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Pastor Green's Daily Encouragement

Good morning my friends, today is a special day in the life of the church, today we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord Jesus. This is actually a strange thing to observe because Jesus was perfect, without blemish, yet He arrived at the Jordan River to be Baptized by John the Baptist. You see He didn't do it because He needed the forgiveness of sins that is found in Baptism, instead He wanted to illustrate and model the proper behavior for us. Jesus was showing the world the importance of obeying God's Word and submitting to His will. He did that very successfully. Now we are called to do the same, not because of what we think that we are giving, far from it, we are Baptized because of what we receive. Jesus gives us His perfect life and the full forgiveness of our sins. Today we stop and acknowledge the importance of Holy Baptism. So get up and head to church, that's where everything is happening today. Go there and thank God for the blessings in your life, starting with the blessing of Baptism. Then thank Him for everything else that He has blessed you with. Our hymn today is a song that we typically sing at St. Paul prior to a Baptism, and it is called "Father Welcomes.