

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

- † reaching up to God in worship and prayer,
- † reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &
- † reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

Almighty Father, Son, Holy Spirit, eternal ever blessed gracious God; to me the least of saints, to me allow that I may keep a door in paradise. That I may keep even the smallest door, the farthest, the darkest, coldest door, the door that is least used, the stiffest door. If so it be but in Your house, O God, if so it be that I can see Your glory even afar, and hear your voice, O God, and know that I am with You, You, O God. Amen. (Columba of Iona, c. 521-597)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

For Those Desiring Holy Communion, Please Read:

"Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." 1Corinthians 11:27-29

Being admonished to receive Christ's Body and Blood in a worthy manner, let us prepare our hearts for reception of this sacrament by privately answering the following:

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinful person without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
- 2. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my Savior?
- 3. Do I believe that He is present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His Body and Blood?
- 4. Do I hope by the power of the Holy Spirit to live a godly life?

AS YOU COME TO THE LORD'S SUPPER you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that you believe His Body and Blood are present, and that you desire to serve Him as a disciple in the fellowship of His church. If you are not an active member of an LCMS congregation, please speak with the Pastor before communing.

Second Sunday in Advent

December 5, 2021 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM Divine Service I – *LSB 151*

Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

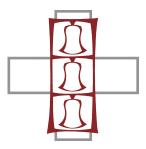
"The Advent of Our King"

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And we must hymns of wel-come sing In strains of ho - ly Him-self ser-vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free. Nor let your faith-less heart de-spise The peace He comes to bring. u - nite With And His true mem-bers all Him in heav'n to reign. The sin - ful self be a - way, The new self now put on. put one Through all e - ter - ni - ty. With Fa - ther, Spir - it. ev - er



Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

LSB 151

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Matthew 28:19b, [18:20]

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

1 John 1:8-9

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++Service of the Word+++

Introit



Psalm 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."

Hear, O my people, while I ad- | monish you!*
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!

I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.* Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it.

But my people did not listen | to my voice;*
Israel would not sub- | mit to me.

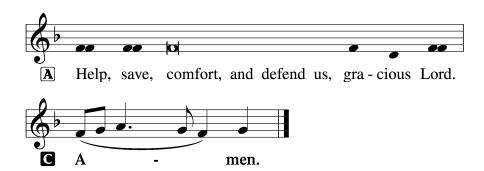
Oh, that my people would lis- | ten to me,* that Israel would walk | in my ways!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The voice of one crying in the | wilderness:*

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his | paths straight."





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- E Let us pray.

 Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit



Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:1-7b

¹"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. ²But 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. ³He 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. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵"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.

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

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Philippians 1:2–11

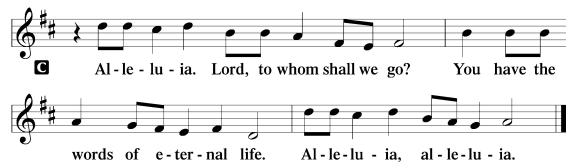
²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And 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. ⁷It 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. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.



¹In 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, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As 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.

⁵Every 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,

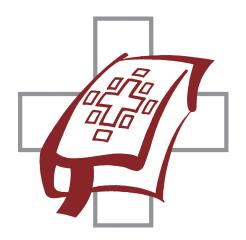
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

⁷He 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? ⁸Bear 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. ⁹Even 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."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.





Hymn of the Day

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

LSB 344

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc es 2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the our Sav - ior, Lord, Our 3 We hail Thee uge as ref Thy heal - ing hand And 4 Lay on the sick make the \triangle 5 All e to Thee Whose ter - nal Son, praise, ad vent nigh; wake that the Lord is A and hear ken, God with - in, And way for let us all our and re - ward; With - out Thy our great grace we fall en strong to stand; Show us the glo ry sets Thy peo ple free, Whom with the Fa ther

for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings! hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and ter there. en a - way Like flow'rs that with waste er and de - cay. 'ry place. of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir it ev er - more.

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed LSB 158

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

2022 Pledges Brought Forward

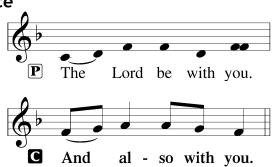
(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, an offering plate has been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

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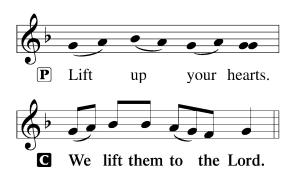


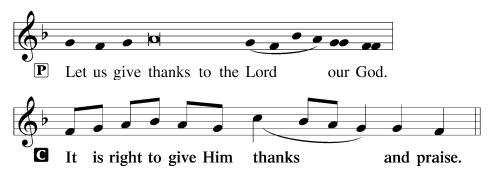
+++Service of the Sacrament+++





2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136; LSB 160





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;

Luke 22:19-20: 1 Corinthians 11:23-25: LSB 162

- Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

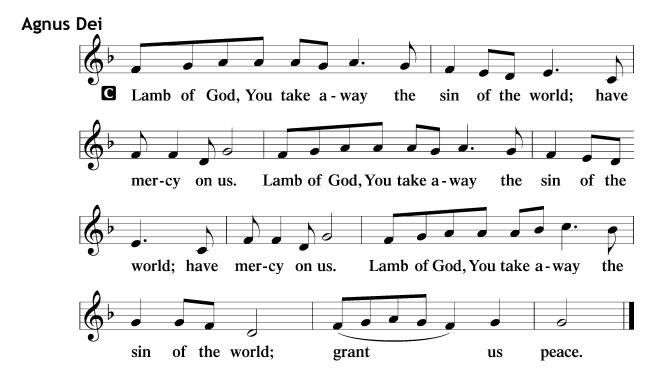
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini John 20:19; LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit



Distribution

Communicants are asked to hold forth their open hand to receive the bread so the elder may discern who is confirmed. Gluten-free wafers are available. Non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center circle of individual cups for those who prefer it. If you take an individual cup, please keep it visible; otherwise the Pastor will offer you the common cup.

Distribution Hymn

The Lutheran Service Book is located in the basket underneath the chair in front of you.

The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place

LSB 838

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord"

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

LSB 166

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Benediction Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



Recessional Hymn

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

LSB 353 sts. 1–3



Announcements

Dismissal

- **P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the offering plate as you exit.

Sunday School - Children K - 5th Grade

Sunday school classes begin at 9:25 am in Room 116 for music. At 10:30 am parents may pick up K-5th graders from Room 113.

IMPACT Bible Class

Students meet at 9:30 am with Scott Peters in Room 122 for a Bible study on the prophets of the Old Testament. Why those guys? Because Jesus also studied, read, and quoted the prophets; so why shouldn't we!

Adult Bible Class

Pastor Shaltanis leads a study over the Gospel of Mark in the fellowship hall at 9:30ish.

Adult Bible Class Small Group Alternative

Mike Kunschke is beginning a new study on the book of Ecclesiastes today. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend this class at 9:30 am in Room 114, just let Mike know.

Angel Tree

Our Angels this Christmas are children from the EKids After School Program. This is a program for children living in apartments in Carrollton and Rockwall. The program is Christ centered, under the direction of Pastor Jaime Gonzalez and his wife Fabiana Santos. We are joining with other local congregations to provide gifts for these children. Please select a child and their wish list. Sign your name next to theirs on the master list. Shop, and then wrap the gifts, keeping multiple gifts for the same person together and label. Return the gifts to church by December 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Charis Bennett.

LWML Mites

The focus for December is on the LWML Grant Helping Hands for Lutheran Deaf Outreach-\$50,000. Lutheran Deaf Outreach has a passion for teaching others to share Jesus with deaf people. Over 98 percent of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals do not know Jesus or attend a Christian church. Lutheran Deaf Outreach is equipping both deaf and hearing people with Gospel materials so the saving message of Jesus can be shared with the deaf community. Your mites count! Mite offerings will be collected on the second Sunday of each month or may be turned into the office. Each member of LOL is encouraged to collect their mites as the widow in the Bible, and prayerfully support the mission service projects of the LWML, Lutheran Women in Mission. LOL has contributed over \$488 to LWML Mites in 2021.

Poinsettias Available for this Christmas Season

Poinsettias are available to dedicate in "thanksgiving for" or "memory of" someone you designate, for \$12 each. You may then take a poinsettia home after Christmas. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Voters' Meeting Today

Please plan to attend our semi-annual voters' meeting after the last service on Dec. 5. Topics covered will be the budget, financial update and the state of the parish.

Portals of Prayer/Lutheran Witness

If you would like to make a donation to cover your cost of the <u>Portals of Prayer</u> and the <u>Lutheran Witness</u>, please place a check for \$20 in the offering plate with the notation "Lutheran Witness".

amazonsmile Benefits Lord of Life

When you shop at Amazon, use the link: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-2109773 when you log on and your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$196.61 as a result of AmazonSmile activity between July 1 and September 30, 2021! Thank you!

Tom Thumb A "Good Neighbor" to Lord of Life

If you shop Tom Thumb regularly, complete a Reward Card application (available from the cashier) and link your card to **Good Neighbor Code #2775**. From then on, your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. We received \$64.40 from Tom Thumb purchases between July 1 and September 30, 2021! Thank you!

Community Rewards

If you shop Kroger regularly, link your Kroger Plus Card to Lord of Life (**BW594**) in their Community Rewards program, then your purchases will benefit Lord of Life Lutheran Church. This selection **must be renewed every August** (*www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards*) or it is dropped from your Kroger Plus Card – check your receipts if you're not sure where your rewards are going. We received \$51.88 from 20 households with Kroger purchases between May 27, 2021 and August 26, 2021! Thank you!

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

God's deeds give every member of our race a right to life (Psalm 66:5, 9). He creates us in our mother's womb. He redeems us even as embryos. He calls us all into His everlasting family. Our life is a masterpiece He Himself commences and completes (Philippians 1:6). No sizes, skills, or circumstances on our part can impair or improve the value He has invested in us and our neighbors.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org

Begin studying the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), continue in "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and hear Advent Midweek Service on 12/8 at 12:00 p.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Comfort Makers quilting group over the last year, and those who contributed to the personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. A Thrivent Action Team grant was used to purchase some of the supplies. This year's donation from Lord of Life was over 100 quilts, 80 personal care kits, and \$80 cash donations for shipping. The 20 boxes were loaded up into trucks for delivery to the LWR ingathering site at Messiah on November 13th, one of 3 collection sites in Texas. The total amounts of items shipped from North Texas were 3,851 Quilts, 1,971 School Kits, 3,291 Personal Care Kits, 247 Baby Care Kits and 66 Fabric Kits. These items will be transported to the LWR warehouse in Maryland and then sent out to help people in need around the world.

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor Joel Shaltanis Pastor: Organist: Victoria Frinsko

Jessica Reeves, Lynda Abbott, Carol Nance, Charis Bennett Altar Guild:

Scarth Family, Laurie and Abby George

Greeter: Elder: Tom Read, Mike Kunschke Don Bunger, Jeff Loewecke Ushers: Sound: Brian Wolf, Nick Moudy

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Dec. 5, 2021

8:00 am Early Worship Service 9:30 am Children's Sunday School

(K-5th Gr, Room 113)

IMPACT Class (Room 122)

Adult Bible Class (Fellowship Hall) Adult Bible Small Class (Room 114)

Late Worship Service 10:45 am

College Group 12:00 pm

Wednesday, December 8

1:30 pm Advent Worship Advent Worship 7:00 pm 7:30 pm Adult Choir

Look Ahead Next Week - Sunday, December 8

4:00 pm **IMPACT Youth Night**

Next Sunday's Readings December 12, 2021

Old Testament: Zeph. 3:14–20

Epistle: Phil. 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 7:18–28 (29–35)



Both flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Pat Montalbo's family in her loving memory.



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 Lordthe one who came as the Word made flesh, redeemed us by His cross and resurrection, and will come again.