

*Rend the heavens and come down*

Isaiah 64:1



# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent

Worship Service at 10:30 am

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Prelude

Announcements

Processional Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel(1-5) #357

Hymn of The Day: Thou Precious Ransom, Come #350

**Sermon** “Dad, I Need You NOW!”  
Based on Isaiah 64 6-8  
Pastor Ron Biel

Recessional Hymn: Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (1-3) #341

**WELCOME to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on this day, the First Sunday of Advent.**

**Prepare** for Worship. Enter reverently, pray thoughtfully, enjoy the time prior to worship in spiritual meditation.

**Pray For One Another!** If you bring special needs with you this morning for which you want us to pray, please give to an Usher or Elder.

**The Nursery/Lounge** is located just past the Ladies room, off the Narthex. Please be assured that children of all ages are encouraged to participate in the worship service.

**Fellowship Register:** We ask (members, friends, and visitors) to fill out The Fellowship Book which is located at the end of each pew. Please include your name, address and telephone number.

**Flowers are given** to the Glory of God

**Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9**

- 1 Oh that you would rend the heavens  
and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at  
your presence—
- 2 as 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!
- 3 When you did awesome things that we  
did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains  
quaked at your presence.
- 4 From 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.
- 5 You meet him who joyfully works right-  
eousness,  
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?
- 6 We 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.
- 7 There 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.
- 8 But now, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our  
potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.
- 9 Be 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**

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 was given  
you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you  
were enriched in him in all speech and all  
knowledge—even as the testimony about  
Christ was confirmed among you—so that  
you are not lacking in any spiritual gift,  
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the  
end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were  
called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**Holy Gospel: Mark 11:1-10**

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to  
Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of  
Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and  
said to them, "Go into the village in front  
of you, and immediately as you enter it  
you will find a colt tied, on which no one  
has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If any-  
one says to you, 'Why are you doing this?'  
say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send  
it back here immediately.'" And they went  
away and found a colt tied at a door out-  
side in the street, and they untied it. And  
some of those standing there said to them,  
"What are you doing, untying the colt?"  
And they told them what Jesus had said,  
and they let them go. And they brought  
the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on  
it, and he sat on it. And many spread their  
cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy  
branches that they had cut from the fields.  
And those who went before and those  
who followed were shouting, "Hosanna!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of  
our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"



**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.