



❖ DAILY PRAYER ❖

Advent 4
18-24 December 2022

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This guide is offered to assist families, individuals, and small groups in the simple forms of daily prayer included in Lutheran Service Book (pages 294-298). Use the form in LSB appropriate for the time of day and follow the weekly resources in this guide for hymns, readings, and prayers. Pray and confess out loud as much from this order as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate.

❖ ORDER FOR PRAYER

Morning	LSB, p. 295	Early Evening	LSB, p. 297
Noon	LSB, p. 296	Close of the Day	LSB, p. 298

❖ HYMN *LSB 357 – O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

❖ SCRIPTURE READING (from **Daily Lectionary**, LSB, pp. 299-304)

	Old Testament	New Testament
Sun.	Isaiah 34:1-2,8-35:10	Revelation 6:1-17
Mon.	Isaiah 40:1-17	Revelation 7:1-17
Tues.	Isaiah 40:18-41:10	Revelation 8:1-13
Wed.	Isaiah 42:1-25	Revelation 9:1-12
Thu.	Isaiah 43:1-24	Revelation 9:13-10:11
Fri.	Isaiah 43:25-44:20	Revelation 11:1-19
Sat.	Isaiah 44:21-45:13,20-25	Revelation 12:1-17

❖ APOSTLES' CREED – *LSB*, inside back cover

❖ LORD'S PRAYER – *LSB*, inside back cover

❖ PRAYERS

Collect for Advent 4

Stir up you 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.

✠ FESTIVALS & COMMEMORATIONS

19 Dec. – Adam and Eve

20 Dec. – Katharina von Bora Luther

21 Dec. – St. Thomas, Apostle

✠ CONCLUDING PRAYERS – Order of Prayer in *LSB*

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BOOK OF CONCORD READING

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BAPTISM

As we hear of the preaching of John the Baptist, it is important to note the gifts that God gives through baptism by water and the Holy Spirit.

This from the Smalcald Articles, Part 3, Article 5:

[5:] Concerning Baptism

Baptism is nothing other than God's Word in the water, commanded by God's institution, or, as Paul says, "washing by the Word." Moreover, Augustine says, "Let the Word be added to the element, and a sacrament results." Therefore we do not agree with Thomas and the Dominicans who forget the Word (God's institution) and say that God has placed a spiritual power in the water which, through the water, washes away sin. We also disagree with Scotus and the Franciscans, who teach that baptism washes away sin through the assistance of the divine will, that is, that this washing takes place only through God's will and not at all through the Word and the water.

Concerning Infant Baptism

We maintain that we should baptize children because they also belong to the promised redemption that was brought about by Christ. The church ought to extend it to them.

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK'S DIVINE SERVICE

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

25 December 2022

OLD TESTAMENT - **Exodus 40:17-21, 34-38** - *God's glory fills the Tabernacle*

PSALMODY - **Psalms 2** - *The Reign of the LORD's Anointed*

EPISTLE - **Titus 3:4-7** - *The washing of rebirth*

HOLY GOSPEL - **John 1:1-18** - *The Word became flesh*

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A Devotional Thought from St. John Chrysostom on John 1:14, *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."*

Having declared that they who received Him were 'born of God,' and had become "sons of God," [St. John] adds the cause and reason of this unspeakable honor. It is that "the Word became Flesh," that the Master took on Him the form of a servant. For He became Son of man, who was God's own Son, in order that He might make the sons of men to be children of God. For the high when it associates with the low touches not at all its own honor, while it raises up the other from its excessive lowness; and even thus it was with the Lord. He in nothing diminished His own Nature by this condescension, but raised us, who had always sat in disgrace and darkness, to glory unspeakable. Thus it may be, a king, conversing with interest and kindness with a poor mean man, does not at all shame himself, yet makes the other observed by all and illustrious. Now if in the case of the adventitious dignity of men, intercourse with the humbler person in nothing injures the more honorable, much less can it do so in the case of that simple and blessed Essence which has nothing adventitious, or subject to growth or decay, but has all good things immovable, and fixed for ever. So that when you hear that "the Word became Flesh," be not disturbed nor cast down, for that Essence did not change to flesh, (it is impiety to imagine this) but continuing what it is, it so took upon it the form of a servant.