

# THE GREEN SHEET

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 22, 2024

### Introit

*1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b-7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b-47*

My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in your salvation.  
There is none holy like the Lord;  
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The Lord kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The Lord makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low and he exalts.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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### Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Gradual

**Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.  
Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.  
Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.

### Learn by Heart:

**Matthew 1:23a**

Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.

**Readings for Next Sunday:** Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15; Psalm 111; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-40

# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

## INVOCATION

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**MEDITATION:** Psalm 80. The 80<sup>th</sup> psalm is a psalm of prayer against the constant enemies, the neighboring people, the Philistines, Syrians, Moabites, and Edomites, who surrounded the people of Israel, pestering and attacking them. So now also we pray against our enemies and neighbors, the rebellious spirits, and the spiritual “fathers” and order, as we have prayed in times past against the heretics of the Church. Prayer: Blessed be Your holy name, O Lord God of heaven, because You have planted in our land that noble vine, the Christian Church. Cause it to grow and to spread forth its branches, that it may overshadow the land and bring forth prolific fruit for the good of our nation, and the salvation of many, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. (Excerpt from [Reading the Psalms with Luther](#))

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**F 12/27:** Isaiah 51:17-52:12; Matthew 2:1-12

**SA 12/28:** Isaiah 52:13-54:10; Matthew 2:13-23

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- Pray for all who are suffering
- that those wandering from the Body of Christ would return to receive His gifts of grace and mercy
- Pray for our members: Lyle Anderson and Kady Antony
- Pray for our congregation: that we would continue to worship and fellowship with one another

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