

“The Phone’s for You!”

(Luke 3:4)

INTRODUCTION: *There’s a voice on the phone...
what do you do?*

I. TODAY WE LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER

- A. John is well known for many things
- B. But chiefly he is known as the voice of repentance
(Luke 3:4; Matthew 3:1-3)
- C. This voice of repentance also came from the Old Testament judges and prophets

II. CAN YOU HEAR JOHN’S VOICE CALLING YOU?

- A. He is calling you to repent (Luke 3; Matthew 3)
- B. Repentance means – *to change the direction you are going*
- C. God creates repentant & forgiven people by Baptism & His Word (Romans 8:1)
 - + The beautiful hymn: *Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness* (LSB 563)
 - + At our home during Advent/Christmas:
The big cross with Christmas lights



III. ADVENT IS A SEASON TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF REPENTANCE

- A. Repentance prepares us for Jesus’ 1st & 2nd advent at Christmas & at Judgement Day
- B. How do we all prepare when someone special is coming to our house? (Luke 3:10,12,14)
- C. “Bearing the fruit of repentance” means two things –
 - 1. Turn away from the sin you are repenting of (Luke 3:10-14; John 8:11)
 - 2. Restore, if possible, what sin has ruined (Luke 19:8)

CONCLUSION: *The voice on the phone is the voice of John the Baptizer... don’t hang up!*