

**JANUARY 9, 2022**  
**BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**  
 Church Year Cycle C



**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

*Jesus' baptism points to a way of life.*

**WEEKLY MILESTONES:**



Take a moment to have each person share a recent mountain high and/or valley low in their lives.

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:**



*Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. **Luke 3:21-22a (NRSV)***

**GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:**



Luke in this reading reinforces that John the Baptist is subordinate to Jesus and describes what happens after Jesus and all the people present had been baptized and were praying. The Holy Spirit takes a physical presence and descends upon Jesus in a bodily form like a dove.

**GOSPEL READING:**

**Read: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22      The baptism of Jesus**

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:**



1. In this reading, who did the people think John the Baptist might be?	<p><b>A</b> A descendant of Abraham</p> <p><b>B</b> The next ruler of Judea</p> <p><b>C</b> A Pharisee</p> <p><b>D</b> The Messiah</p>
2. In this reading, what did John the Baptist say the one who is coming would baptize them with?	<p><b>A</b> A big stick</p> <p><b>B</b> Oil and perfume</p> <p><b>C</b> The Holy Spirit and fire</p> <p><b>D</b> The books of Moses</p>
3. In this reading, what did the Holy Spirit look like as it descended upon Jesus?	<p><b>A</b> Like an eagle</p> <p><b>B</b> Like a dove</p> <p><b>C</b> Like a cloud of smoke</p> <p><b>D</b> Like a bolt of lightning</p>

Answer key on page 2



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### SCRIPTURE READING DISCUSSION:

- What words stay in your mind or what ideas do you have from this reading?
- What message do you hear for us in this reading?
- How does this reading influence your thoughts, feelings, or future actions?

### RELATED READINGS FOR REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTING:

Isaiah 43:1-7	Restoration and protection
Acts 8:14-17	Receiving the Holy Spirit
Matthew 3:13-17	Jesus' baptism
Colossians 3:12-17	New life in Christ
Ephesians 4:1-6	Unity in the body of Christ
Psalms 29	The voice of the Lord

### RELATED READINGS DISCUSSION:

What similar themes or general concept did you discover in these related readings? How do they connect to the theme of the week?

### HYMN OF THE WEEK:

*Change My Heart, O God*

Text: Eddie Espinosa (1953- )

Music: Eddie Espinosa (1953- )



<https://youtu.be/cUjUvoynGMM>

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #801]

### CLOSING PRAYER:

Come Lord Jesus, come, Holy Spirit, strengthen us in our baptismal life and feed us with your power to believe that we are loved by God. Amen.

### CLOSING BLESSING:

May God bless you to know you are loved and precious.



Answer Key: 1-D, 2-C, 3-B