

Sermon Notes for September 14th 2025

Series: **“Understanding the Sacraments”**

Message: **“Learning from the Baptism of Jesus”**

Sermon Text: **Matthew 3:13-17**; Old Testament Text: **Ezekiel 36:25-27**; Gospel Text: **Luke 5:17**. Read **Matthew 3:13-17 (below)** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

Matthew 3:13-17: 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?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And 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; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

1. Read **Matthew 3:13-14**. Why was John the Baptist so opposed to baptizing Jesus?

Why was there absolutely no reason for Jesus to be baptized in John the Baptist’s baptism of repentance?

2. Read **Matthew 3:15**. How did Jesus’s baptism *fulfill all righteousness*?

3. Read **Luke 3:21-23a**: *When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” ²³Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.*

What does this passage reveal to you about Jesus’s baptism?

Why was this so important?

4. Read **Matthew 3:16**. How would you have felt if you had been one of the people baptized with Jesus and witnessed this amazing display?

5. Read **Matthew 3:17**. How would you have felt if you had been one of the people baptized with Jesus and heard what God said to Him?
6. What five things did Jesus's baptism reveal to us?
7. What will you remember most from this message?