

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2024

**Advent 4C 1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b–7; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47****P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**C** **My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.****P** There is none holy like the Lord; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.**C** **The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.****P** The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.**C** **The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts.****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.****P** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**CATECHISM**

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.” These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: “forgiveness of sins.”

**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:** Ex 13:1-3a, 11-15; Col 3:12-17; Luke 2:22-**INVOCATION****INTROIT** (front page)**MEDITATION:** *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism**LEARN BY HEART:** Bible Verse (front page)**DAILY READINGS:**

SU:	12/22	Isaiah 43:1–24	Revelation 9:13—10:1
M:	12/23	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11:1–19
T:	12/24	Isaiah 44:21—45:13, 20–25 (Daniel 10:1—12:13, Isaiah 48:1–22)	Revelation 12:1–17
W:	12/25	Isaiah 49:1–18	Matthew 1:1–17
TH:	12/26	Isaiah 49:22–26; 50:4—51:8, 12–16	Matthew 1:18–25
F:	12/27	Isaiah 51:17—52:12	Matthew 2:1–12
SA:	12/28	Isaiah 52:13–54:10	Matthew 2:13–23

**HYMN OF THE MONTH:** LSB #332 Savior of the Nations, Come**APOSTLES’ CREED****IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for schools, colleges, and seminaries; for good government and peace
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Betty, Bong, Jonathon, Kara
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Charlotte, Arlin, Karlene

**COLLECT** (front page); **LORD’S PRAYER****BENEDICTION****P** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.**C** **Amen.**