and make the world around us better. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray for the whole Christian Church on earth. In this season of Epiphany, shine upon us and within us so that we reflect the light of the Kingdom in a troubled world. Inspire us to be mission-driven all of our days. Bless and keep this congregation and its leaders. Bless our Mission District and Pastor Daniels, our dean. Bless Bishop Selbo and staff, NALC Disaster Response, and our outreach partners: Military Veterans and Families Ministries; Abundant Grace of West Chester; Chris, Emily and family and the World Mission Prayer League; and all other helpful organizations within our community and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**
- A** We pray, O Lord, for the world with its many needs. Grant wisdom and endurance to our civic leaders, that inspired counsel would guide them through daily dilemmas for the good of all. Lead each of us amid our various vocations, that your will be done in every part of life. We lift up all who suffer from war, disaster, chaos or grief. Grant healing, comfort, and a path forward. And watch over all who serve with honor in harm's way, and their families. Lord, in your mercy,
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

- A We pray for all who need healing in any way: Grieving: *The Coffman/McIntosh family at the passing of Allen's Uncle Dan; For Healing: Sue Daniel; Rob Dell, John Hacker, Amy & Bryan Jackson, Richard Lehman, Connie Martin, Devin Mays, Sally Mowell, Maggie Risko, Tom Schamel, Jackie Steiner, George Suggs, Wayne Williams*, as well as those whom we name in our hearts (*silent prayer*). Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
- C **Trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY: *"The First Noel" vs. 5 & Refrain (LBW 56)*

5 Then entered in those wise . . . men three, full . . .

rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered

there in his . . . pres - ence their . . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

myrrh, and frank - in - cense. No - el, No - el, No -

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: English traditional
 Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional

***OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

C Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER:**

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

***BLESSING:**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C Amen.

***SENDING HYMN:** *“Shine, Jesus, Shine” (WOV 651)*

***DISMISSAL:**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday -Friday: 10—1, 2—5

TODAY January 11, 2026— The Baptism of our Lord

9:30 a.m. Worship with Installation of Council Members
10:30 a.m. Fellowship & Adult Education
10:30 a.m. Youth will see a Christian movie & have popcorn

Monday January 12

Pastor's Day Off
9:45 a.m. Choose to Lose
7:00 p.m. Phoebe Women's Bible Study

Tuesday January 13

5:30 p.m. Mom's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Wine & the Word (Perry's)
7:00 p.m. Lakeside Fellowship (Schultz's)

Wednesday January 14

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday January 15 — Grace Herald Deadline

2:00 p.m. Graceful Fabric Guild
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)

Friday January 16

12:30 p.m. Bulletin Production
6:00 p.m. Family Game & Pizza Night w/ "Trade-up BINGO" (FH)

Saturday January 17

9:00 a.m. Church Council Retreat (Grace, Eaton)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The January, 2026 Family Game Night is scheduled for ***Friday, the 16th!*** We'll have pizza @ 6:00 p.m. and then @ 7:00 begin Trade-Up BINGO with White Elephant gifts. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex so that we know how many pizzas to purchase.

Saturday, January 17th, the Church Council will meet at Grace for their annual council retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

SIGN-UP TO SPONSOR A HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL FOR 2026

There is a **sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can contact Kelly Mt. Castle to sign up (937-336-1223).** The board of elders thank you for helping with this very important ministry.

Help Needed to Take Food Items to The Common Good of Preble County Food Pantry we are in need of one or more volunteers to take the food items collected in the fellowship hall, to the Food Pantry once or twice a month. You don't need to sign up to do this, just as you see the baskets filling up, let Mary in the office know that you are taking it to the pantry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

And while we're on the subject of The Common Good of Preble County and Volunteering ...

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!
WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Retail Support:
Responsible for general customer service, stocking merchandise, sorting donations and/or operating a simple cash register.

Food Pantry:
Assist in distributing food and processing donations.

Join our team, to build a stronger community!
Please contact Jenny McCarty at 937-456-6560
or jmccarty@commongoodpreble.org

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild for January: Kelly Mt. Castle, Kelly Coffman, Rex Mt. Castle
Offering Counter for January: Susan Kiracofe

Sunday, January 11—Epiphany & Baptism of Our Lord

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Becky Lenk & Tiffany Ingram
Usher: Gary Pemberton
Lector: Debbie McKinney

Sunday, January 18—Epiphany 2

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Jeff & Lisa Kiracofe
Usher: Jeff Kiracofe
Lector: John Barnes
Communion: Kelly Coffman, John Kiracofe

Sunday, January 25—Epiphany 3

9:30 a.m.

Greeter: Rex & Kelly Mt. Castle
Usher: Rex Mt. Castle
Lector: Tina Ebright

Attendance & Stewardship — (\$4,187 needed wkly)

01.04.26 9:30 a.m. 68 \$2,702.88

Great Commission Outreach Partners:

World Mission Prayer League—Chris & Emily and family, Lutheran Military Veterans and Families, Abundant Grace, West Chester

Grace Lutheran Mission Endowment Fund: The purpose of this fund is to extend the ministry of Grace Lutheran Church, apart from the general operation of the congregation. To learn more about our Mission Endowment Fund, please contact the church office and we'll give your question to the appropriate person.

IN OUR PRAYERS

After 4 weeks we will remove names from this list. If you would like to keep someone on the list, please note their name on the back of the “Attendance & Communion Registration” form.

URGENT PRAYER LIST:

GRIEVING: *The Coffman/McIntosh family at the passing of Allen’s Uncle Dan (John’s brother-in-law) who was called to the Church Triumphant on New Year’s Day.*

HEALING: (In Alphabetical Order)

Sue Daniel: (Tiffany Ingram’s Best Friend in need of prayer)

Rob Dell: (Having health issues)

John Hacker

Amy & Bryan Jackson: (for comfort and healing)

Richard Lehman: (He is rehabbing at Kingston of Miamisburg)

Connie Martin: (Friend of several folks at Grace—Dealing with cancer)

Devin Mays: (Great-nephew of Karen & Darren Marshall-having medical issues)

Sally Mowell: (Friend of Marshall’s—Cancer has returned)

Maggie Risko: (Lisa Kiracofe’s mother—recovering from a broken hip)

Tom Schamel: (Health issues)

Jackie Steiner: (As she deals with Huntington’s Disease)

George Suggs: (Dealing with health issues)

Wayne Williams

LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST.....Jackie Steiner, Rhonda Paige Atkinson, Amy Jackson, Andy Proeschel, Judy Newkirk, Mike & Judy Schamel, Suzan Pauley, Tim Lanthrop, Barb Goebel, Carmen Hasdorff, Martha Grimme, Tom Schamel, Amanda & Shayla Dell, Susan Root, Fran Kester, Teddi & Mike Watkins, Ruth Hardin, Jenifer Combs, Doug Davis, Pastor Dean & Sandy Haferman, Dave Brumbaugh, Scot Emig, Barbara Worley, Carolyn MacFadyen, Judy Jay, Will Suggs, Earl House, Barbara Lakes, Becky Hoskins, Kayli Johnson, Joe McHenry, Tom Barnes: and those serving in the military: Maj. Love Hartman; Capt. John Kettelman; SPC Brandon Mann; Brad Newkirk; Lt. Col. Kyle Hundley, Alex Pollitt, Airman, U.S. Air. Force.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY:

Fellowship & Education

Following Worship—Refreshments for all are served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sundays.

- **Youth Sunday School classes** meet @ **10:30 a.m.** — in the Sunday School music room (Education wing) and start with songs and prayer, then go to the adjacent classroom for our lesson. Bring a friend! Parents are always welcome.
- **Adult Education**— Following 9:30 a.m. worship, the adults meet to discuss the lessons of the day. Coffee and snacks provided.
- **Every other Sunday— Sunday S'mores @ 6:00 p.m.** —a Middle School- & High School-aged Youth Sunday Evening Ministry. Friends are welcome. Tina Ebright is the moderator and she can be reached at 937-472-5663.

Adult Bible Studies (during the week)

- **The 2nd Monday of each Month — 7:00 p.m.—The Phoebe Women's Bible Study.** They are studying— ***"Living with Defiant JOY"*** a six-session study. Contact Kelly Mt. Castle (937-336-1223 or email: kelly.mtcastle@gmail.com).
- **The 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the Month:**
 - * **6:00 p.m. — Wine & The Word** — this group shares a light meal (at the home of Carol Perry). They will be choosing a new study. If you would like to join them, please contact Carol at 937-456-6683 or cbperry122@embarqmail.com
 - * **7:00 p.m. — Lakeside Fellowship is held** at the Lakengren home of Dan & Karen Schultz. If you would like to join this group, please contact Karen/Dan at 419-890-7965 or dkschultz52@yahoo.com.
- **The 2nd Tues. of each month — 5:30 p.m. — FOR MOMS . . .** They are studying a 6-session Bible Study for MOMS — **Mom Set Free** by: Jeannie Cunnion.
- **The Wednesday Morning Prayer & Bible Study — 9:00 a.m.** — meets in the Meeting Room off of the Fellowship Hall. They are studying the ***minor prophets***.
- **The 3rd Thursday of each month — 2:00-4:00 p.m. — "Graceful Fiber Guild"** — **meets** in the Fellowship Hall or the adjacent meeting room. Bring a craft you've been working on or just come to learn a new craft. Everyone is welcome to join us! Our next meeting is ***Thurs., Jan. 15th***.

These studies are open to any member and our friends. No prior Bible study background is needed. Please bring your Bible.



What White Elephant Gift did YOU get?

We got several again this year!

And do you know what we are doing with them this year?

Exchanging them at Trade up Bingo!

Wrap up your White Elephant gifts

Bring them to Game Night

Watch someone else get that THING!

January Game Night Friday 16th

Pizza at 6pm

White Elephant Bingo 7pm

Sign up Sheet in the Narthex

Enjoy a crazy night of FUN

While getting rid of that **THING!**

Listening for the Promise

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Baptism of Our Lord – January 11, 2026

*“...and behold, a voice from heaven said,
‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’”*

- Matthew 3:17 -

God has a voice. John writes in his gospel, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). As we look back at the beginning, we see the Spirit hovering over the formless and empty earth. The first manifestation of God’s presence was his voice. “And God said, ‘Let there be light’” (Genesis 1:3). God spoke and there was light. God spoke again and created the heavens and the earth. He spoke, and there was life.

Then, he spoke to us: first to Adam and Eve, then to Noah, the patriarchs, judges, kings and prophets. And he spoke through human beings, putting his voice in their mouths. It wasn’t enough. We didn’t listen. We listened to the wrong voices. We went our own way. But at the right time God sent his Son, the Word incarnate, to bring salvation and peace to his people. God’s voice was given flesh in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus did not come in his majesty and divine glory, but took upon himself the very nature of man. At his baptism, Jesus identified fully with us; the purpose of his life was to take on sin and destroy it forever. He came to bridge the divide between God and man so we can live in harmony with God and one another. The Spirit of God again hovered over the formless and empty earth: He spoke, and there was Light. Jesus Christ was anointed with the power to change the world, to restore our relationship with our Father.

Jesus is God’s Son, but he is also fully human, the living Word in flesh. At the Jordan, God assured Jesus that he was doing what he was sent to do with the words, “You are my beloved.” He has spoken the same words to us in Baptism, giving us the assurance that we, too, are now his children.

Martin Luther encouraged Christians to remember their Baptism often. In his *Small Catechism*, Luther wrote that when we get out of bed in the morning and when we go to bed at night we should make the sign of the cross and say, “Under the care of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.” These words about our baptism will remind us that God is always with us, so that we can live as we have been called to live.



Today's Gospel Lesson

Baptism of Our Lord

January 11, 2026



John the Baptist baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.

My Beloved Son

Find the 28 **bold** words from Matthew 3:13-17 (ESV)

S W D W E L L Y G T G S V B W
B S T E I Y M L S O N O E A A
P R E V E N T E D E I H N F T
G L T N Z N R T V C O S B I E
C N E X S Q T A E L W P A S R
N O I A Y U E I D E N E P O G
E E N T S H O D R J W J T N L
V V S S T E M E I I G Q I J L
A O P A E I D M T M P D Z O I
E D U G W N F M H H N S E R F
H J E S U S T I W E G M D D L
E E L I L A G E C B S I L A U
N H O J J P R S D C Z G R N F
Q S T J A B E L O V E D N Z Z
K V W J O D V T D C V W N Y P

Then **Jesus** came from **Galilee** to the **Jordan** to **John**, to be **baptized** by him. John would have **prevented** him, saying, “I **need** to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus **answered** him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is **fitting** for us to **fulfill** all **righteousness**.” Then he **consented**. And when Jesus was baptized, **immediately** he went up from the **water**, and **behold**, the **heavens** were **opened** to him, and he **saw** the **Spirit** of God **descending** like a **dove** and coming to **rest** on him; and behold, a **voice** from **heaven** said, “This is my **beloved Son**, with whom I am **well pleased**.”