

Old Testament *Isaiah 30:15–17*

¹⁵For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, “In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.” But you were unwilling, ¹⁶and you said, “No! We will flee upon horses”; therefore you shall flee away; and, “We will ride upon swift steeds”; therefore your pursuers shall be swift. ¹⁷A thousand shall flee at the threat of one; at the threat of five you shall flee, till you are left like a flagstaff on the top of a mountain, like a signal on a hill.

Epistle *Romans 8:31b–39*

If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

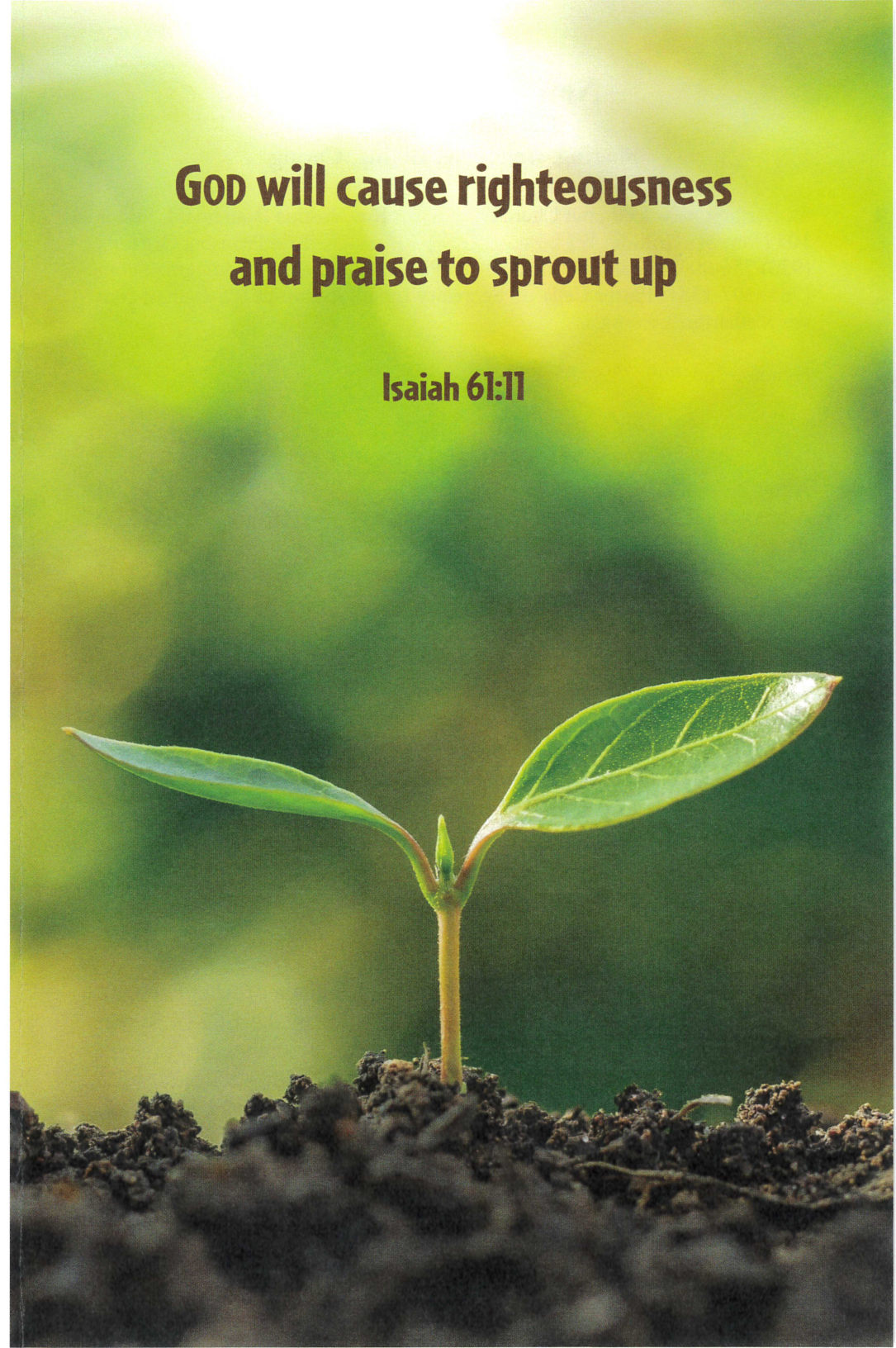
³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Holy Gospel *Luke 12: 35-40*

³⁵[Jesus said:] “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up

Isaiah 61:11



Christmas

About the Cover: The unseen is seen. In the year of the Lord’s favor, Isaiah compares a planted seed shooting forth above ground to the sprouting of the Lord’s righteousness. The Christ Child is the righteousness of God made known to the nations. Simeon and Anna could do nothing but rejoice and praise the Lord when they saw the Savior of the world, who sprouts forth righteousness and freely gives it by forgiving sins.

New Year's Service

December 31, 2023

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/20 (Wed): 35

Offering: \$391.00

Attendance 12/24 Christmas Eve 4 p.m.: 159

Offering: \$5,265.00

Attendance 12/24 Christmas Eve 6 p.m.: 39

Attendance 12/25 Christmas Day: 68 Comm.: 54 Offering: \$1,112.07

Budget Needs: \$3,098.21

Scrip Profit 12/24: \$54.08

KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

MON (1/1) New Year's Day – Office Closed

WED (1/3) 6:00 p.m. – Confirmation

7:00 p.m. – Worship

THUR (1/4) 6:30 a.m. – Men's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

SAT (1/6) 9:00 a.m. – Undecorate church (indoor)

SUN (1/7) 8:00 a.m. – Sunday School

9:00 a.m. – Worship

10:15 a.m. – Bible Class

IN OUR PRAYERS we remember Lucas (grandson of Alan Klepps), 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.

HELP UNDECORATE – Indoor undecorating will take place on Saturday January 6th at 9:00 a.m. The outdoor nativity will be taken down on Saturday January 13th at 9:00 a.m. Your help is appreciated.

VOTERS MEETING will be held Sunday January 28 at 10:00 a.m.

RENOVATION OF WOMENS BATHROOM will begin in February due to a backorder of the vanity and sinks. The project will last approximately one month. During this time ladies are asked to use the restroom in the fellowship hall.

2024 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES may be picked up from the table in the coat room. *Please do not start using them until January 1, 2024.*

USHERS & GREETERS are being sought for 2024. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for both.

REMINDER: Annual Report items are due January 1, 2024. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcoffice105@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

**WE SHALL
BEHOLD HIM**