



Baptism of Our Lord

January 10, 2021

10:30 AM

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Green Summit's Reusable Bag Drive: Large reusable shopping bags are being collected in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday through January 18. They will be distributed at GRACE for residents in need who use GRACE. Please leave bags in bins at Cornog Field House, 5 Myrtle Ave., Summit.

Pledge Update: Thus far we have received 84 pledges for a total of \$422,030 towards our goal of \$450,000. If you haven't yet submitted your pledge, please do so today.

Retirement Purse: Pastor Moore is retiring on January 31. To contribute to the Cash Purse we are collecting as part of our retirement gifts, please access the Plumfund site [here](#).

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Coffee Sale: If you need fair trade coffee, teas, and chocolate, contact Jane Bowman.

Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Hymns of Faith Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88523165763>

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

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Prayer Before Worship

God of heaven and earth, we gather in the name of Jesus to hear your holy Word and to be immersed in your Spirit. Speak to us with grace and truth and pour out your love upon us so that this temple may resound with joyful shouts of glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*,
Year B, Vol. 1

PRELUDE Setting of *Merle's Tune*

By Jacob B. Weber (b. 1988)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

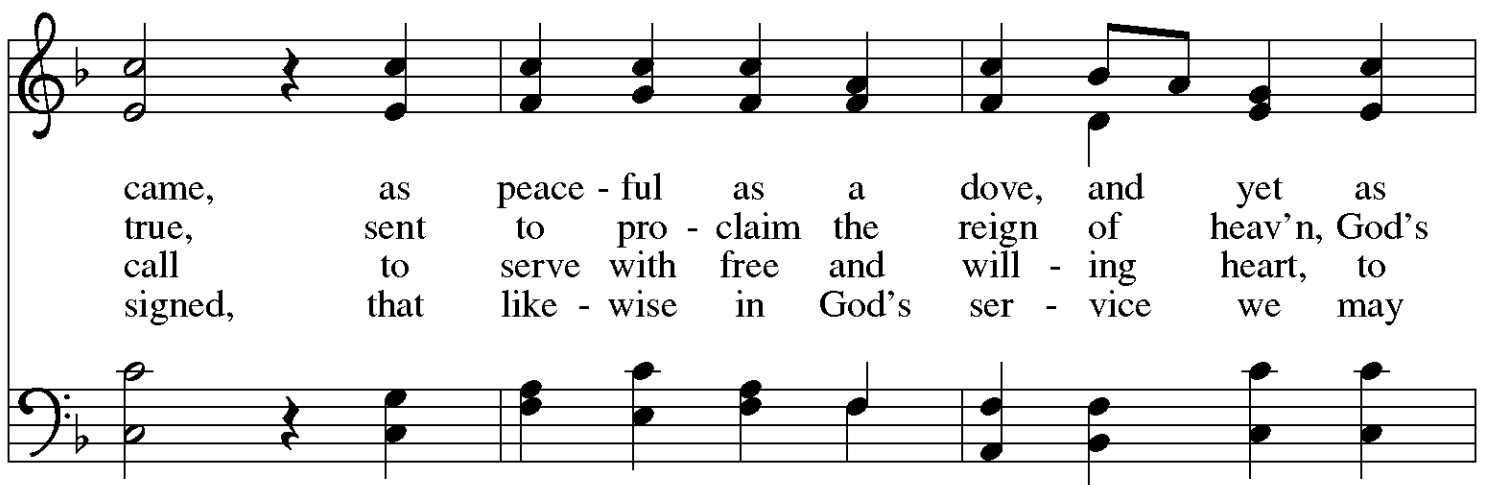
To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

How vast is God's love for us! Through water and the Word your sins are washed away. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ you are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are claimed as God's own beloved. **Amen.**

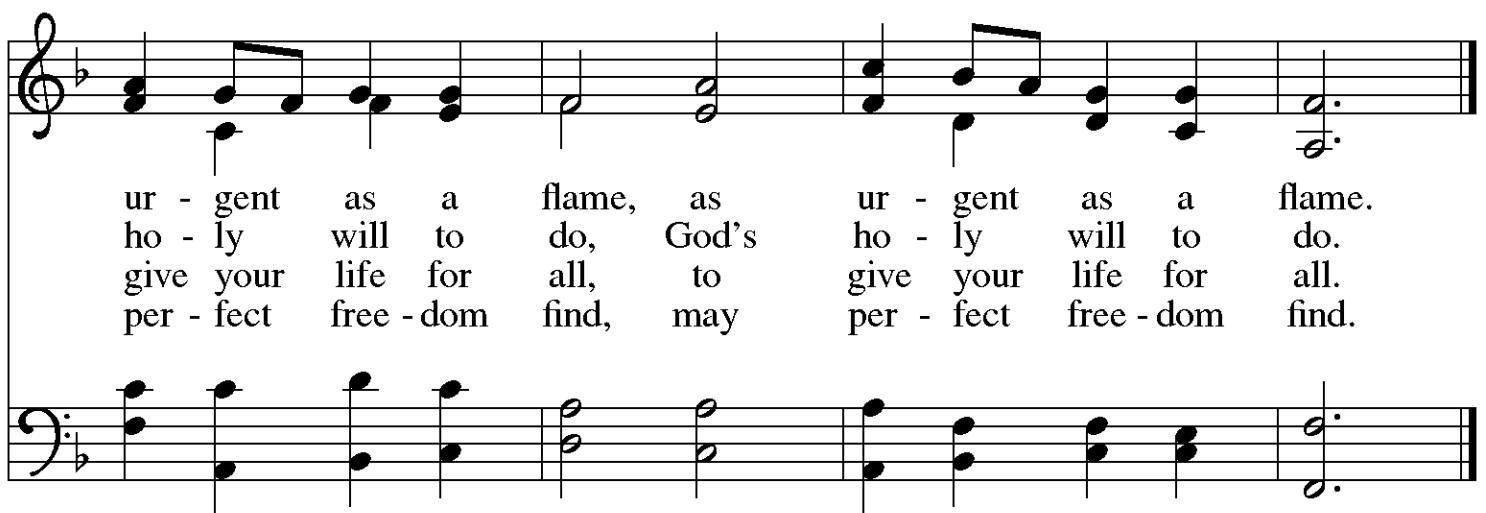
GATHERING HYMN ELW 304 Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may

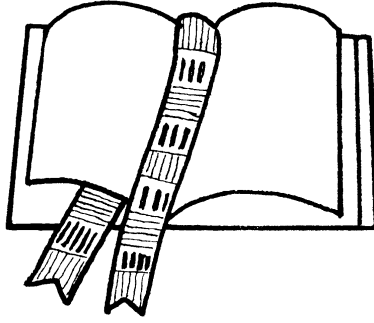


ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984, alt.

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING Genesis 1:1–5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

Spoken responsively

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

²**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

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

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

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the Lord
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

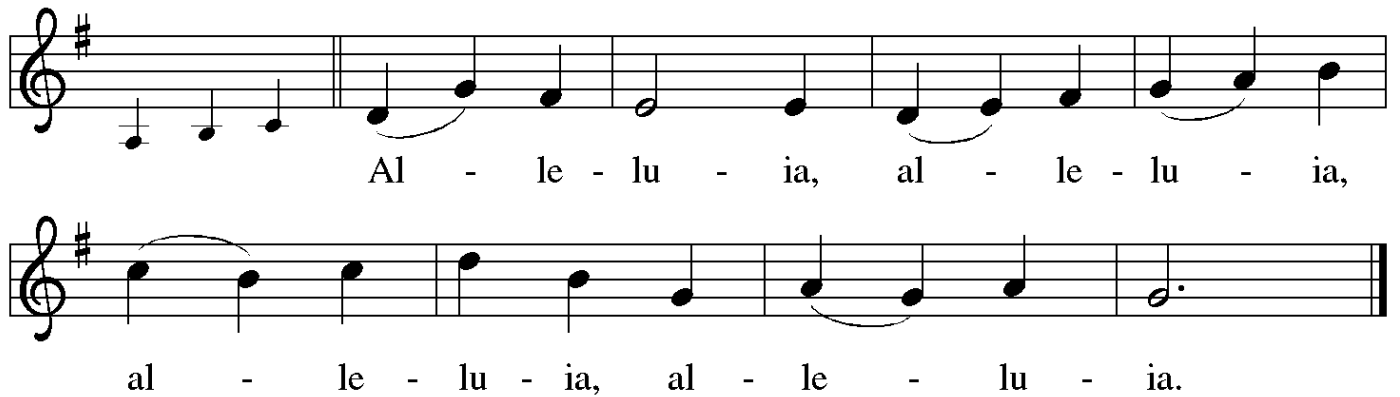
¹¹O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 19:1–7

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." ³Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." ⁴Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 1:4–11

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 916 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways



1. Down Gal - i - lee's slow road - ways a strang - er trav - eled
2. A - ris - ing from the riv - er he saw the heav - ens
3. We too have found a road - way; it led us to this



on from Naz - a - reth to Jor - dan to be bap - tized by
torn; it seemed the sky so o - pen re - vealed the Spir - it's
place. We all have had to trav - el in search of hope and



John. He went down to the wa - ters like
form. The ho - ly dove de - scend - ed a -
grace. But now be - side this wa - ter a -



sol - dier, scribe, and slave, but there with - in the
mid a glo - rious voice: "You are my own be -
gain a voice is heard. "You are my own, my



riv - er the sign was birth and grave.
lov - ed, my child, my heart, my choice."
cho - sen, be - lov - ed of your Lord."

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933, MERLE'S TUNE

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Music: © 1983 Hope Publishing Company

CORPORATE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of our baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen.**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Water is poured into the font.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

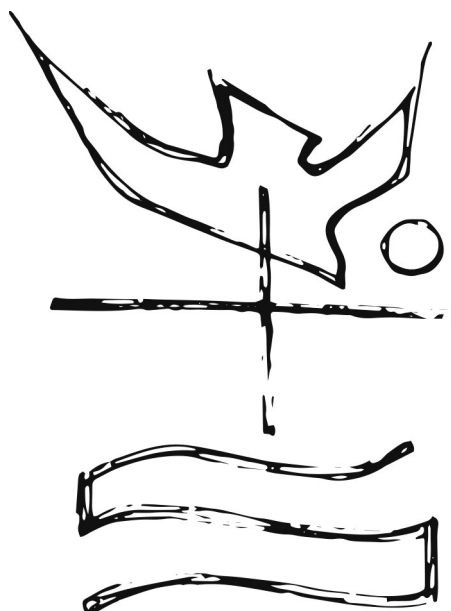
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERING MUSIC Setting of "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Stephanie Rothman, trumpet

By John Carter (b. 1930)



OFFERING HYMN ELW 308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

Verse 5

5. Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
our joy be all with music crowned, our
voi - ces gai - ly blend - ing! For Christ goes with us all the way—
to - day, to - mor - row, ev' - ry day! His love is nev - er end - ing!
Sing out! Ring out! Ju - bi - la - tion! Ex - ul - ta - tion! Tell the sto - ry!
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glo - ry!

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **Yours, O God, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ACS 957 Take Me to the Water



1. Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa -
2. I love Je - sus, I love Je -
3. He's my Sav - ior, he's my Sav -
4. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu -



ter, take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
sus, I love Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.
ior, he's my Sav - ior, oh yes, he is.
jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, 1935-2009

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Setting of *Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*

By Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

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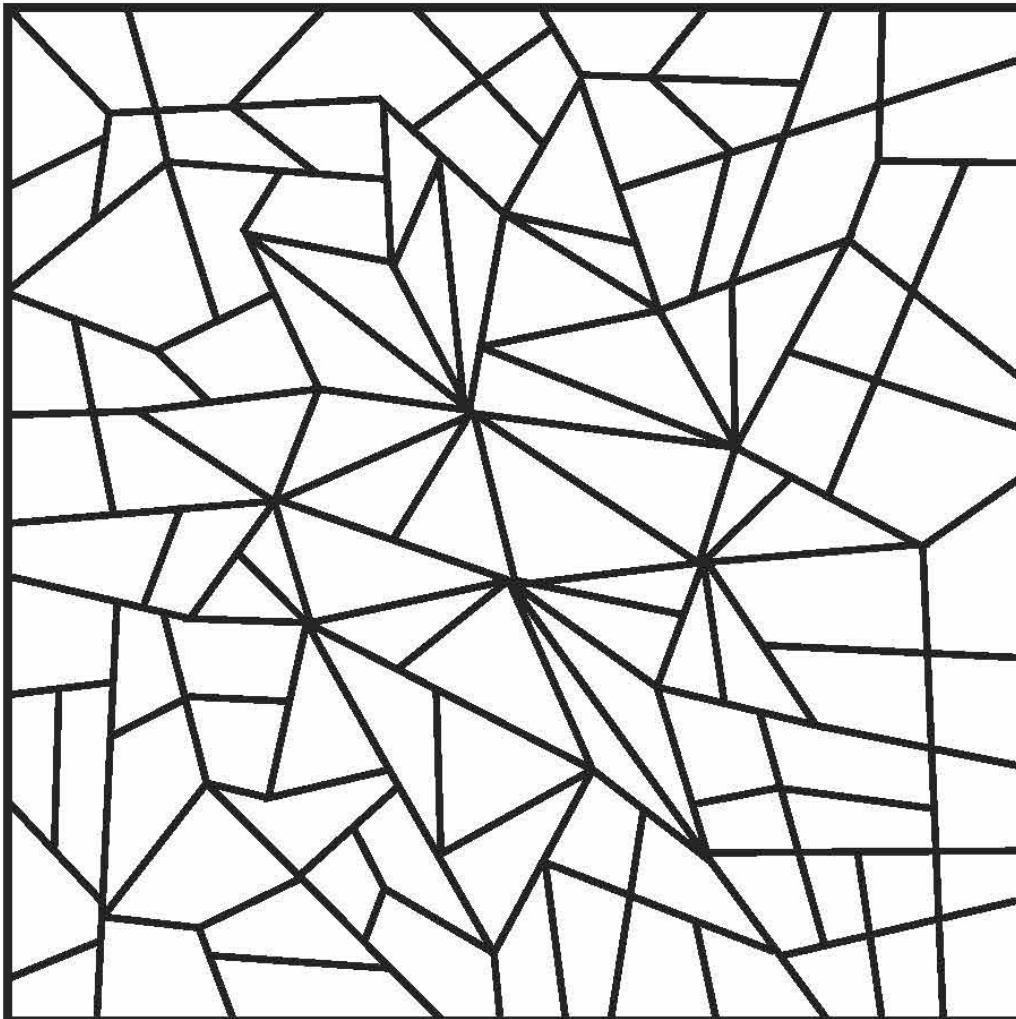


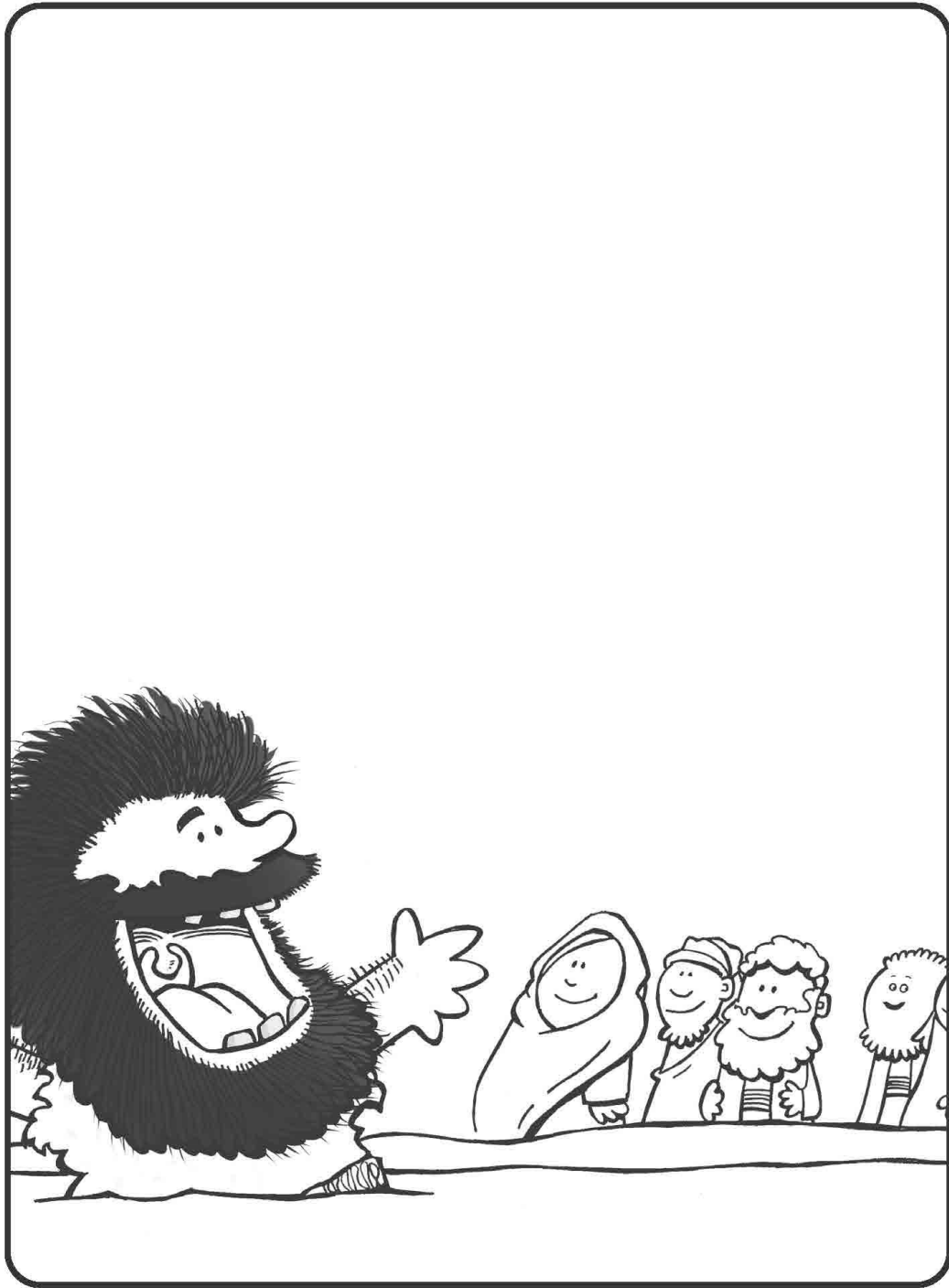
PRE-READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- A symbol of **Epiphany** is a burst of light.
- A **burst of light** helps us see.
- **Jesus** helps us see, too.

Color in the triangles to make a burst of light.



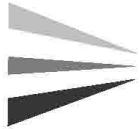


“Jesus is coming! He is the Messiah!”



Your pastor baptizes people in your church.

**Trace the letters to find out who baptized
Jesus.**



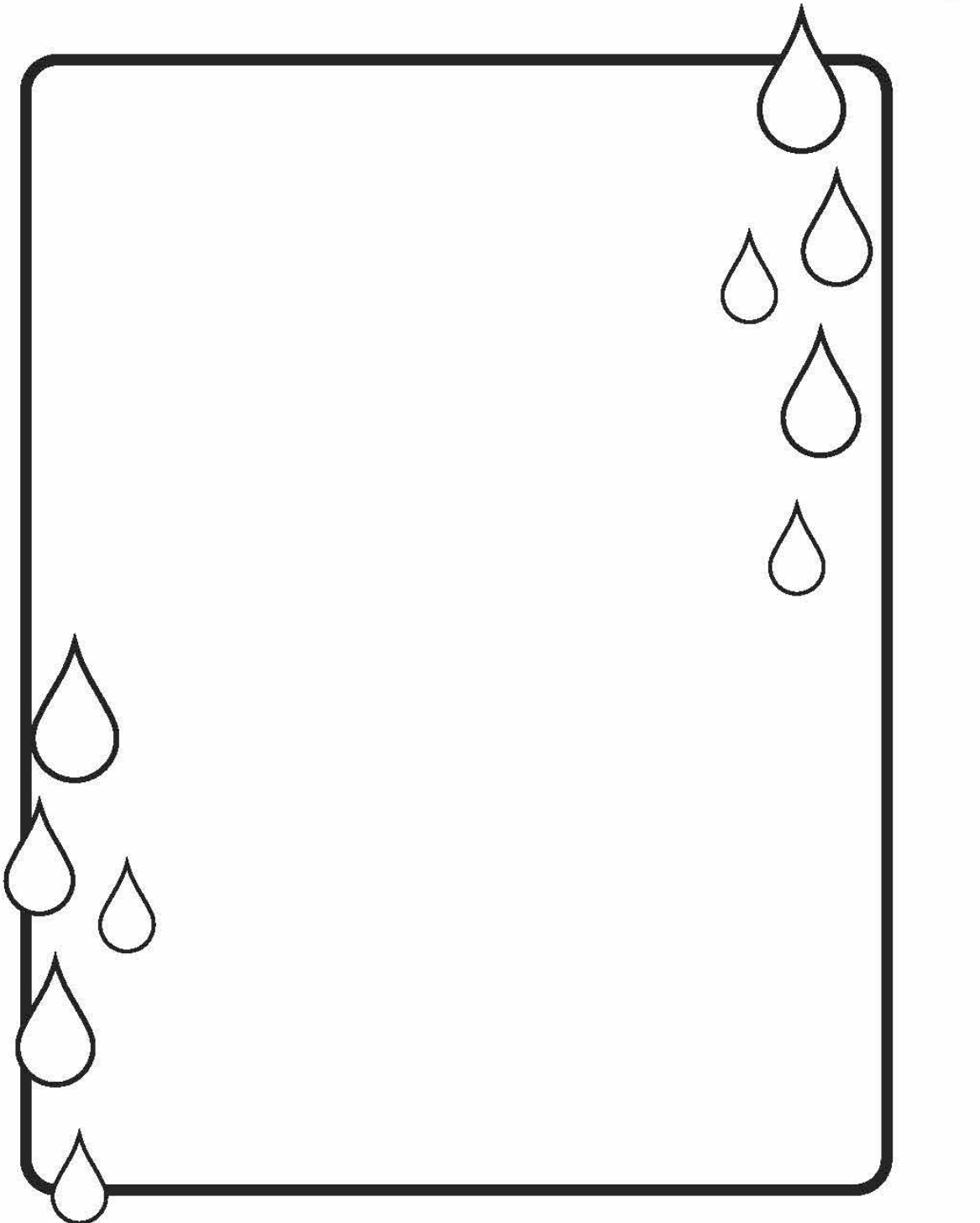
JOHN

THE

BAPTIST

Jesus was baptized in a river. Some people are still baptized in a river. Find out where you baptize people in your church.

Then draw it below!





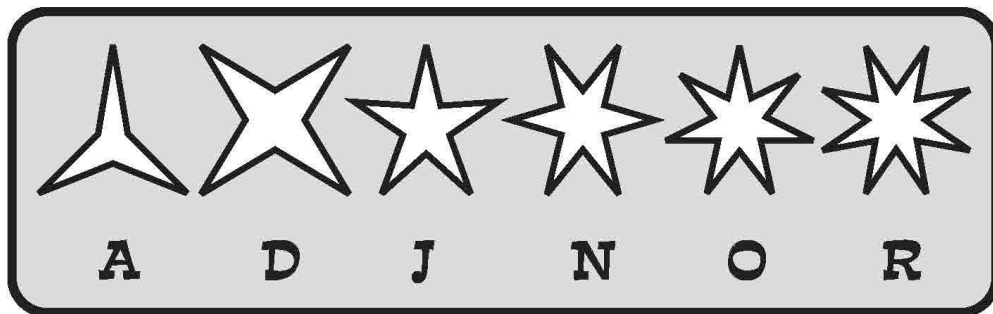
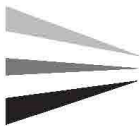
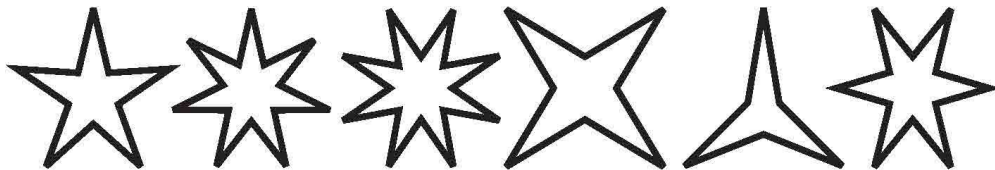
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Baptism of Our Lord

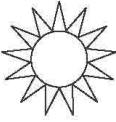


- Today we celebrate the **Baptism of our Lord**.
- We remember Jesus' baptism in the **Jordan River**.
- The Baptism of Our Lord begins the season of **Epiphany**.
- The symbol of Epiphany is a **burst of light** because Jesus is the light of the world.

Made Complete

Count the points on the burst of light to find out what river Jesus was baptized in.



"A voice came down from heaven, 'U

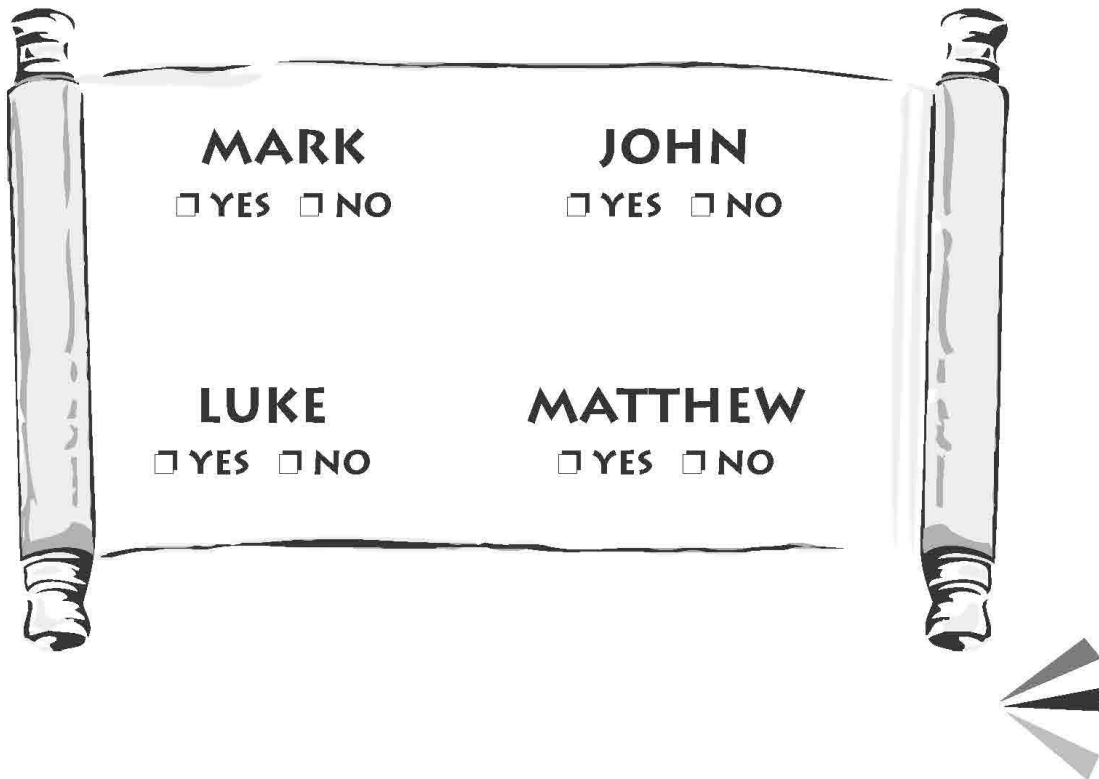
are my , the
b  ed, with U  am well
pleased.'"

Memory Verse



Bible Tip!

Three of the Gospels tell the story of Jesus' baptism with lots of details. Can you figure out the one that doesn't?



MARK
 YES NO

JOHN
 YES NO

LUKE
 YES NO

MATTHEW
 YES NO

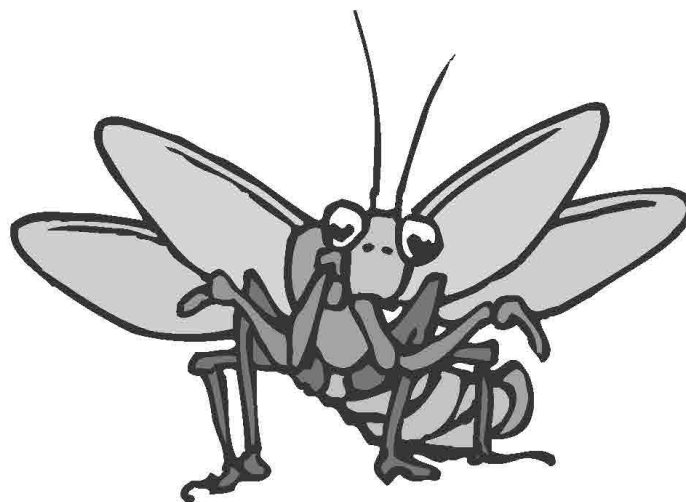
What's Wrong with This Picture?

John the Baptist is baptizing a baby. But what's wrong with the picture?



Look it up!

What did John the Baptist eat? What kind of clothes did he wear? Look it up in Matthew 3:4.



Water Everywhere

Look around your church. Where do you see water? Where do you use water in your church? Are there any special days that we use water in church? Draw what else you do with water at your church.

