

## Dear Families:

Today we discussed the Baptism of Our Lord, according to the Gospel of Luke. In Luke, we learned that the Jewish people had been promised a Messiah. Many were convinced that it was John the Baptist. He baptized people to help them be forgiven. He acted as a prophet. He preached. He spoke out against tyrannical leaders. This had to be the one, right? But John said no! John told all who would listen that one was coming who was even more powerful- who's shoe he wasn't even worthy to tie! He would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The One would gather all of His children unto Him. The wicked and unrepentant would be burned in fire; thrown away. He begged people to turn to God and away from sin. We beg the same! We would love to see all repent of their sins and turn toward the one Way, Truth and Life!

Next week, we will begin our hot chocolate sales to benefit Literacy of Love. For \$1, you can enjoy a cup of gourmet hot chocolate! We encourage you to use your own mug, but cups will be available if needed. We will have a variety of flavors and toppings available. Please help support the boys in their mission work! The sales will continue as long as the cold weather lasts.

Next week, there will also be a special service to honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. A potluck supper will follow. We hope you attend this special service with an important message!

Thank you for being with us today!

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