

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

The Seventh Petition

But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

LEARN BY HEART

Revelation 12:5

She gave birth to a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne,

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 60:1-6; Eph 3:1-12; Mt 2:1-12

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	12/24	Isaiah 44:21—45:13, 20–25 (Daniel 10:1—12:13, Isaiah 48:1–22)	Revelation 12:1–17
M:	12/25	Isaiah 49:1–18	Matthew 1:1–17
T:	12/26	Isaiah 49:22–26; 50:4—51:8, 12–16	Matthew 1:18–25
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

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

APOSTLES' CREED

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- For faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away;
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Bong, Jonathon, Kara
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Arlin, Karlene

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

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C Amen