

Advent 2A Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b

P In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

C **Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!**

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

C **O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

P He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

C **He remembers his covenant forever, the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.**

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

The First Article—Creation

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

LEARN BY HEART

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

COLLECT

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Is 35:1–10; James 5:7–11; Matt 11:2–15

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU: 12/4 Ecclesiastes 1:1–18 (Esther 1:1—10:3) John 6:60–71

M: 12/5 Ecclesiastes 2:1–26 John 7:1–13

T: 12/6 Ecclesiastes 3:1–22 John 7:14–31

W: 12/7 Ecclesiastes 4:1–16 John 7:32–53

TH: 12/8 Ecclesiastes 5:1–20 John 8:1–20

F: 12/9 Ecclesiastes 6:1—7:10 John 8:21–38

SA: 12/10 Ecclesiastes 7:11–29 John 8:39–59

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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

- For deliverance against temptation and evil; for the addicted and despairing, the tortured and oppressed; for those struggling with sin
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Andrew; Scott
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Phyllis; Elodie; Lucus

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

BENEDICTION

P Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

C **Amen**