

THE GREEN SHEET

Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2023

Introit

Psalm 19:1, 4c, 5-6; antiphon: Isaiah 45:8a, b

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
In them he has set a tent for the sun,
which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.
Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them,
and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

**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: Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40

Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

INVOCATION

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MEDITATION: Psalm 89. The 89th psalm is a prophecy of Christ and His kingdom. The psalmist calls it a heavenly kingdom (as Christ Himself does in the Gospel). It takes up the prophecy of Christ given to David and emphasizes it with an abundant spirit. Particularly, the psalmist emphasizes that this kingdom shall never, for the sake of any sin, come to an end or be left behind. Prayer: Lord Jesus, we thank You for calling us by Your Gospel into Your kingdom of grace. Grant that we be members not of Your visible Church only, but of the invisible community of saints, living temples of Your Spirit. Keep us steadfast in the true faith, and finally receive us into the kingdom of eternal glory. Amen. (Excerpt from [Reading the Psalms with Luther](#))

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

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M 12/25: Isaiah 49:1-18; Matthew 1:1-17

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

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

F 12/29: Isaiah 55:1-13; Luke 1:1-25

SA 12/30: Isaiah 58:1-59:3, 14-21; Luke 1:26-38

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- 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 that we are all hungry for the Word of God.
 - Pray for our congregation: that we would continue to worship and fellowship with one another

HYMN OF THE WEEK “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

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