

## Old Testament

*Malachi 3:1-7b*

<sup>1</sup>"Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>"Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>"For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them."

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:2-11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through

Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. <sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

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... in the wilderness



Advent

**About the Cover:** John the Baptist, like the Old Testament prophets before him, did not proclaim his own word, but the Word of God that came to him. As the mouthpiece of the Lord, John was calling God's people to repentance in preparation for the coming of the Lord. This season of Advent is likewise a time of preparation and repentance filled with hope in the coming of our Lord—the one who came as the Word made flesh, redeemed us by His cross and resurrection, and will come again.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 5, 2021

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church  
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Hymns: 344, 357 v. 1, 348 vs. 1 & 4, 345, Hymn of Welcome (Tune: 744), 805, 349, 347, 359  
Sermon: "Glad, Thrilling Repentance"  
Luke 3:1-14

*Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.*

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 11/24 (Wed.): 54	Comm.: 49	Offering: \$2,386.00
Attendance 11/28 (Sun): 79		Offering: \$2,951.08
Budget Needs: \$3,541		Scrip Profit 11/28: \$22.00
S.S. - 14	Staff - 3	B.C. - 6

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (12/8) 3:30 p.m. - Confirmation  
7:00 p.m. - Advent Worship  
7:45 p.m. - Elders  
THUR (12/9) 12:00 p.m. - Ladies Aid Christmas Party at Cobblestone  
3:30 p.m. - Trustees  
SUN (12/12) 8:00 a.m. - S.S./No B.C.  
9:00 a.m. - Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Farm & Home 4H

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Randy Rahn who is recovering at home from infection; Carol Clausing who is recovering from a broken leg.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Rick & Terri Riemer in honor of their anniversary.

**THANK YOU** to all of our camel jockeys who helped set up the outdoor nativity display yesterday.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SERVICE** will be on Sunday, December 19 @ 9 a.m.

**2022 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** may be picked up from the table in the coat room. Please do not start using them until January 1, 2022.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** - *Child of Promise* - are available from Lutheran Hour Ministries. A few hard copies (regular & large print) are available on the table in the narthex.

**POINSETTIA ORDERS** - If you are interested in ordering a poinsettia for church, please fill out the order form from your mailbox and drop it off in the church office with your payment. **Deadline is today (Sunday, December 5).**

**ADOPT-A-FAMILY** - The "ornaments" are on the tree in the narthex. Items are noted on the ornaments. Please attach the ornament to the gift. Gifts need to be wrapped when you bring them in. Deadline is Wednesday December 15.

**USHERS & GREETERS** are being sought for 2022. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for both.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available in the card room.

**2022 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP** - If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**REMINDER:** Annual Report items are due January 1, 2022. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcbrillion@gmail.com. *Thank you!*