

A WEEKLY WORD

December 1st , 2024, Advent Sunday

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READINGS: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

This first line in the Jeremiah reading forecasts the birth of Jesus. Isaiah 59.20 says “*The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,*” declares the LORD.

To me that describes the season of Advent. The fulfillment of the covenant God made that He would restore his kingdom. The birth of Jesus is the beginning of that fulfillment. We cannot have Christmas without Jesus, and we cannot have Easter without the Resurrection.

This year we have 24 days to prepare our hearts for this momentous occasion. We worry so much about the earthly preparations of decorating, shopping, and entertaining, that we forget the reason for the season. Carve out a portion of time today and spend it with the Lord of all Creation. He is there, patiently waiting for you, ready with a willing ear to hear all those concerns and what touches your heart today.

Count your Blessings, count them one by one.

Count your Blessings, see what God has done.