

Old Testament

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Epistle

James 5:7-11

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and

patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-15

²When John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before
your face,
who will prepare your way before
you."

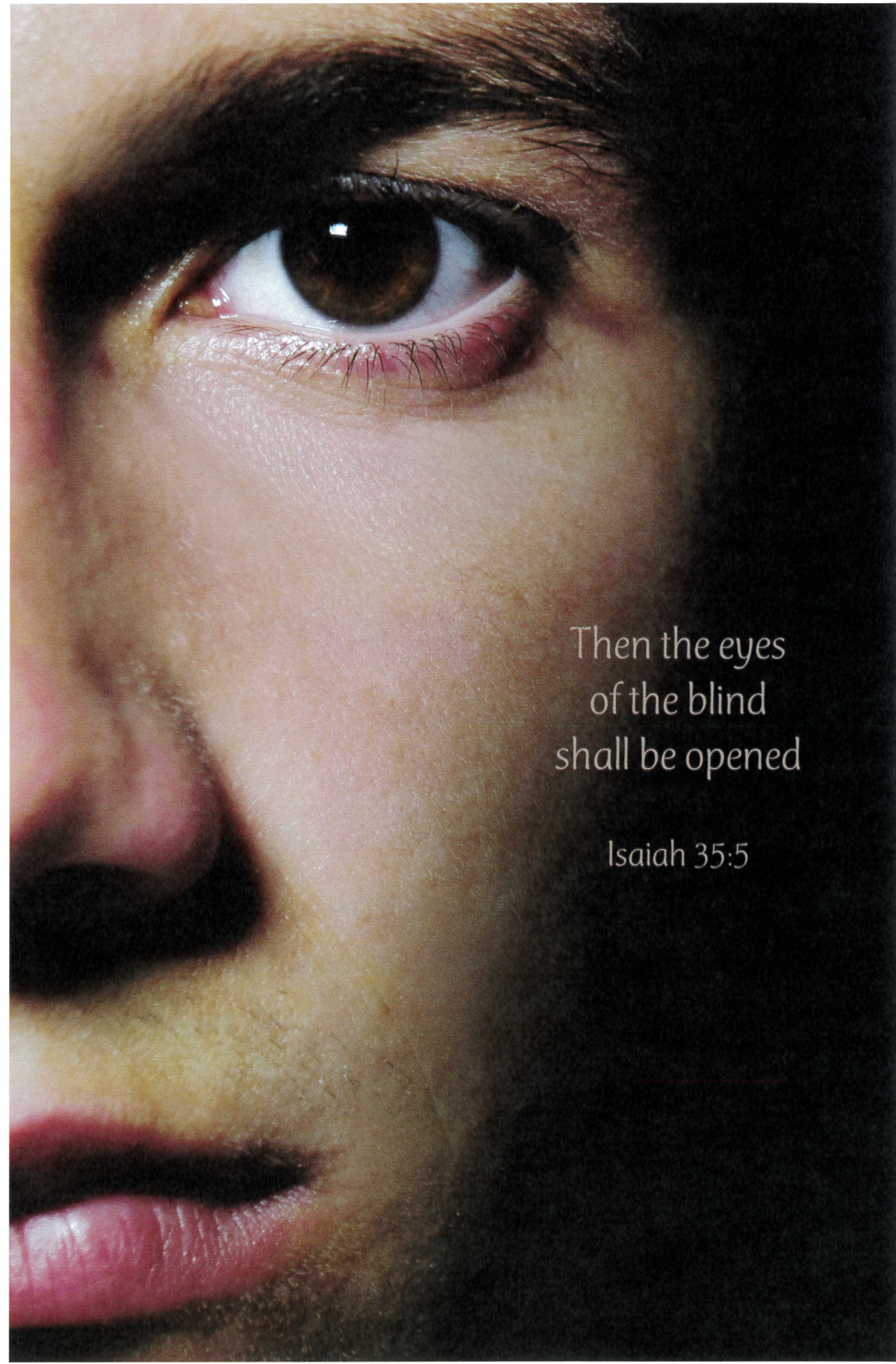
¹¹Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

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Isaiah 35:5



About the Cover: Isaiah presents a beautiful picture of the day when the Lord will make this world right. It is a sight to behold! In His ministry, Jesus literally opened blind eyes to see. At the same time, He was also opening the eyes of faith to see Him as the Messiah. Jesus is still restoring eyes to see aright through His Word. Even though today we see dimly, a day is coming when we shall see face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12).



3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 11, 2022

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

Hymns: 515, 345, 349

THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 11/30 (Wed): 49

Offering: \$780.00

Attendance 12/4 (Sun): 68

Comm.: 59

Offering: \$3,741.13

Budget Needs: \$3,594

Scrip Profit 12/4: \$24.88

S.S. – 6

Staff – 4

B.C. – 13

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

SUN (12/11) 6:00 p.m. – Farm & Home 4H

WED (12/14) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation

5:30 p.m. – Advent Meal

6:00 p.m. – Choir

7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship

Ladies Aid Cookie/Candy Sale

THUR (12/15) 7:00 p.m. – Women's Devotional Hour

SUN (12/18) 8:00 a.m. – S.S./B.C.

9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Caden Blattner, Damian Wetzel, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausung, 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.

2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES may be picked up from the table in the coat room. Please do not start using them until January 1, 2023.

CHRISTMAS COOKIES, CANDY, & OTHER SWEET TREATS – The Ladies Aid is having a Christmas cookie/candy sale today! Please stop and pick up some sweet treats.

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

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. 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!*