Advent: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday December 5, 2021
Lead Story Headline:
Prepare the Way

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"There was a man named John, who was the son of Zechariah. While John was living in the desert, God spoke to him and told him to preach to the people. So John went around the whole area of the Jordan River telling everyone to change their lives and to be baptized, so that their sins would be forgiven. The prophet Isaiah had already written about this a long time ago when he said, ‘In the desert there is the voice of a herald proclaiming: ‘Prepare the way for the coming of God! Make a straight path for the coming of God! Every valley will be filled in and every mountain and hill will be made small, the crooked roads will be made straight and the rough land will be made smooth. And all people on earth will see the saving power of our God.’’"

This is the Good News of the Lord.


"Prepare the way for the coming of God!” Luke 3:4

What Do You Think?
1. How can you and others change your ways so that you may be forgiven of your sins?
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2. List all the things you know about going to reconciliation where your sins are forgiven?
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Activity: Fruit Search

In his letter to the Philippians Paul tells people he is praying they will be 'filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1:11). Say a silent prayer for this in your life, too. Then use the pictures to find and circle the names of six fruits. Look up, down and across.


Food For Thought:

Did you know that another name for Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God with us"?


"...God will show all the world how beautiful you are."

Baruch 5:3
Inside Scoop: The Four Evangelists

The four writers of the Gospels are called evangelists. They are St. Matthew, whose feast day is September 21st, St. Mark, whose feast day is April 25th, St. Luke, whose feast day is October 18th, and St. John, whose feast day is December 27th. Each evangelist has his own symbol, based on the beginning of the Gospel that he wrote. Match the pictures below with the Gospel writers. Read the beginning of each Gospel for a good clue.


Matthew: His Gospel begins with a list of Jesus’ ancestors, the people in his family who lived before Jesus.

Luke: His Gospel begins with a story about a temple where sacrifices were offered. Sometimes an ox was used as a sacrifice.

Mark: His Gospel begins with a story of a voice crying out in the desert.

John: His Gospel begins with a beautiful but often hard to understand poem about the Word of God. His words soar above the other Gospel writers.