November 28 - November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent Readings

First Reading

A Reading from Isaiah 64:1a,-4-8

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait.

You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you,
for you have hidden your face from us
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O Lord, you are our Divine Parent;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

A Reading from First Corinthians 1:3-9

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

I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind—
just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—
so that you are not lacking in any gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He will also strengthen you to the end,
so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

(pause)

Reader: **Word of God, word of Life.**
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel According to Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said:
“In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.
“Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory.
Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

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

“But about that day or hour no one knows,
neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.
Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come.
It 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 be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake,
for you do not know when the master of the house will come,
in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn,
or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly.
And what I say to you I say to all:
Keep awake.”

Pastor: **The Gospel of the Lord.**
Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.