



## Milton Lutheran Church

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### Home Devotional- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Jan 9<sup>th</sup>

#### **Introduction**

Today's festival rejoices in God's blessings. We recall and celebrate our adoption as God's children, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and the promised company of almighty God when we "pass through the waters . . . the rivers . . . fire." On this day the heavens open again for this assembly, and we receive the gift of God's Beloved, Jesus, in bread and wine.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **Scripture Readings**

##### **Isaiah 43:1-7**

*When you pass through the waters, do not fear, for I am with you*

##### **Psalms 29**

*The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

##### **Acts 8:14-17**

*Prayer and laying on of hands for the Holy Spirit*

##### **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

*The baptism of Jesus with the descent of the Holy Spirit*

#### **Questions for Reflection** (*Reflect on the scripture passages above and work through the following questions*)

1. What word or phrase stands out to you?
2. What do you hear God saying to you?
3. What does God want you to do in response to what you hear God saying?

#### **Pray the Lord's Prayer Together**

#### **Bless one another saying:**

May God bless you this week and always. AMEN