

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

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation and righteousness may bear fruit.

C The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. In them he has set a tent for the sun,

P which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy.

C 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.

C 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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CATECHISM

Holy Baptism - Second

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16)

LEARN BY HEART*Galatians 4:4*

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

COLLECT

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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Is 61:10—62:3; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:22-40

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	12/20	Isaiah 40:18—41:10	Revelation 8:1–13
M:	12/21	Isaiah 42:1–25	Revelation 9:1–12
T:	12/22	Isaiah 43:1–24	Revelation 9:13—10:11
W:	12/23	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11:1–19
TH:	12/24	Isaiah 44:21—45:13, 20–25 (Daniel 10:1—12:13, Isaiah 48:1–22)	Revelation 12:1–17
F:	12/25	Isaiah 49:1–18	Matthew 1:1–17
SA:	12/26	Isaiah 49:22–26; 50:4—51:8, 12–16	Matthew 1:18–25

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #332 Savior of the Nations, Come

APOSTLES’ CREED**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying
- Rita & Seuk; Al & Sandy; Alex & Aubrey; Kenneth & Kaylin, Elodie

COLLECT (front page); **LORD’S PRAYER**

BENEDICTION

P Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

C Amen