

## Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup>which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup>concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup>and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup>through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup>including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25

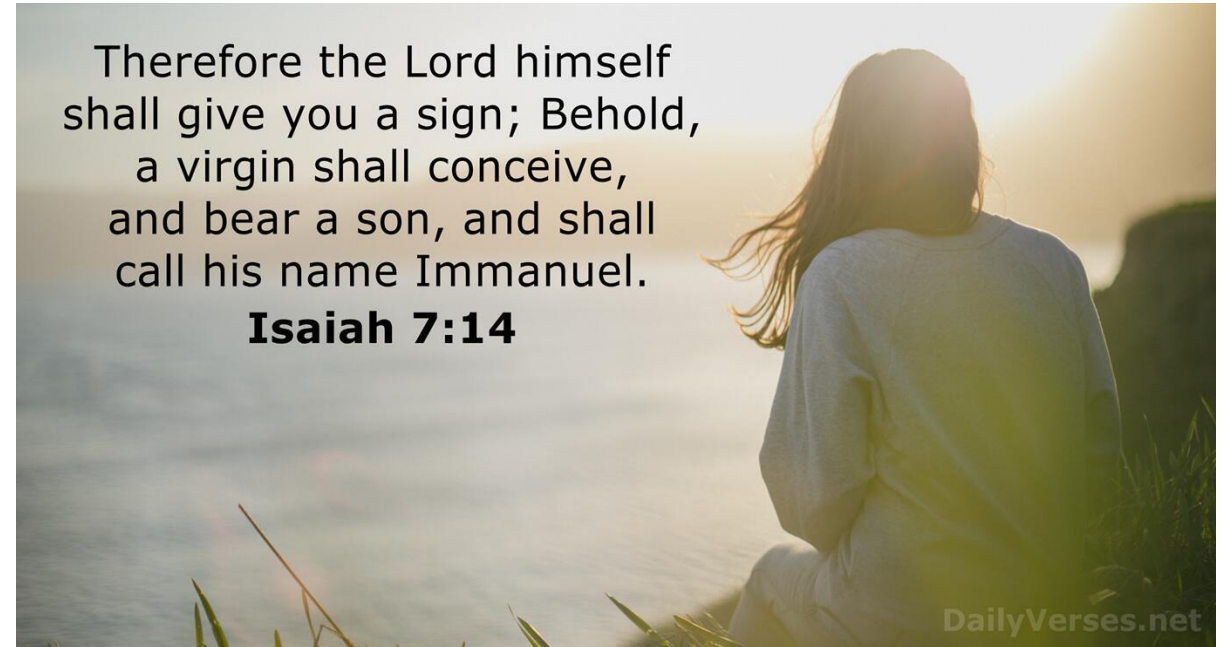
<sup>18</sup>The birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup>But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup>All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup>“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup>When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup>but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

### Lessons for Next Week

Isaiah 63:7-14; Psalm 111; Galatians 4:4-7; Matthew 2:13-23

Therefore the Lord himself  
shall give you a sign; Behold,  
a virgin shall conceive,  
and bear a son, and shall  
call his name Immanuel.

**Isaiah 7:14**



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**The Order of Word and Sacrament**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent      December 21, 2025**

Prelude, Announcements (please stand when indicated by \*)  
\*Prayer for the lighting of the fourth candle (printed below the Psalm)

**We Gather**

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**We Hear God’s Word**

Lessons

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Children’s Church Gathers and Exits	
Proclamation of the Word	Ric Rabe

**We Respond to God’s Word**

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*Offertory Hymn “Create in Me a Clean Heart” & Offertory Prayer.....		p. 96
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*Benediction & Amen.....		p. 97
*Closing Hymn	“Angels, from the Realms of Glory ”	LBW #50

**We Are Sent to Our Mission Fields**  
\*Go in peace, serve the Lord. Thanks be to God  
Postlude

**First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17**

<sup>10</sup>Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz: <sup>11</sup>“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup>But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup>And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup>Therefore the LORD himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. <sup>15</sup>He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup>For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. <sup>17</sup>The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — the king of Assyria!”

**Psalm 24**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.

**<sup>2</sup>For it is he who founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

<sup>3</sup>“Who can ascend the hill of the LORD?  
and who can stand in his holy place?”

**<sup>4</sup>“Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation.”

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**<sup>8</sup>“Who is this King of glory?”**


**“The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.”**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

**<sup>10</sup>“Who is he, this King of glory?”**

**“The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.”**

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-      Prayer for Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle      

Dear Lord Jesus, the promise of Immanuel, God With Us, summarizes the deepest longing in our hearts—to behold you in all your beauty and grace and kingly splendor. Hasten that Day of seeing you, when we will be made like you and be with you and know you not in part, but fully. Amen.

## **What's Happening**

### **Today:**

- Our radio broadcast is sponsored anonymously. We are in need of sponsors for several Sundays in January.

### **Coming Up:**

- Christmas Eve Worship, 4 p.m. (Broadcast on KATL at 7 p.m.)
- Christmas Day Worship & Holy Communion, 10 a.m.

## **Notes and News**

- Please take a look at the Christmas books for adults and children on the table in the narthex, available for a free-will offering or to read and bring back. Books are meant to be read!
- You'll find forms in the narthex for donations toward new ceiling tiles (\$15/tile).
- We are asking for donations to the Salvation Army today, because that is where we direct people in need who come to the church for help. Please help this effort!
- Drawing for the winner of the Christmas quilt being given away by the Quilters will be held after the service.
- Please share your family Christmas card photo with FLC.
- It's time to sign up in the Narthex to deliver Meals on Wheels weekdays, December 29 through January 9.
- Our Annual Meeting will be held January 11. Committee Reports should be in by January 4.
- **Important!!** The Call Committee survey is available and is due **today**.