

3) ***This Advent, come and see God's DIVINE SALVATION.***

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ *And all people will see God's salvation.*”” ⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ “What should we do then?” the crowd asked. ¹¹ John answered, “Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized. “Teacher,” they asked, “what should we do?” ¹³ “Don’t collect any more than you are required to,” he told them. ¹⁴ Then some soldiers asked him, “And what should we do?” He replied, “Don’t extort money and don’t accuse people falsely—be content with your pay.”

Luke 3:1-14

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COME AND SEE
WHAT GOD HAS
DONE, HIS
AWESOME
DEEDS FOR
MANKIND!
PSALM 66:5

‘Come grow with us!’

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Second Sunday in Advent

December 8th, 2024
10:00 am Service

WELCOME TO LIVING WORD!

Blue church information card is in seat pocket

WE REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS...

Opening Prayer

Praise Songs

"Come and Behold Him"

"He Who Began a Good Work in You"

Invocation

Confession & Forgiveness

On screen

Affirmation of Faith:

Apostles' Creed

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD...

Today's Psalm

Psalm 66:1-12

Scripture Readings

Facing page

Message Song

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

Message

"Come and See!"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL...

Prayers of God's People

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Song

"Shout to the Lord"

Please place offerings in basket at sanctuary entrance

"Come and See!"

Psalm 66 says: *"Come and see what God has done...!"*

1) This Advent, come and see God's REFINING FIRE.

³ "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? *For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.* ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. ⁵ "So I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud laborers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me," says the Lord Almighty. ⁶ "I the Lord do not change. So you, the descendants of Jacob, are not destroyed. ⁷ Ever since the time of your ancestors you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you," says the Lord Almighty. Malachi 3:1-7b

2) This Advent, come and see God's GOOD WORK.

² Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.* ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:2-11