

## Old Testament

*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.”

## Epistle

*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.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 1:18–25*

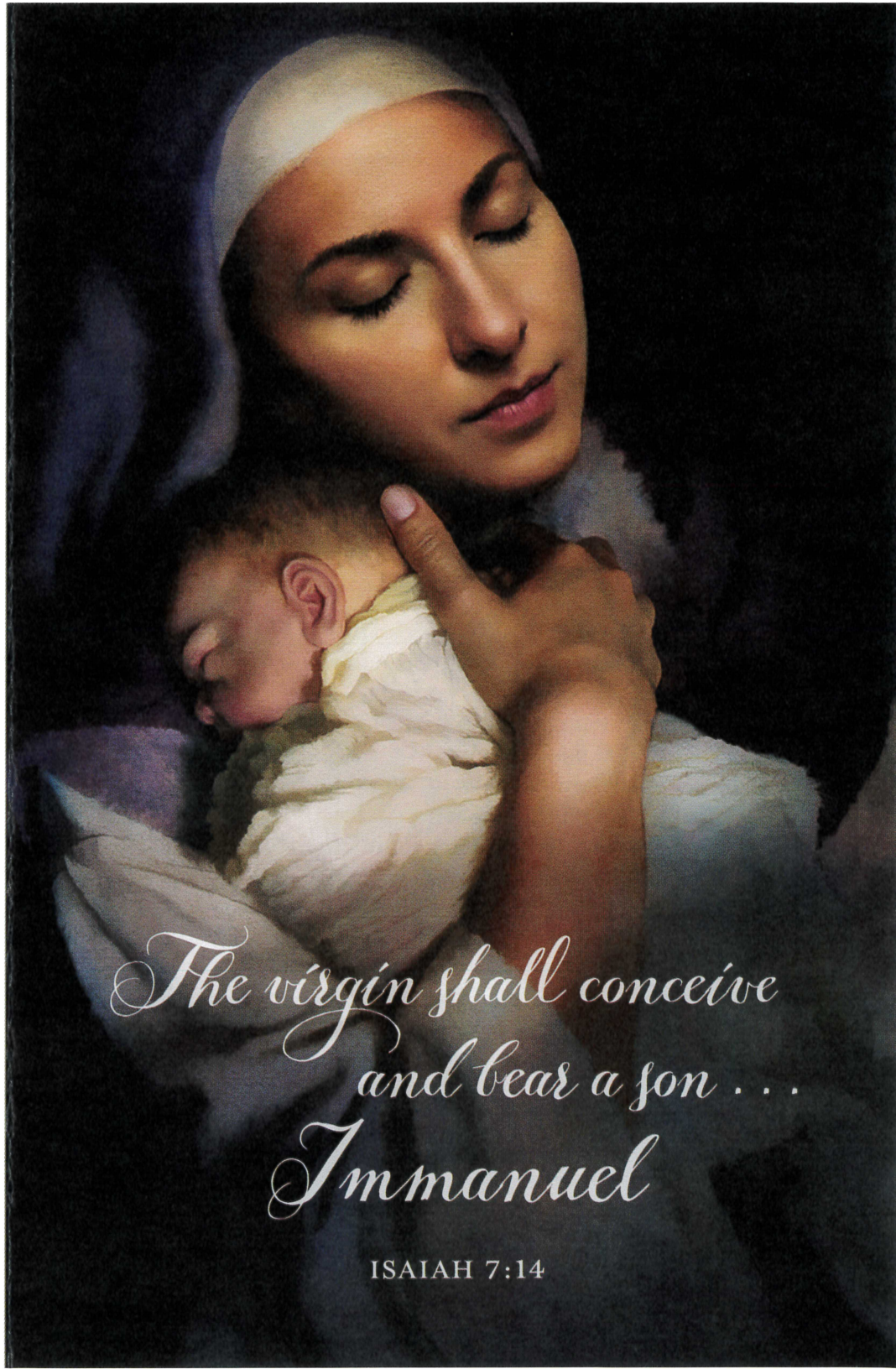
<sup>18</sup>Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup>And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce 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.



Advent

**About the Cover:** The sign of a virgin conceiving and giving birth was given despite King Ahaz’s refusal to ask. However, for all who believe, Immanuel—“God with us”—is the gift of salvation! God has come to be with us, not to condemn, but to save through His cross (John 3:17). As Mary treasured up the things concerning her Son in her heart, may we treasure Christ in our lives as well (Luke 2:19, 51).



ISAIAH 7:14

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 18, 2022

Sharing, Believing, Living, Caring

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Liturgy: Divine Service Setting Three p. 184

Hymns: 364, 357, 388

### THE MEASURE OF OUR LOVE

Attendance 12/7 (Wed): 42

Offering: \$608.00

Attendance 12/11 (Sun): 93

Offering: \$3,065.18

Budget Needs: \$3,594

Scrip Profit 12/11: \$32.50

S.S. – 3

Staff – 3

B.C. – 13

### KINGDOM WORK THIS WEEK

TUES (12/20) 9:30 a.m. – Circuit Pastor's Conf., Chilton

WED (12/21) 1:45 p.m. – Confirmation

5:30 p.m. – Advent Meal

6:00 p.m. – Choir

7:00 p.m. – Advent Worship

7:45 p.m. – Council

SAT (12/24) 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. – Candlelight Service

SUN (12/25) 9:00 a.m. – Worship w/Comm.

(Continuous Distribution)

**IN OUR PRAYERS** we remember Lillian Maas, Caden Blattner, Damian Wetzel, Wilfred Boldt, Julie Boldt, Kay Koffarnus, Jules & Carol Clausing, Lillian Maas, Sandy Haberland, Joan Zutz, Elaine Zeamer, Lori Krueger, Nancy Davids on, Terry Brandenburg, and Dallas Wenzel.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Rick & Terri Riemer in honor of their anniversary.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** are available in the card room.

**2023 FLOWER CHART & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP** – If you would like to donate flowers or sponsor bulletins for next year, please sign up on the bulletin board.

**2023 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES** may be picked up from the table in the coat room. Please do not start using them until January 1, 2023.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED** – We are in need of Sunday school teachers for this year. If interested, contact Amanda Zoellner.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONS** – *A Son is Given* – are available from Lutheran Hour Ministries. A few hard copies (regular & large print) are available on the table in the narthex.

**USHERS & GREETERS** are being sought for 2023. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board for both.

**ADVENT MEAL** – The last Advent meal will be served on Wednesday, December 21. Sign up on the bulletin board if you plan on attending.

**LWML MITE BOX** – The LWML Mite Box is on the small table in the narthex for anyone to donate money. Our mites go toward many different grants to help those in need. A list is on the table by the mite box. Please help to proclaim the Gospel with your mites!

**REMINDER:** Annual Report items are due January 1, 2023. You may drop them off at the church office or email them to sblcoffice105@gmail.com. *Thank you!*

### **UPCOMING SERVICE SCHEDULE**

12/21 7:00 p.m. Advent Worship

12/24 4:00 & 6:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

12/25 9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship w/Communion

12/28 7:00 p.m. Worship w/Comm.

No Worship service on New Year's Eve