

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.”¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother’s wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

HYMN On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry **LSB 344 (st. 1,2,3,5)**

SERMON “Purified & Refined” *Malachi 3:1-7b*

APOSTLES’ CREED **LSB 175**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each Petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy -OR- **P** Let us pray to the Lord

C Hear our prayer **C** Lord, have mercy

After the final Petition:

P...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

OFFERING (5:00) Thine the Amen
(9:00) An Advent Gospel The Gallery Choir

OFFERTORY **LSB 176**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **LSB 177 and following**

AGNUS DEI **LSB 180**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
Thine the Amen **LSB 680**
Hark the Glad Sound **LSB 349**
Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread **LSB 625**
Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come **LSB 350**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE **LSB 181**

POST COMMUNION COLLECT **LSB 183**

CLOSING HYMN Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord **LSB 352 (st.1,3,4,6)**

POSTLUDE Hark the Glad Sound P. Manz

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Divine Service Setting II-Second Sunday in Advent

Saturday, December 5, 2009
5:00 pm

Sunday, December 6, 2009
9:00 am

✠ **The Sacrament of the Altar** is celebrated today in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As we trust His words and repent of all sin, we proclaim His death until He returns. Since this act is a confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or holds a differing confession is asked first to speak with the Pastor.

✠ **Reminders for Those Coming To the Lord's Table...**

1. Children (those not yet receiving the Sacrament) are encouraged to approach the Lord's Table with their parent(s), in order to receive a blessing.
2. Women with lipstick are kindly asked to remove it prior to partaking from the common cup.
3. The cups in the center of the individual tray (containing the amber color liquid) are prepared for those who have a concern for alcohol consumption.
4. The distribution today will be: **at the Rail**

PRELUDE On Jordan’s Bank R. Hebble

OPENING HYMN O Lord, How Shall I Meet You **LSB 334 (st. 1, 4, 5)**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION **LSB 167**

INTROIT *Ps. 81:8, 10–11, 13; antiphon: Luke 3:4b*

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

C Hear, O my people, while I admonish you!
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!

P 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.

C “But my people did not listen to my voice;
Israel would not submit to me.

P Oh, that my people would listen to me,
that Israel would walk in my ways!

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

P The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

COLLECT

P 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.

G Amen

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God

GRADUAL

Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God

ALLELUIA

LSB 173

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-20

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.” ¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His