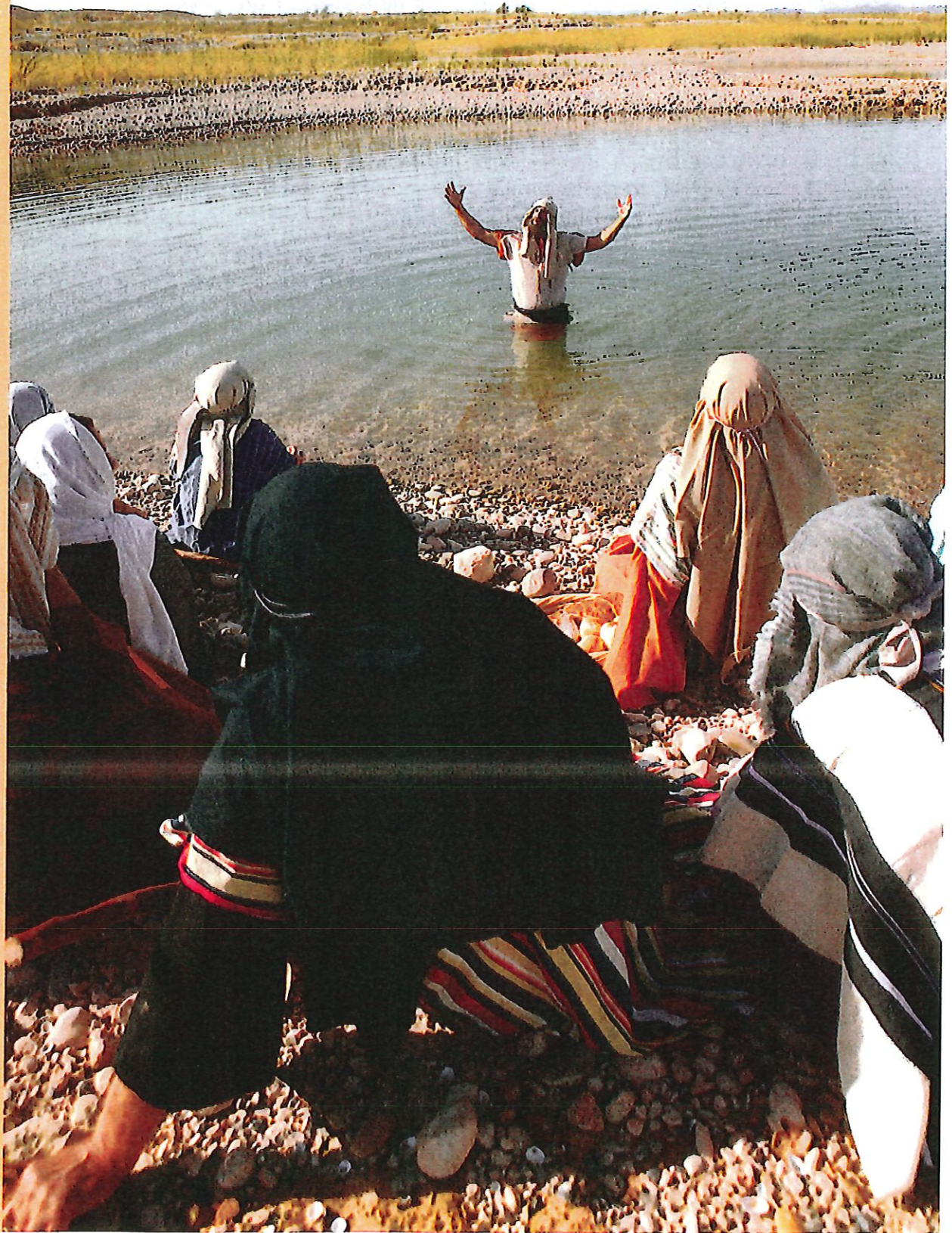


Pure and blameless for the day of Christ

PHILIPPIANS 1:10



God's Names For His Own Son

A Children's Christmas Service for All Ages December 8, 2024 at 10:15 am

Opening Prayer: Opening Hymn: *(Tune 358)*

The Father gave names to His Son To offer hope to everyone
The message giv'n was bold indeed His Son would be the one who freed.

The Father shared the many traits His Son would have to advocate
For we who were in need of grace To save us from all sin and hate

God the Father, and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
Praise, honor, might, and glory be From age to age eternally. Amen

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen*

A name gives meaning to a Child born **C:** *A name was chosen by God the Lord*

He used many names to show a truth **C:** *His Son would be the Promised One.*

The names we hear tell us so much **C:** *Of how deep the Father's love is for us*

Confession and Absolution: *pgs. 184-185*

Reader 1: The **Son of God** was given many names in order to explain what He would do, what He would be, and what He would accomplish on our behalf. The names we share this morning; we joyfully proclaim who this Baby born in a manger, truly is: to the world, to His chosen, and to every one.

Reader 2: The Holy Spirit led many men, to write down the different names He would be called. The Holy Spirit left no doubt in the Word to whom the Baby, born in the manger, would be. The Holy Spirit made sure it was very clear the Father sent **His only Savior** into the world as a child.

Reader 3: God the Father guided all things to make it clear His Son, **His only Son**, would be proclaimed throughout the Scripture for who He really was. Nothing was done by man's will, nothing was done by the angels' will; all was done under the guidance, love, and wisdom of the everlasting Father.

Children's Song: "God Calls" Tune "God Loves Me Dearly"

God calls His own Son the True Messiah, God calls His own Son the Chosen One
His names all point to what He will be doing To bring us blessings, To bring us life.

Son of the Most High, the Son of David, The Son of God and Son of Man
His names all point to what He will be doing, To bring us blessings, To bring us life.

Wonderful Couns'lor The true Redeemer The Prince of Peace, the Mighty God
His names all point to what He will be doing To bring us blessings, To bring us life.

Son of the Most High ,The Lord Almighty The Great I Am, The Lord of Hope
His names all point to what He will be doing To bring us blessings, To bring us life.

Reader 4: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them a light has dawned. *Isaiah 9: 2*

(God the Father used His Word, to point to a Child, His Son, who would be born. The Spirit guided many men, to write the names which would point to just One. A Child, who would come and bring salvation to the world, and unite a world with the Father in heaven.)

Reader 5: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulders, and His name shall be called: **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, He will reign on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. *Isaiah 9:6-7*

Reader 6: Mighty God *He is the Almighty God, who brings His power to defeat evil and has given all His own the blessing of being secure in faith and nothing can take us away from Him.*

Reader 7: Everlasting Father *He has no beginning and no end. He is the Creator, and through His Word He designed and then made the universe and man in His image.*

Reader 8: Prince of Peace *He brings peace, everlasting peace between sinful man and Himself. He heals the barrier between sinful man and the Father and we are bound to Him forever.*

Reader 9: Wonderful Counselor *He grants to us wisdom, insight, and guidance. He guides us with His Word and enables us to forgive, and helps us to believe and trust in Him forever.*

Recitation: A Child was to be born, A Son was to be given
He was our God, A Child from heaven.
He'd bring His peace to all the earth
To become man, through humble Birth.

Hymn: "For Unto Us" tune 362

For unto us a child is born To us a Son is giv'n.
The government shall be upon The shoulders of this One!
He shall be called the Mighty One The wonderful Couns'lor
The mighty God, the Prince of Peace The Father evermore.

The increase of His government And of His peace won't end.
The throne of David He will sit And o'er His kingdom reign
To up-hold it and to make it firm With His own righteousness
From this time and forevermore He'll rule in holiness.

Reader 10: "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the **Bright Morning Star.**" The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And the ones who hear say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take water of life without price. *Revelations 22: 16-17*

Reader 11: Bright Morning Star *God sent His Son into the world to enlighten the hearts of sinners. To bring the light of grace, and the light of hope upon all those who would be His own. He is the Bright Morning Star which shines in the sky and shows all of creation was redeemed in the Light of His love.*

Reader 12: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the tribes of Judah, from you shall come forth for me One who is to be the **Ruler of Israel**, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore, He shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people Israel. And He shall stand and shepherd His flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord His God. And they shall dwell secure, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth. And He shall be their peace. *Micah 5: 2-5a*

Reader 13: Ruler in Israel *He would rule in grace, He would defeat evil with the power of righteousness. He would Rule with the power of His love and make all His own secure in His forgiveness. He would come in humility and serve His people.*

Reader 14: King of Kings, *His kingdom was a kingdom of grace. His kingdom was not of this world and it would last forever. His kingship is what all other kingships bowed to, so He is the everlasting King who sits on His throne in heaven forever.*

Reader 15: *Shepherd of His sheep.* *He would lead His people from Law to grace. He would take them from death to life. He would lead them to the comfort of eternal life by His willingness to give His life to save them. He knows His sheep by name and has made each of them His own.*

Hymn: *O Little Town of Bethlehem 361:1–2 Children: 1, Congregation: 2*

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in
Be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels,
the great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us; Our Lord, “Immanuel”!

Recitation: David was told his son would be,
A King whose reign he would not see.
His house and kingdom would not end.
His power and place no one could bend.

Reader 16: In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name **Jesus**. He will be great and will be called the **Son of the Most High**. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.” *Luke 1:26–33*

Reader 17: *Jesus - the one and only Savior.* *His name proclaims His purpose, His work, and what He will do for His people. He will bring to everyone His salvation.*

Reader 18: *Son of the Most High-* *He was truly God's own Son. He became man by the power of the Holy Spirit which brought life into Mary and enabled our Lord to be born as an infant into this world. He was 100 percent God!!!*

Reader 19: *Son of David* *He was of the house and lineage of David. King David was promised a son who would sit on His throne forever. That Son would be named Jesus!*

Recitation: Mary was chosen to forever be
The only One whose Child would set us free
An angel came to make it clear
She would give birth to One so dear.

ymn: "From East from West" 385 vs. 1-3

Reader 20: But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name "Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus. **Matthew 1: 20-25**

Reader 21: Jesus – Promised Son- *The Angel of the Lord told Joseph, Mary would have a son and He would save His people from their sins. Joseph believed the angel and called His name Jesus!*

Reader 22: The Lord will Save *He is our Master, and He brings salvation to us through His Work. He offers us the only means by which sins can be removed.*

Reader 23: Immanuel *God in our midst- God with us. He came as the Almighty God in the form of a child. He came to live amongst us so He could pay the price for all mankind's sins.*

Reader 24: Therefore, also God has highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **Philippians 2: 9-11**

Recitation: Now Joseph, righteous, kind, and just,
Listened to God; it was a must
For he was chosen to raise God's Son
To love and care for **the Promised One.**

Reader 25: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. **Luke 2: 1-5**

Children's Song: "Away in the Manger"

Reader 26: And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. **Luke 2: 6-7**

Hymn: "Joy to the World" 387

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ, While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

Reader 27: And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a **Savior**, who is "**Christ the Lord**". And this will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" **Luke 2: 8-14**

Recitation: From Creation through, to this day—
The Light of Hope has shown our way—
God sent His Star to light the Sky
To the place where Christ did lie.

Reader 28: A Savior- *God Himself coming into the world so save us from our sin and to be our God forever.*

Reader 29: Christ the Lord- *He was our Messiah, the Long promised One who was born to set the whole world free.*

Hymn: "Angels We have Heard on High" 368

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply Echoing their joyous strain.

Refrain: Gloria, in excelsis Deo. Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song? **Refrain:**

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord the Newborn King! **Refrain:**

Reader 30: When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us. **Luke 2: 15**

Reader 31: And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told to them concerning this Child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. **Luke 2: 16-19**

Recitation: The shepherds knelt before the Child
He was so meek He was so mild
He was the **Promised One** of All
He was God's Son – lying in the Stall.

Hymn: "Silent Night"

Silent Night, Holy Night, All is calm, All is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherd quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly host sing alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born! **Christ the Savior** is born!

Apostle's Creed: *I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen*

Offerings brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Korff, Russel; Korff, Warren, Mary, Aaron and Kim; and Krietemeyer, Helen.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "O Come, All Ye Faithful" 379 (Congregation)

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him Born the king of angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God In the highest: *Refrain*

Benediction: Our promised Savior is born! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today; and may His grace guide you in every way! Amen.

Kirk Horstmeyer , Pastor
Karen Whitehead, Organist

THIS WEEK

TODAY: Worship 8 HC, SS 9:10 am, Worship-Children's Christmas Service 10:15 am, Pastor's 40th Anniversary Celebration 12:30 pm

TUESDAY: Confirmation 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice 6 pm, Advent Meal 6 pm, Advent Service 7 pm

THURSDAY: Bible Class at 9:30 (Revelation), Bible Study at 6:00 (Hebrews)

Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30

Next SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Confirmation Christmas Service w/HC 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Thanksgiving Worship: 34 LS: 30; Sat, Nov 30: 44 LS: 34; Sun, Dec 1: 8 am: 73 LS: 51; 10:15 am: 63 LS: 40

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next week we will be praying for the families of Krietemeyer, Karen; Krietemeyer, Zachary, Ashlie, Aaron, Ryder and Ava; and LaMar, Scott and Jerrilee.

Evans Elementary School Gathering: You can place your items on the table in the Lounge or Storage Room. Thanks for blessing the students and families.

THANKS: to all those who made it possible for me to deliver 8 families Thanksgiving Meals. The families were thrilled and thankful.

CRAFT SUPPLIES: have been donated and are available to take. They are on a table in the gym and are free. If you are interested, please help yourself.

DECEMBER CALENDAR EVENTS

Mid-Week Advent Meals: December 11 & 18 begin at 6 pm

Mid-Week Advent Services: December 11th "*Mighty God*" & 18th "*Prince of Peace*" at 7 pm

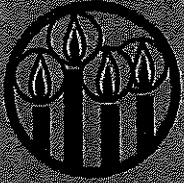
Children's Sunday School Christmas Program: December 8 during the 10:15 am service

Confirmation Christmas Service: December 15th 10:15 am— *Isaiah 9: 6-7 Promised Messiah*

Christmas Eve Service: Monday, December 24 at 6 pm w/HC with **Choir Participation**

Christmas Candle- Light Service: Monday, December 24th at 10 pm w/HC - "*His Light Came to Earth*"

Christmas Day Service: Tuesday, December 25 at 9 am w/HC - *Celebration of His Birth*



About the Cover

The cries of John in the wilderness for a Baptism of repentance prepared the way of the Lord's first coming. For his second coming, Paul's deep desire is that we will be "pure and blameless for the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:10).

The Lord has accomplished this for us by His abounding love that went all the way to the cross.

So, it is by faith today that we are counted as pure and blameless because He is the pure, blameless, and spotless Lamb of God who has taken away our sin (see John 1:29).

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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."

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.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-14

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.

⁵ 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,

⁶ and 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."

