

A dirt path leads through a field of tall, dry grass under a clear blue sky. The path is the central focus, receding into the distance. The grass is golden-brown and appears to be a mix of wildflowers and tall grasses. The sky is a uniform, clear blue.

PREPARE
the way for the Lord!

Luke 3:4b

Second Sunday in Advent
December 5th & December 6th 2021

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMNAL

PG. 38

HYMN – 13

There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

↑ Please rise

CONFESSION OF SINSPG. 38

PRAYER AND PRAISE.....PG. 39

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong: Amen.

↓ Please be seated

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Through God's Word and the messengers who proclaim it, the Lord humbles his people, purifying our hearts so that we might stand on the Last Day.

MALACHI 3:1-7b (EHV)

3 Look! I am sending my messenger! He will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord, whom you are seeking, will

come to his temple! The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come, says the LORD of Armies.

² But who can endure the day when he comes? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire, like launderers' bleach! ³ He will be seated like a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. They will belong to the LORD and bring him an offering in righteousness.

⁴ Judah and Jerusalem's offerings will be pleasing to the LORD as they were in the days of old, in years long ago.

⁵ I will approach you to judge you. I will be quick to give testimony against those who practice occult arts, those who commit adultery, those who swear false oaths, those who cheat workers out of their wages, those who wrong a widow and a fatherless child, those who turn away a resident alien—all those who do not fear me, says the LORD of Armies.

⁶ Certainly I, the LORD, do not change. That is why you, sons of Jacob, have not come to an end. ⁷ Since the days of your fathers, you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of Armies. You say, "In what way should we return?"

We continue our worship by singing Psalm 66. In this psalm we anticipate the arrival of the King of Glory! We are unworthy, but he comes to us in grace and we welcome him. The music for this psalm is on page 90 in the front of the hymnal.

PSALM 66..... PG. 90

↓ *Please be seated*

EPISTLE LESSON

Producing love and humility within us is God's work. He began his good work at our baptism and will carry that work to completion.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-11 (EHV)

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, ⁵ because of your

fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. ⁸ Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. ¹⁰ This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY PG. 40
Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. And all people will see God's salvation. (Luke 3:4,6)

Cong: (*sung*) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Out of respect for the directly quoted words of our Savior,
↑ *please rise* for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL LESSON

In grace, God sent his messenger, John the Baptist, to prepare people to meet the Lord.

LUKE 3:1-6 (EHV)

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—while Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip was tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. ³ He went into the whole region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ Just as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

A voice of one calling in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord! Make his paths straight.
⁵ Every valley will be filled, and every mountain and hill will be made low.
The crooked will become straight, and the rough ways smooth.
⁶ And everyone will see the salvation of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: (*sung*) “Praise be to you, O Christ!”

↓ *Please be seated*

HYMN - 16

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

SERMON SERIES

WHEN THE LORD COMES NEAR

MALACHI 3:1-7

↑ *Please rise*

APOSTLES' CREED PG. 41

↓ *Please be seated*

OFFERING

↑ *Please rise*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (ADVENT).....PG.123

PRAYERS FOR HEALING OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

CALLED HOME - Our Lord, in his great mercy, called the soul of **Gladys Constine**, Geri Garbrecht's Mother, out of this vale of tears on December 2nd. Please remember Geri, Duane and their family in your prayers and reach out to them with comfort and support.

John Allen, Lucas, Ashley & Colton Baneck, A.J. Betters, Pastor Doletzky, Geri Garbrecht, Dorothy Johnson, John Johnston, Rose Karr, Duffy Nast, Gary Ohrt and Lisa Schmitt.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE CALLED TO PROTECT

Military: **Jesse Adams** (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Jesse Johnston** (Jim & Laurie Johnston's son), **Dacien Konell** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Brock Miller** (Jenna Miller's brother), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Is Tuesday Dec. 28th from 10am-3pm in the School Gym. Register online or call church office 715-732-9868
**We Looking for people to volunteer at the registration table and refreshment area. Please contact church office for more information.*

Those serving in our Lord’s house
Pastor Jon Tesch

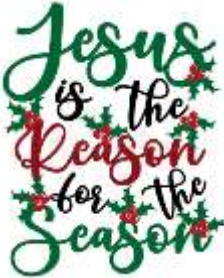
THIS WEEKEND December 5th
Altar Guild: *non-communion*
Lector: Pastor Tesch
Music: Barb Tesch
Camera: Dominic Nelson
Projector Operator: John Brattain
Usher Team: 6 - Jesse, Heather, Isaiah & Erika Peterson and Ben Brattain

NEXT WEEKEND December 12th
Altar Guild: Ben Brattain
Lector: Fred Schrank
Music: Praise Team
Camera: John Brattain
Projector Operator: Mariah Salewsky
Usher Team: 1 - Dale Zorn, Dave Schacht, Dennis McKenney, Jerry Kamps, Josh Ehlers and Dominic Nelson

Cleaning the Lord’s House

WEEKEND of Dec. 5 2021
Jason & Tracy Axtell
Tina Beaudo
Becky Gronmark

WEEKEND of Dec. 11 2021
Kert & Jennifer Guilani
Brian & Jennifer Unterholzner
Becky Gronmark



TLS Children’s ProgramMonday, Dec. 20th at 6:00pm
TLS Children’s ProgramWednesday, Dec. 22nd at 9:00am
Christmas Eve Candlelight ServiceFriday, Dec. 24th at 7:00pm
Christmas Day ServiceSaturday, Dec. 25th at 9:00am
New Year’s Eve Service.....Friday, Dec 31st at 6:00pm

† Next week at a glance †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

- Small Group @ Donna Behnke's2:00pm
- Worship Service.....6:00pm
- TLS/St. John's Basketball Game5:45pm
**Away game against STAA*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

- Food Pantry 10am-12pm
- New Membership Class2:00pm
- Praise Team Practice.....6:00pm

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

- Public School Catechism3:30pm
- Small Group @ Liz Broring's.....6:00pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

- Food Pantry 1pm-3pm
- Ladies Aid.....1:00pm
- Small Group @ Joan Hetcher's6:00pm
- TLS/St. John's Basketball Game5:00pm
**Home game against Twin City*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

- Services for Gladys Constine
 - Visitation.....1:30pm
 - Funeral2:30pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

- Worship Services – Usher Team 1.....9:00am
 - Bible Class 10:00am