

**Old Testament Reading:**

**Isaiah 51:4-6**

- 4 "Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light  
to the peoples.
- 5 My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge  
the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.
- 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like  
a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die  
in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never  
be dismayed."

**Epistle: Jude 20-25**

20But you, beloved, build yourselves  
up in your most holy faith; pray in  
the Holy Spirit; 21keep yourselves in  
the love of God, waiting for the mercy  
of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to  
eternal life. 22And have mercy on those  
who doubt; 23save others by snatching  
them out of the fire; to others show  
mercy with fear, hating even the  
garment stained by the flesh.

24Now to him who is able to keep  
you from stumbling and to present  
you blameless before the presence of  
his glory with great joy, 25to the only  
God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion,  
and authority, before all time and now  
and forever. Amen.

**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, 25and 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."



*The Son of Man coming in clouds  
with great power and glory*



**About the Cover:** On the Last Sunday of the Church Year, we turn to the Last Day, when the Lord will bring to completion all things. This is not a day to dread, however. It is the day that we long for with eager anticipation. It is the sight all will behold as our crucified and risen Lord and King comes in glory. Every knee will bow and tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11). As Martin Luther said in his explanation of the Third Article, "On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ."