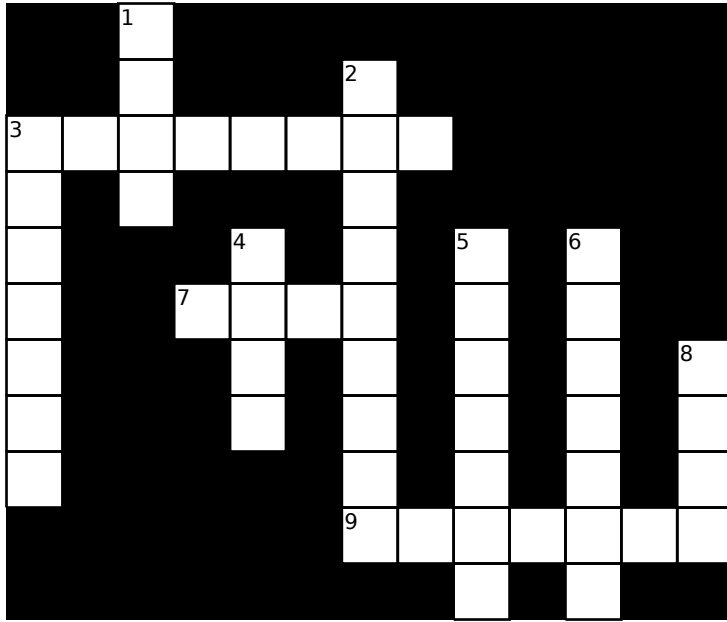


LESSONS FOR LAMBS

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (EPIPHANY I)

The color for the Baptism of Our Lord is white.



ACROSS

- 3 Jesus taught & performed _____ for about 3 years.
7 Jesus was baptized by _____.
9 We hear about the life of Jesus in the four _____.

DOWN

- 1 This week we celebrate the Baptism of our _____.
2 The baptism of Jesus marked the official _____ of His ministry.
3 Jesus was the promised _____ from the Old Testament.
4 The Spirit of God descended on Jesus like a _____.
5 Your _____ reminds you that you are safe in Jesus.
6 A voice from heaven said, "This is my _____ Son, with whom I am well pleased."
8 This baptism laid on Jesus the _____ of all the people.



What to listen for during the service?

Listen for the words "My Son" or "beloved Son" during the service. What other places do we hear these words this week? Who is speaking these words?

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. 14 John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. 16 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; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Where did Jesus come from and where did He go?
- 2) Why did Jesus go to John?
- 3) What happened when Jesus came up out of the water after John baptized Him?
- 4) Who descended on Him like a dove?
- 5) Who was the voice from heaven? What did He say?

People of the Bible: Jesus

In the Gospel reading today we hear about Jesus getting baptized. This baptism marked the beginning of Jesus' official ministry. As it says in the reading, Jesus was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness." He was the promised Messiah from the Old Testament, and was God become Man to be the Savior for all who believe. This baptism laid on Jesus the sins of all people, which was the reason He came to us. After His baptism, Jesus then taught the people and performed miracles for approximately 3 years, in order to lead them to follow Him and believe. He would then be crucified to pay for the sins of all people and give eternal life to those who believe in Him. His ministry, death and resurrection (when He rose from the dead) are written about in the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). Because of all these things Jesus did, now your baptism unites you with Christ and He has come to save you. No matter what you are doing in life, you can remember your baptism and believe, knowing that you are safe in Jesus.

Draw a picture of Jesus getting baptized by John



Hymn of the Day – "From God the Father, Virgin-Born"

- 1 From God the Father, virgin-born
To us the only Son came down;
By death the font to consecrate,
The faithful to regenerate.
- 2 Beginning from His home on high,
In human flesh He came to die;
Creation by His death restored,
And shed new joys of life abroad.
- 3 Glide on, O glorious Sun, and bring
The gift of healing on Your wing;
To ev'ry dull and clouded sense
The clearness of Your light dispense.
- 4 Abide with us, O Lord, we pray;
The gloom of darkness chase away;
Your work of healing, Lord, begin,
And take away the stain of sin.