

SING: Today’s Bible Story and lesson teaches us about when Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Start your time together enjoying a song about finding God’s peace in a river. It was recorded by my friend Ben Geer and a youth in his church. [Peace Like a River GraceLC Mankato](#)



Have you had a chance to check in today? Share your roses, thorn’s and spaghetti!

- Thorns - What was hard last week?
- Rose – What was good this week?
- Spaghetti – What happened that you didn’t expect this week?



Mark 1:4-11, Spark Story Bible p. 242
 Click this link and watch the video -[Come and See, the Baptism of Jesus](#)
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= VMNO2MAMwA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VMNO2MAMwA)



When you heard the story – did you notice that after Jesus came up from being underwater a dove that came down from the sky and God spoke? God said, “This is my Song” He has been chosen and marked by my love! He is the great joy in my life!” Have you been baptized? As Lutherans, we most often are baptized when we are infants. Martin Luther teaches, us baptism is a sacrament “through which we are first received into the Christian community.” (Large Catechism) We come to God with nothing We come to God as a beloved child of God and are welcomed into the body of Christ. God’s love is unconditional, and God’s love is for all!

Wonder – What do you think it was like to wade into a river and go underwater for baptism? What do you think it would be like if a dove flew into our church during a baptism? Ask your Mom and Dad about your baptism. What kind of expressions did the people have who watched you being welcomed into God’s family? Who was there? How old were you? Who are your baptismal sponsors? What did your church give you? A Baptismal Candle? Do you ever light your candle? Anything else?

Ask – The Old Testament tells us about the baptism of the Messiah (Jesus) that is to come in the future. God says, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.” Isaiah 43:1 What are your first, middle and last names? Do you know how your mom and dad chose your name? We are learning things about each other, but God already knows us through and through. Stevie Wonder sings a great song about God’s love for us, [“I Just Called to Say I Love You.”](#) The chorus starts a 1:15.



God, thank you for your gift of baptism. Help me remember that I am a child of God every day. Help me to share your love and grace. Amen



Make a cross on your forehead or on the forehead of someone with you and say: Go in peace. You are a beloved child of God.