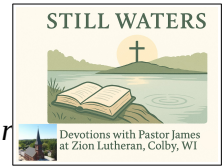
Date: January 11, 2026
Suggested Reading: Romans 6:1–11
Text: Romans 6:3
Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Chr
baptized into His death?



Baptized into the Gift

It is easy for us to forget who we are. We wake up thinking first about responsibilities, pressures, and unfinished tasks. The world is quick to name us by what we produce, what we fail to do, or what we fear losing. We can slip back into old ways of measuring our worth by success, approval, or control. This forgetting is part of our daily struggle with the mess of the world. We drift from the waters where God once spoke His promise over us.

Yet God does not forget. Our Baptism is not something we performed for Him; it is something He did to us. In those waters, God joined us to Jesus' death and resurrection. Our sins were buried. A new life was given. Even when our faith feels weak, God's promise remains strong. He has attached His Word to the water so that we would have something concrete to return to again and again.

Living the baptized life does not mean we never stumble. It means we know where to go when we do. Each day, repentance returns us to the font, where forgiveness flows freely. Christ's obedience stands in place of our failure. His life covers our weakness. We rise each morning not trying to become God's children, but trusting that we already are.

Baptism is the gift that keeps shaping us, calling us forward, loosening our grip on those old ways, and teaching us to live from grace rather than fear.

Prayer:
Lord Jesus, remind us today we belong to You. When we forget who we are, draw us back to Your promise and renew us in Your grace. Amen.

Thought for the Day:
I do not have to prove myself today. I live as one who has already been claimed by Christ.

Hymn: LSB 594 – God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

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