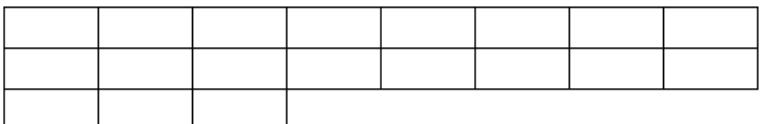
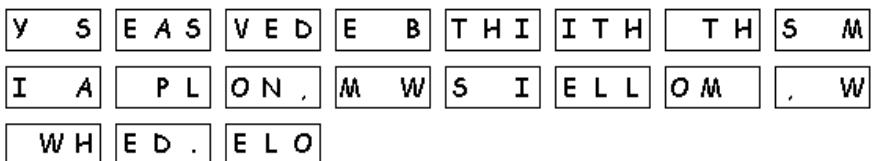


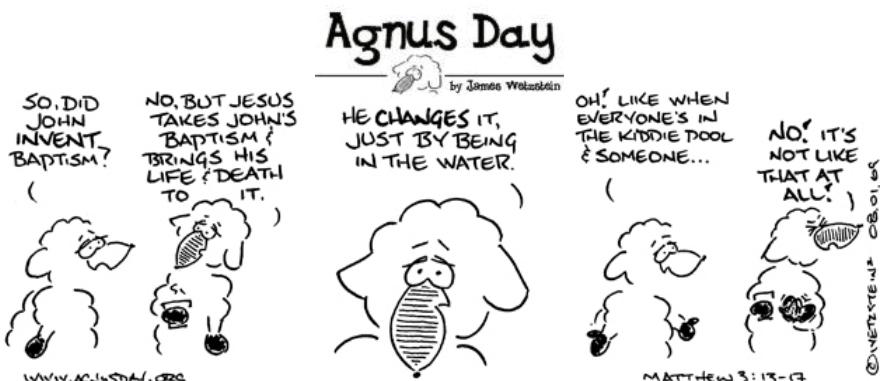
A voice from heaven

When Jesus had grown up, he went to John the Baptist who at that time was baptizing many people at the river Jordan. This baptism was a sign of repentance.

When Jesus is baptized like everybody else, it becomes clear that he is *not* like everybody else; God declares who Jesus really is:



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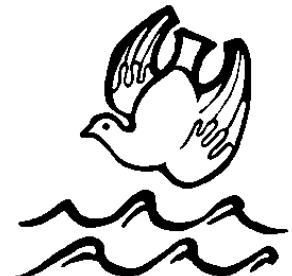


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Youth Bulletin

Baptism of Our Lord

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Today's lessons:

Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the first of at least four passages in the book of Isaiah that talk about someone called 'the servant of the Lord'. God will put his Spirit on him and send him to the nations (=non-Jews) to bring them justice.

Psalm 29

This psalm praises God's powerful voice, connecting it with a number of natural phenomena, for example a storm over the water.

Acts 10:34-43

Peter is talking to a Roman officer and his family here. By the Old Testament Law Jews were not allowed close social contact with non-Jews but now God has convinced Peter that he 'shows no partiality'.

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus comes to John to be baptized. At first John is reluctant: how can he baptize the one who has no sin?! But Jesus insists: he doesn't want any special treatment. And when he is baptized like everybody else, the Holy Spirit comes down on him, showing him to be the one whom Isaiah had prophesied, and God's voice confirms: This is my son!

In the lesson from Acts today

WORDPLAY IS AT SHOOTING.

Or does that have to be:

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The Servant with the Spirit

In Isaiah 42 God puts his Spirit on his chosen servant, very similar to the Spirit descending on Jesus at his baptism.

And indeed, when Jesus in Matthew 11 is asked, if he is THE ONE, he answers by quoting Isaiah 42:6-7 !

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The voice of God

When God speaks that can have really unsettling effects. The cryptic signs here tell you about some of the effects of God's voice as Psalm 29 depicts them. (As a little help the letter 'O' has already been deciphered.)



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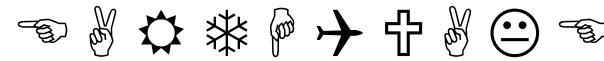
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