

Sunday, January 11th, 2026
Sermon Series: “Matthew’s Messiah.”
(Epiphany)

The Season of Epiphany

ἐπιφάνεια (*epiphania*): “Appearance” “Manifestation.”

Matthew 3.13-14 Then Jesus 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?”

The Baptism of Our Lord... *Manifesting...*

The _____ of the Messiah.

Matthew 3.16-17 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.”

Psalms 2.7 I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

Isaiah 42.1 Behold 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.

The _____ of Grace.

Matthew 3.15 But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

Martin Luther: “[Christ] accepted [His baptism] from John for the reason that he was entering into our stead, indeed, our person, that is, becoming a sinner for us, taking upon himself the sins which he had not committed, and wiping them out and drowning them in his holy baptism” (*Luther’s Works: American Edition*: 51:315).

Romans 6.3-5 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We 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. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Matthew 28.18-20 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

(Answers: Mission. Means.)