Fourth Sunday in Advent

LSB Three Year Lectionary
Year A

Today's Appointed Psalm: Psalm 24

Isaiah 7:10–17

10 Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, 11 "Ask for a sign from
the LORD your God, whether from the depths of Sheol or the heights
of heaven."
12 But Ahaz replied, "I will not ask; I will not test the LORD."
13 Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it not
enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my
God as well? 14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
Behold, the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and
will call Him Immanuel. 15 By the time He knows enough to reject
evil and choose good, He will be eating curds and honey. 16 For
before the boy knows enough to reject evil and choose good, the
land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste.
17 The LORD will bring on you and on your people and on the
house of your father a time unlike any since the day Ephraim
separated from Judah—He will bring the king of Assyria."

Romans 1:1–7

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, and set
apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel He promised beforehand
through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 regarding His Son,
who was a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 and who
through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son
of God by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.
5 Through Him and on behalf of His name, we received grace
and apostleship to call all those among the Gentiles to the
obedience that comes from faith. 6 And you also are among those
who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.
7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

Notes

Matthew 1:18–25

18 This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother
Mary was pledged in marriage to Joseph, but before they came
together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.
19 Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and was
unwilling to disgrace her publicly, he resolved to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had pondered these things, an angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not
be afraid to embrace Mary as your wife, for the One conceived in her
is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a Son, and you are to
give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from
their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through
the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin will be with child
and will give birth to a son,
and they will call Him Immanuel"

(which means, "God with us").

24 When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord had
commanded him, and embraced Mary as his wife. 25 But he had no
union with her until she gave birth to a Son. And he gave Him the
name Jesus.

Notes

Looking Ahead: **Christmas 1**

Old Testament	Isaiah 63:7–14
Psalm	Psalm 111
Epistle	Galatians 4:4–7
Gospel	Matthew 2:13–23

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