Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
Traditional Service
8:00am



John The Baptist

Sunday, December 10th, 2023

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Anaheim, CA 92802

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"This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad in it."

A special welcome to all our guests and visitors: We are grateful to have you gather together with us as a community of faith where God promises to be present with us to deliver his gracious gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation to each one of us on account of His Son, Jesus Christ. May you leave this service nurtured and strengthened in faith towards God, and may the grace and love of our Lord Jesus for you overflow into the lives of those you serve this week.

So that we may acknowledge your visit, we encourage newcomers to please fill out the RED BOOK in the pew pocket.

Children are welcome to worship here at Prince of Peace but if a little one (or their parent) needs a short break, you can still be a part of our service in our well-equipped Nursery. The nursery door is on the left side of the church and can be accessed through the kitchen if need be.

Please let us know how we might serve you: Feel free to talk to Pastor Darrin Sheek or one of our Elders, or you may contact our Church Secretary at Church@princeofpeaceanaheim.org or 714-774-0993 | www.Popanaheim.org

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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.

C **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.**

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit *Psalm 80:1, 8a, 9b, 7; antiphon: v. 3*

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
You brought a vine out of Egypt;
it took deep root and filled the land.

Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

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.

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Kyrie

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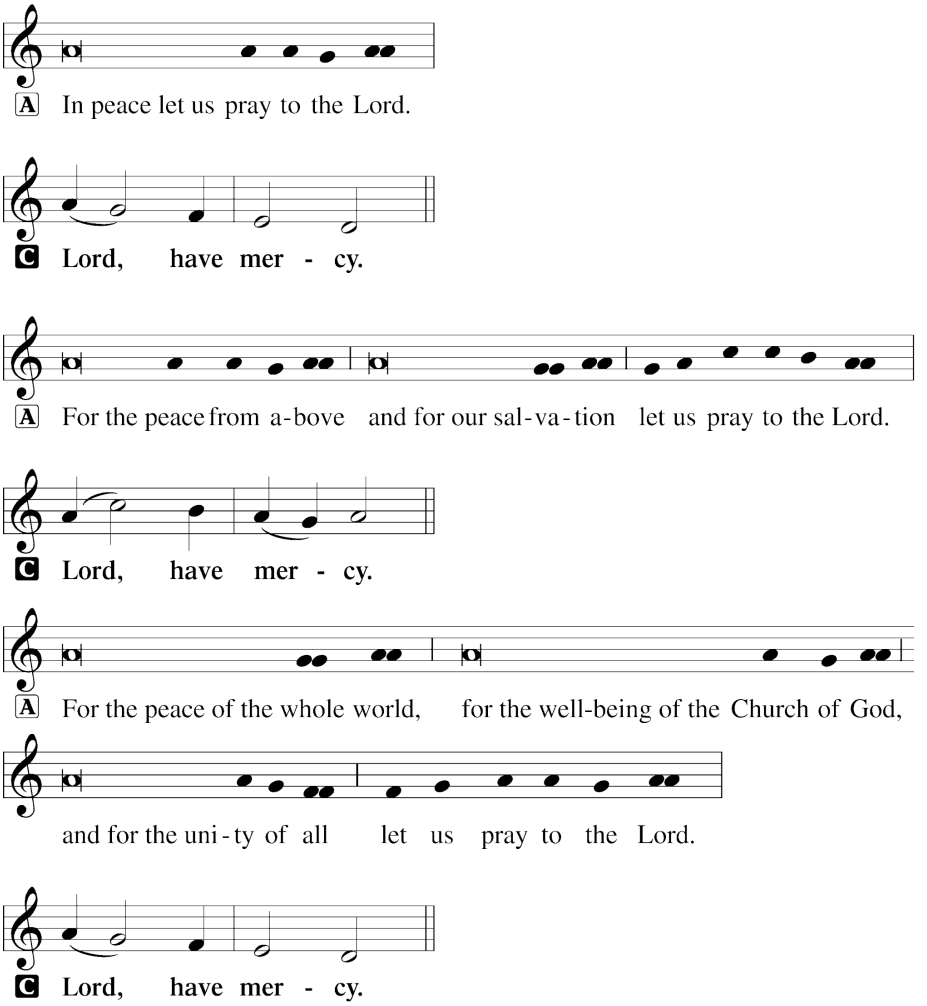
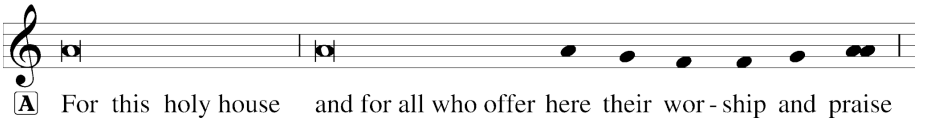
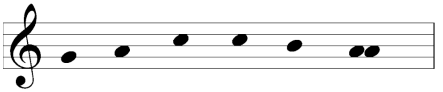
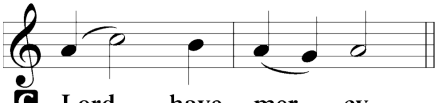
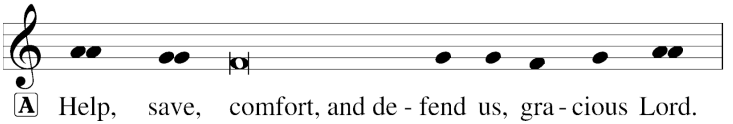
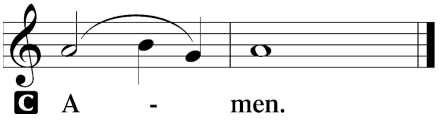




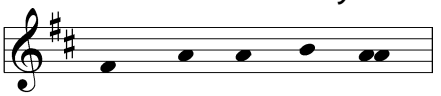


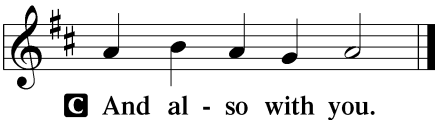






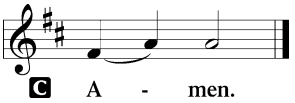
Salutation and Collect of the Day





P 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.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:1–11

[1]Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
[2]Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.
[3]A voice cries:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
[4]Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
[5]And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

[6]A voice says, "Cry!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.
[7]The grass withers, the flower fades
when the breath of the LORD blows on it;
surely the people are grass.
[8]The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the word of our God will stand forever.
[9]Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Behold your God!"
[10]Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.

[11]He will tend his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms;
he will carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 85; antiphon: v. 9

[1]LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
[2]You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.
[3]You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

[4]Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
[5]Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
[6]Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
[7]Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

[8]Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.
[9]Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

[10]Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
[11]Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
[12]Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
[13]Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Epistle

2 Peter 3:8–14

[8]But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. [9]The Lord is not slow to fulfill his

promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. [10]But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

[11]Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, [12]waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! [13]But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

[14]Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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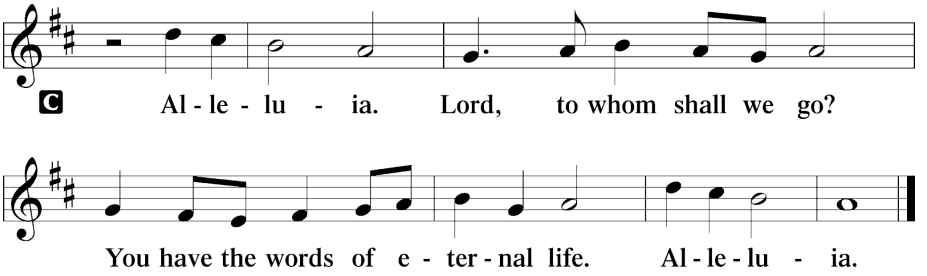
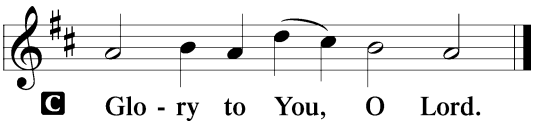


Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.



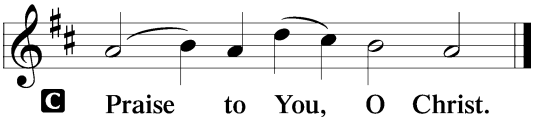
[1]The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
[2]As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way,
[3]the voice of one crying in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,'"

[4]John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5]And all the country of Judea and all
Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river
Jordan, confessing their sins. [6]Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a
leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. [7]And he preached,
saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am
not worthy to stoop down and untie. [8]I have baptized you with water, but he will
baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C **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 T **everlasting.**
Amen.

Prayer of the Church

A Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Offertory

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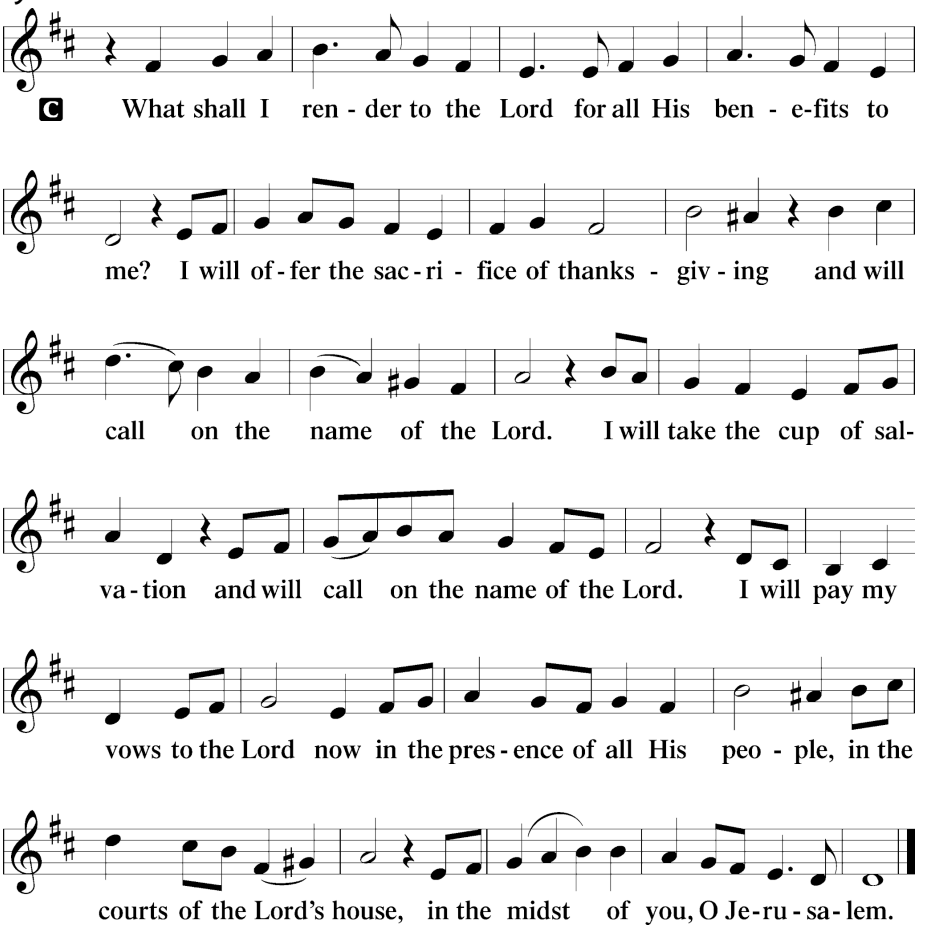

Lord's Prayer

C **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.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, giver and perfecter of our faith, we thank and praise You for continuing among us the preaching of Your Gospel for our instruction and edification. Send Your blessing upon the Word, which has been spoken to us, and by Your Holy Spirit increase our saving knowledge of You, that day by day we may be strengthened in the divine truth and remain steadfast in Your grace. Give us strength to fight the good fight and by faith to overcome all the temptations of Satan, the flesh, and the world so that we may finally receive the salvation of our souls; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benediction

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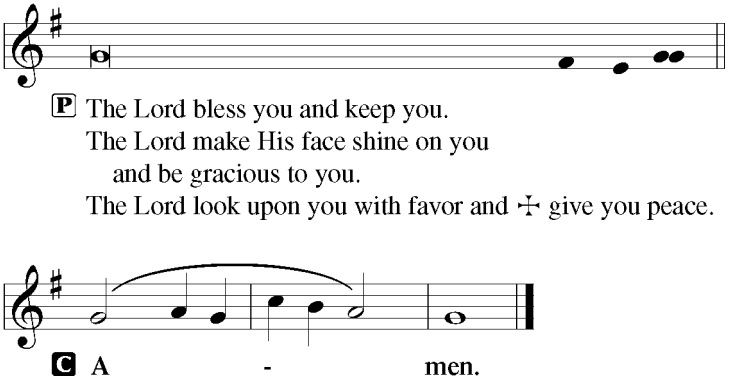


sit

711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Offering: the offering basket is located at the back of the sanctuary.



We ask God that our congregation remains healthy and safe! We pray for everyone's continued health and strength as we move forward!

- We pray for our school staff and all of our students and families that God has placed in our care here at Prince of Peace Lutheran School, this year. We pray for continued good health for our staff to continue their dedication, commitment and love for the families and students that God has placed in our school. We are so thankful for their loving service each and every day. We keep our school & staff in our prayers daily.
- We give thanks to God for the love and financial support from the congregation as we continue to see His blessings each day in our ministries here at Prince of Peace.
- We thank God for all the new and returning families at our school this year. We continue to pray for and welcome new families & students throughout the school year.
- We pray that members at Prince of Peace grow in faith and love for one another, willing to give of our gifts and talents within the congregation, serving and sharing Christ with our neighbors, family, and friends.
- For Cynthia Cade for healing and strength
- For Brian Zeilenga, prayers for he and his family.
- For Warren Carr, for strength and healing
- For Robin Biringer for continued care and healing
- For Steve Champeau for finding employment
- For Bob Sheppard for care and healing during treatment for prostate cancer
- Don and Glenda Bevans for strength and continued care for Don
- For Randy Cade for improvement of back and hip pain
- For John Henderson for continued healing and strength
- For Christina Carr for employment
- For Lisa Gilbertson, for continued healing and care
- Comfort for the Moreno family over the death of Janet's Father

- For Sharon Walter, sister of Lynn Zeilenga, for comfort and healing from illness
- For Roman, for recovery from covid and kidney failure.
- For Warren and Christina Carr for safe travel

Requests are removed from the bulletin after 3 weeks, unless requested.



Advent Soup Suppers are here! Dec 13th & 20th

· Please join us for the next 2 Wednesdays in Advent for soup supper at 6:00pm, followed by worship at 7:00. Sign up in the fellowship room to bring a soup or dessert.

Dec 13th: "Zechariah, your prayer has been heard" – Gabriel to Zechariah - Luke 1:5-17

Christmas Services: Dec 24th and 25th.

· Christmas Eve Service will be held at 6pm & Christmas Day Services at 8am & 10:30am.

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study

· Sunday School is held every Sunday at 9:15am for all children age 4-12.
Topic : Mary and Martha

· Adult Sunday School for all at 9:15am.
Led By: Pastor Sheek | Topic: What is Christianity?

Tuesday Morning Bible Study:

· Join us this Tuesday @ 9:30am, as we study the book of Hebrews.
Led By: Elder Steven Sarandis | Topic: Hebrews

Wednesday Bible Study – On Break

· Please join us December 6th for our first Soup Supper of the Advent season.

Saturday Morning Women's Bible Study

· Ladies, please join us This Saturday morning at **9:30am**. If you are interested in joining us, please Email Kim Violette for this week's study material: violettefamily5@gmail.com
Led By: Kim Violette

Staying in the loop:

· We are sending out a "News and Updates" email each Wednesday. Please be sure the church office has your email on file. Thank you!

Supporting your church:

· The church needs your support! Please continue to pray for the ongoing ministries at Prince of Peace, and for one another. You can also give securely online at:
https://princeofpeaceanaheim.com/payments

You may sign up to purchase live altar flowers in honor of a loved one, in thanksgiving, or for a special occasion. sign-up sheet in Fellowship hall





ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS

DINNER & FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWED BY WORSHIP

DECEMBER 6TH

"JOSEPH, DON'T BE AFRAID" – THE ANGEL TO JOSEPH - MATTHEW 1:18-25

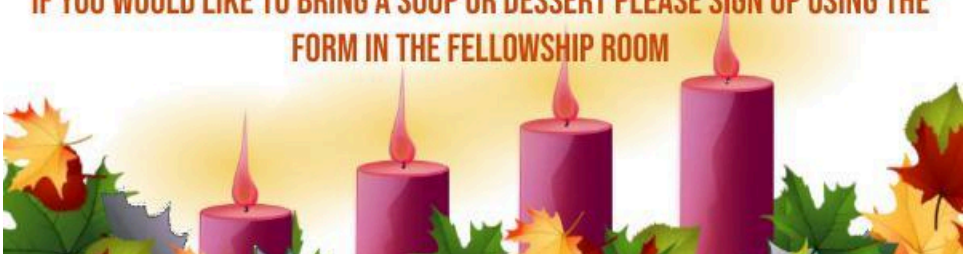
DECEMBER 13TH

"ZECHARIAH, YOUR PRAYER HAS BEEN HEARD" – GABRIEL TO ZECHARIAH - LUKE 1:5-17

DECEMBER 20TH

"GREETINGS MARY, THE LORD IS WITH YOU" – GABRIEL TO MARY - LUKE 1:26-33

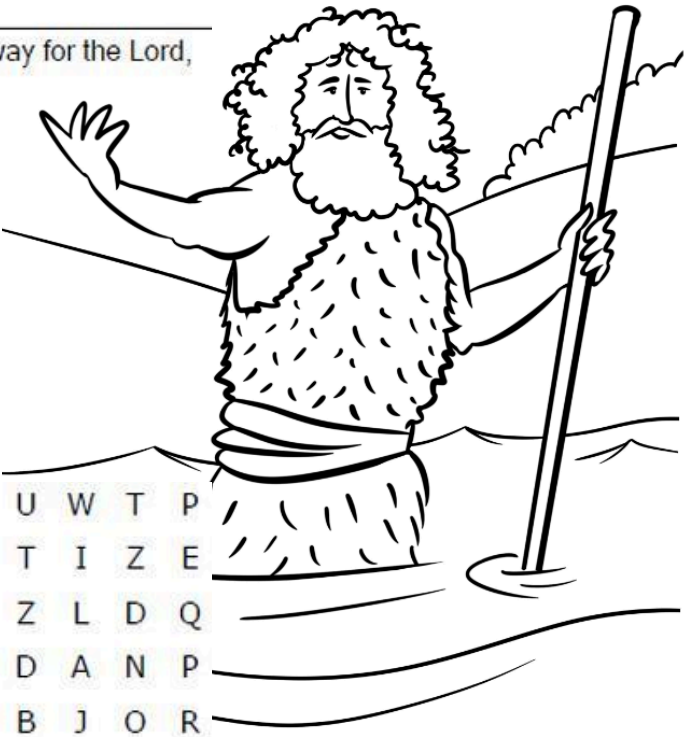
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING A SOUP OR DESSERT PLEASE SIGN UP USING THE FORM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM



Preparing the Way

"A voice calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" Mark 1:3





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