

Starting Over Again—Baptism of Our Lord

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[Isaiah 43:1-7](#)

[Luke 3:15-17, 21-22](#)

Reflection given via Facebook Live for Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Hamden, CT

Because of COVID and inclement weather this Sunday, we worshipped via Facebook Live. I gave my reflection without a manuscript (see the video link above). I reflected on God's promises in Isaiah, that despite the "floods" and "fires" of life, what is essential about us—our relationship with God—can never be overwhelmed or consumed. Baptism reveals to us this unbreakable commitment and love of God. And as our faith community begins a new year—or as we begin anything in our lives—we would do well to begin from this starting point, this foundation, in God.