

Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1–10

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Epistle

Romans 15:4–13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1–12

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume 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. ¹⁰Even 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.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

*The root of Jesse . . .
shall stand
as a signal for the peoples!*

ISAIAH 11:10



About the Cover: Earlier in Isaiah, God's people were compared to a great tree that had been felled, leaving only the stump. However, just as large roots draw their sustenance and nutrients from the earth, this stump of Jesse was rooted in the promises of God's Word. Christ is that promise that grew forth from these roots in order to bear the fruit of salvation, making the cross into a life-giving tree.

2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 4, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

Hymns: 346, 344, 342, 359, 347

Holy Communion: Members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod are invited to receive the Lord's Supper. Non-members are requested to speak with Pastor before worship.

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 11/23 (Wed): 87 Comm.: 68 Offering: \$2,140.00

Attendance 11/27 (Sun): 85 Offering: \$1,928.26

Budget Needs: \$3,594 Scrip Profit 11/27: \$59.25

S.S. – 4

Staff – 3

B.C. – 11

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (12/7) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation

5:30 p.m. – Advent Meal

6:00 p.m. – Choir

7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship

7:45 p.m. – Elders

THUR (12/8) 12:00 p.m. – Ladies Aid Christmas Party at Cobblestone

3:30 p.m. – Trustees

SUN (12/11) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.

9:00 a.m. – Worship

6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

Ladies Aid Cookie/Candy Sale

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Caden Blattner, Damian Wetzel, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausing, Lillian Maas, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davidson, Terry Brandenburg, and Dallas Wenzel.

TODAY'S BULLETINS are sponsored by Rick & Terri Riemer in honor of their anniversary.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped yesterday with decorating the church for Christmas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES, CANDY, & OTHER SWEET TREATS – The Ladies Aid is having a Christmas cookie/candy sale on December 11 & 14 after services. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for donations. Deadline is Saturday December 10.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS – *A Son is Given* – are available from Lutheran Hour Ministries. A few hard copies (regular & large print) are available on the table in the narthex.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY – The “ornaments” are on the tree in the coat room. Items are noted on the ornaments. Please attach the ornament to the gift. Gifts need to be wrapped when you bring them in. Deadline is Wednesday December 14.

USHERS & GREETERS are being sought for 2023. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for both.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the card room.

ADVENT MEALS will be served on Wednesdays, Dec. 7, 14, & 21. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan on attending.

LWML MITE BOX – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone to donate money. Our mites go toward many different grants to help those in need. A list is on the table by the mite box. Please help to proclaim the Gospel with your mites!

REMINDER: Annual Report items are due January 1, 2023. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcoffice105@gmail.com. *Thank you!*