

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**DECEMBER 21, 2025****Advent 4A Psalm 130:5–8; antiphon: Isaiah 64:1**

P Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence.

C I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

P my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

C O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.

P And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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*1 Timothy 3:16*

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

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 63:7–14; Gal 4:4–7; Matt 2:13–23

CONGREGATION AT PRAYER**INVOCATION**

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	12/21	Isaiah 42:1–25	Revelation 9:1–12
M:	12/22	Isaiah 43:1–24	Revelation 9:13—10:11
T:	12/23	Isaiah 43:25—44:20	Revelation 11:1–19
W:	12/24	Isaiah 44:21—45:13, 20–25 (Daniel 10:1—12:13, Isaiah 48:1–22)	Revelation 12:1–17
TH:	12/25	Isaiah 49:1–18	Matthew 1:1–17
F:	12/26	Isaiah 49:22–26; 50:4—51:8, 12–16	Matthew 1:18–25
SA:	12/27	Isaiah 51:17—52:12	Matthew 2:1–12

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

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

- For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Betty, Pat, Bong, Jonathon
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Charlotte, 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