

## Midweek Advent 2

December 12, 2018

7:00pm

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**Sermon Theme:** “Prepare the Way”

**Text:** Malachi 3:1-4

### The Hymnody

**Office Hymn** .....stanzas 1, 2 & 5.....LSB 357

**Solo**.....“O” Antiphon

**Closing Hymn**.....LSB 351

### Psalm 134:1-3

**P** Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

**C** Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!

**P** May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

**Please place your offering in an offering place as you depart.**

### Malachi 3:1–4

<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.”

### Luke 3:15–18

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.