

### Word Search Puzzle

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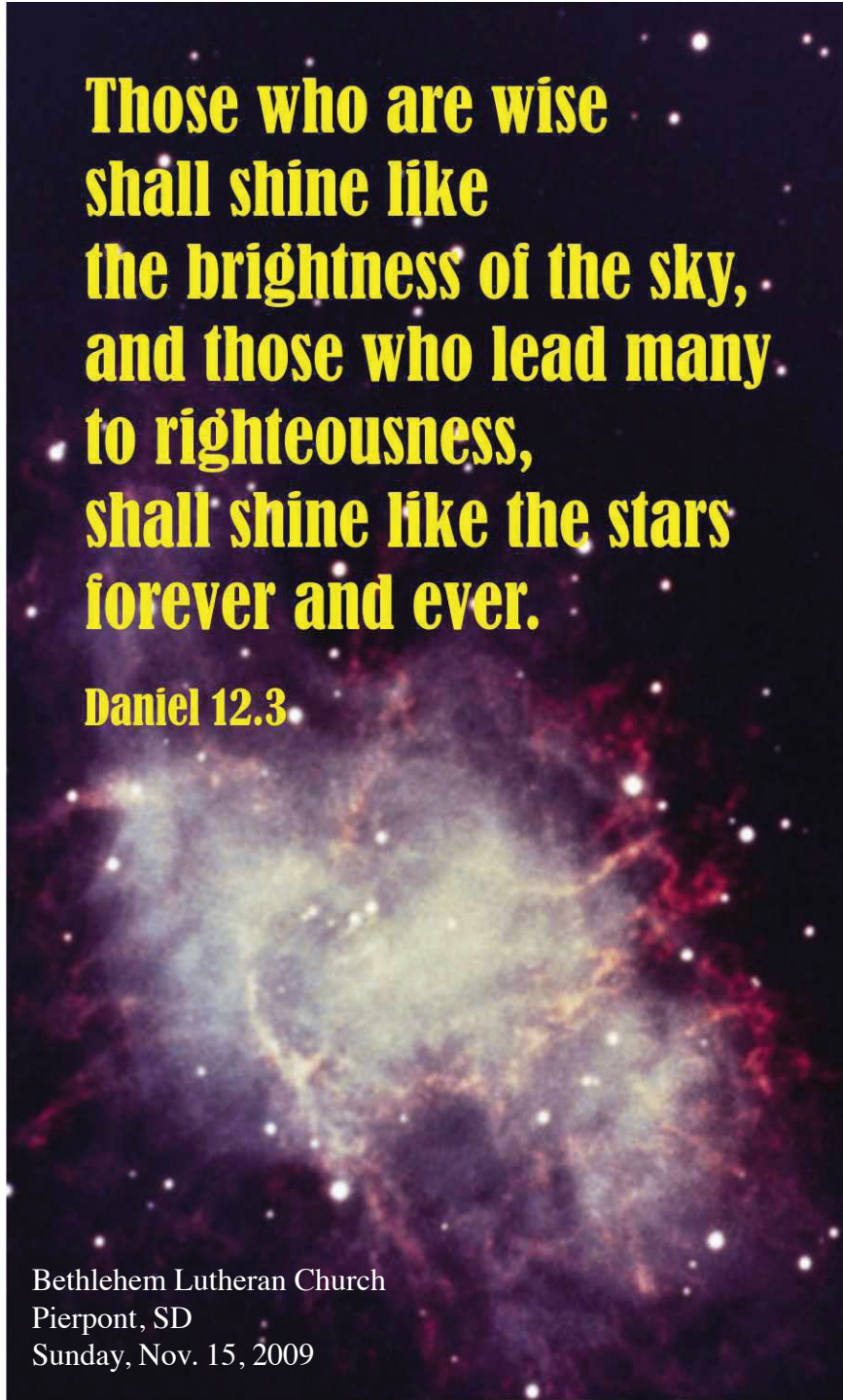
Words are in a straight line in all directions

H M F H G A W I D O W D Z  
E O D A N Y E D C O I N S  
R R I D I T C E W A E C M  
N E S S T R N T S H V O A  
R V C A U E A U T S E P L  
S A I H B V D B R I R P L  
V H P W I O N I U H Y E T  
L T L H R P U R L T T R E  
I R E I T E B T Y T H I L  
V O S C N N A N P H I E L  
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K R A M C Y O C T N G T S  
E M A C Y R U S A E R T H  
Y K C A L L E D T H O S E

(Mark 12:42-44) A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. {43} Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. {44} For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (NRSV)

#### Word List

CONTRIBUTING	WHICH	TELL	TWO
CONTRIBUTED	TRULY	SAID	SHE
EVERYTHING	THOSE	POOR	PUT
DISCIPLES	THEIR	NRSV	OUT
ABUNDANCE	SMALL	MORE	HER
TREASURY	PENNY	MARK	HAS
POVERTY	COINS	LIVE	HAD
COPPER	THIS	HAVE	FOR
CALLED	THEN	CAME	ARE
WORTH	THEM	YOU	AND
WIDOW	THAN	WHO	TO



**Those who are wise  
shall shine like  
the brightness of the sky,  
and those who lead many  
to righteousness,  
shall shine like the stars  
forever and ever.**

**Daniel 12.3**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
Pierpont, SD  
Sunday, Nov. 15, 2009

## Today's Hymns are in the Lutheran Book of Worship

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - 543

O God of God, O Light of Light - 536

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus - 487

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling - 381

If we are afraid, our love is still weak. Let us ask forgiveness from the Lord that we have not kept alive our hope and vigilance.

(PAUSE)

Lord Jesus, you will come with great power and glory. Keep us from fear. Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, you will gather your chosen ones from the ends of the earth: Keep us faithful and vigilant. Christ, have mercy. **R/ Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are near, standing at the door to make us enter. Keep us in your love. Lord, have mercy. **R/ Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, Lord, forgive us our sins, and make us see how close you are to us. Lead us to everlasting life. **R/ Amen.**

P- The Lord be with you. **C- And also with you**

P- Let us Pray (Collect of the Day)

**Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Today's Readings

### First Reading Introduction: Daniel 12:1-3

#### God Will Raise His Faithful

To the faithful Jews, upset on account of persecutions, the prophet speaks a message of hope: God will save you. Even if you lose your life, God will give you eternal life.

### Second Reading Introduction: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

#### We Are Saved By Christ's One Sacrifice

Offering his sacrifice once and for all, Jesus has overcome sin and given us the power to live God's life.

## Gospel Introduction: Mark 13:24-32

### See The Signs Of The Lord's Coming

In mysterious terms, Jesus speaks of the difficult coming of his full kingdom in this world. Jesus will bring it to completion in us.

## Offertory Prayer

Father God, we watch the news and believe that you were speaking to our time when you spoke privately to the disciples on the Mount of Olives. You caution us not to be led astray. We are trying, Lord, to keep our eyes fixed on you. We have worshiped you in song and prayer. We have listened for your Word. Now, we humbly place before you these offerings and tithes. May our resolve be strong to do your will and follow your path. For the sake of Jesus, we pray.

**Amen.** (Mark 13:1-8)

## Prayers of the Church

Let us pray with the fullest trust to the God of peace and hope who waits for us at the end of life's road.

For the Church, that the people of God may proclaim with trust and joy their unshakable faith in eternal life and the eternal dimension of all we do, let us pray: **R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.**

For Christians everywhere, that by their commitment to justice and peace they may bring all people together in one community of hope and faith, and that by their commitment to one another they may prepare the way for the full coming of Christ, let us pray: **R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.**

For those who are afraid of death, old age, or life's trials, for all people without courage or hope, that they may learn to trust in God and that we may stand by their side, let us pray: **R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.**

For this community here and now, that we may inspire one another by our living faith and indestructible hope, and that by our love and service the Lord may live among us, let us pray: **R/ Lord, we place all our trust in you.**

Lord God of life and death, we do not know the hour of your coming, but we are certain that your love will never fail us. Keep us vigilant in hope and help us to welcome you now in one another, that you may welcome us in your eternal home for good and for ever. We pray this all in Jesus' name, who has also taught us to pray, **Our Father . . .**

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