

Tuesday Tidings of Grace



This Tuesday is November 28, 2023

This past Sunday was:

Last Sunday of the Church Year

[Sunday Worship on YouTube](#)

[Sunday Sermon on Website](#)

This past Sunday we ended the church year with a focus on stewardship and a message from Ezekiel on God's sincere desire to be the shepherd of His sheep. We heard God's promises of love for his sheep and how He will seek out the strayed, bind up the injured, and rescue His sheep setting up one Good Shepherd (Jesus) over them.

Next Sunday, December 3 is:

1st Sunday in Advent

On this Sunday we begin a new church year with the season of Advent. We begin this season with repentance and a hopeful heart that is being made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus.

The readings are:

[Isaiah 64:1-9](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:3-9](#)

[Mark 13:24-37](#)

The Hymn of the Day is:

"Savior of the Nations, Come" (LSB #332)

Grace Events This Week

Fri 12/1 - Bunco Night (6pm)

Sun 12/3 - Congregation Family Christmas Celebration

This begins in the 10:30 service with special music from our Sunday School Kids and Handbell Choir. It continues at noon with a celebration luncheon including fellowship, caroling, and the Lutheran Westland choir singing for us. We may also get a visit from St. Nicholas!

Daily Bible Readings

<https://bit.ly/gracedailybible>

1st Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

In this reading, the people of God speak to him as Father. They repent of their sins and call upon God to come down and reclaim them. This faithful call of God's people was answered in time when Jesus, the Son of God, was born of the virgin Mary. We can resonate with this reading for we too are waiting now for the return of the Son of God to this world. We too have many sins of which we must repent and we too can call upon God as our Father to come and rescue us.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

This reading is full of reassurance for the people of God. Paul begins this first letter to the Corinthians by pointing them to Jesus reminding them that they lack nothing when they live by faith in this Son of God. For it is Jesus who will sustain them to the end and He will not let them down.

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37

In this reading Jesus speaks of the last days and His own coming with judgment to this earth. In the first half of the reading He notes there will be signs preceding His coming and so we should be watchful and mindful of being prepared in time as these signs come to pass. In the latter half of the reading He gives a different perspective on our waiting. That because nobody knows the day or the hour we should "be on guard, keep awake." We should always be ready for the hour of His coming "lest he come suddenly and find you asleep." Together, we live in a balance of the two themes of this reading. That we look for the signs of His coming and wait patiently. Yet at the same time we live always on guard, awake and ready at any moment for His return.