



Our Congregation at Prayer
Daily Scripture and Prayer
To be Used in the Home
Getting Ready for Advent 4 A
Immanuel Lutheran Church

Theme for Sunday: 'The promises of God are fulfilled! 'The virgin has conceived and bore a son, and they called His name Immanuel.

The following short order may be used for devotions at home during the week or Daily Prayer for individuals and families may be used in the hymnal (LSB page 294 and following).

Invocation

In the Name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit *Psalm 80.1-7*

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in your salvation.
There is none holy like the LORD;
there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.
The LORD kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.

**Glorify 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.**

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.



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. Amen.

Gradual *Zechariah 9.9, Psalm 118.26*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you;
Righteous and having salvation.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you.

The Psalm for Advent 4 A may be read (Psalm 24) or those printed below.

Daily Psalms	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24	122	33	50	18.1-20	102	90
Evening	25; 110	40; 67	85; 91	14; 16	126; 62	130; 16	80; 72

Readings for next Sunday (see below) or these daily readings may be used

Sunday	Isaiah 28.14-29	1 John 5.1-21 (2 John 1-13, 3 John 1-15)
Monday	Isaiah 29.1-14	Jude 1-25
Tuesday	Isaiah 29.15-30.14	Revelation 1.1-20
Wednesday	Isaiah 30.15-26	Revelation 2.1-29
Thursday	Isaiah 30.27-31.9	Revelation 3.1-22
Friday	Isaiah 32.1-20	Revelation 4.1-11
Saturday	Isaiah 33.1-24	Revelation 5.1-14

Talk About Next Sunday's Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 7.10-17

Why would Ahaz not ask for a sign from God?

What sign did God give to the wicked king Ahaz?

Who is this son who will be called Immanuel?

Talk About Next Sunday's Epistle Reading: Romans 1.1-7

How was Paul set apart for the Gospel of God?

Paul reminds us who Jesus is: descended from David according to the flesh and declared to be the Son of God. Why is it important that Jesus is true God and true man?

Talk About Next Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 1.18-25

What did Joseph plan to do with Mary?

How does the angel change Joseph's plans?

What words of Isaiah are fulfilled here?

Catechism Selection (this may be read, recited, or spoken responsively)

The Lord's Prayer Continued

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.

The Conclusion

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."