



A photograph of a vast, dry, yellowish-brown landscape, possibly a salt flat or desert floor. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds. A single person is walking away from the camera on a path that starts in the foreground and leads towards the horizon. The path is marked by numerous footprints in the dry ground. The overall scene conveys a sense of vastness and emptiness.

PREPARE
THE WAY OF
THE LORD

LUKE 3:4

Hope Lutheran Church

December 5, 2021

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Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude, Welcome Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle

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Prayer of the Day (in unison) Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

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We are happy to have you worship with us today! Please sign our guest book in the entry if you are visiting. We invite all communing Christians to join us in Holy Communion.

Tuesday, December 7th: 11:15-5:15 Syracuse Blood Drive @ Meth. Church

Wednesday, December 8th: 4:00-5:00 p.m. Confirmation @ Grace & 8:00 p.m. Church Council.

Thursday, December 9th: 1:30 p.m. Secret Sister Christmas Party at Alberta's house. Bring a treat to eat, a \$5.00 exchange gift & your Secret Sister's gift.

Sunday, December 12th: 10:00 a.m. Worship; Last day for Friendship Home gifts.

We remember Bruce Gerking, Linda Eisenhauer, Leta Steinkuhler. Also Adam Helgren serving in Kuwait.

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, 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 descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

or Baruch 5:1-9 [not printed]

Psalmody: Luke 1:68-79

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the

gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He 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 the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

‘Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill

shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

‘and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18.

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