

Old Testament

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence!³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

Rend the heavens and come down

Isaiah 64:I

About the Cover: Isaiah saw the dark clouds of judgment rolling in to hang over Judah in exile. But he also saw the promises of the Lord's coming mercy and victory. Indeed, the Lord has come. Though His first coming was humble, by faith we see that heaven has been opened to all who trust in the crucified and risen Lord. He continues to come by Word and Sacrament. He will come again at the glorious completion of the Lord's plan for the world on the Last Day.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 3, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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***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 11/22 (Wed): 60	Comm.: 49	Offering: \$1,502.18
Attendance 11/26 (Sun): 72	Comm.: 61	Offering: \$2,123.07
Budget Needs: \$3,098.21		Scrip Profit 11/19: \$71.25
S.S. - 3	Staff - 4	B.C. - 6

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

WED (12/6) 5:30 p.m. – Advent Meal
No Confirmation Class
6:00 p.m. – Choir
7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship

THUR (12/7) 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

SUN (12/10) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:00 a.m. – Worship
10:15 a.m. – Bible Class
6:00 p.m. – Farm and Home 4H

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Norma Drumm as she will undergo knee surgery; Pr. John Wille of the South Wisconsin District of the LCMS Synod (cancer treatment); Fran (father of Brigitte Sonnabend); Vincent Sucivic (grandson of Duane & Karen Loose), Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules Clausing (infection), Carol Clausing, Sandy Haberland, Elaine Zeamer, and Lori Krueger.

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

BAPTISM – being received into God's family today by Baptism is Eleanorah (Elly) Joanna Wendling, daughter of Dylan and Jess Wendling. Elly's sponsors are Jake and Lauren Wendling.

NEW MEMBERS – Being received into membership today are Kathy Brown, Adam & Jordan Klessig, and their son Lincoln. Welcome to the St. Bartholomew family!

ADOPT-A-FAMILY – 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 Dec. 11th.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the card room.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – Dec. 10 & 13 after services sponsored by Ladies Aid. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board if you wish to help by donating homemade Christmas cookies. Bring them to church by 9:00 a.m. on December 9th. PLEASE ATTACH A NOTE TO YOUR COOKIES IF THEY CONTAIN NUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER, TO INFORM THOSE WHO ARE ALLERGIC TO THESE INGREDIENTS. Thank you for your help! (Profits will go toward the Boiler & Blacktop Funds).

POINSETTIA ORDERS – Order forms are on the table in the narthex or from the church office. You can drop off your order form and payment to the church office. Deadline is today.

ATTENTION ALL THRIVENT MEMBERS – If you would like to use your Thrivent action card for the women's bathroom renovation, please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

ADVENT MEALS will be served on Wednesdays December 6, 13 & 20. Sign-up sheets on bulletin board for attending.