

1 **Invocation** *make the sign of the cross and say...*

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

2 **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our
Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried. He descended into hell. The third day
He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the
Father Almighty. From thence He will come
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
Christian church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen .

3 **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

4 **Morning or Evening Prayer**

Morning. I thank You, my heavenly
Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear
Son, that You have kept me this night
from all harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also from
sin and every evil, that all my doings and
life may please You. For into Your hands
I commend myself, my body and soul,
and all things. Let Your holy angel be
with me, that the evil foe may have no
power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank You, my heavenly
Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear
Son, that You have graciously kept me
this day; and I pray that You would
forgive me all my sins where I have done
wrong, and graciously keep me this night.
For into Your hands I commend myself,
my body and soul, and all things. Let
Your holy angel be with me, that the evil
foe may have no power over me. Amen.

5 Mealtime Blessing and then afterwards Returning Thanks

Blessing before meal

“The eyes of all look to You, [O LORD,] and You give them their food at the proper time. You open Your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.” (Ps. 145: 15–16)

Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these Your gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Returning Thanks after meal

“Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good. His love endures forever. [He] gives food to every creature. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call. His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse, nor His delight in the legs of a man; the LORD delights in those who fear Him, who put their hope in His unfailing love.” (Ps. 136:1, 25; 147:9–11)

We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all Your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen

6 Pray the Psalms

Advent	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning	24, 150	122, 145	33, 146	50, 147:1-11	18:1-20, 147:12-20	102, 148	90, 149
Evening	25, 110	40, 67	85, 94	53, 17	126, 62	130, 16	80, 72

7 Verse for Upcoming Sunday: **Matthew 1:23a**

Alleluia. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel. Alleluia.

8 Daily Lectionary Readings

SundayAmos 9:11-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 13-17; John 5:30-47

MondayZechariah 1:7-17; Revelation 3:7-13; Matthew 24:15-31

Tuesday.....Zechariah 2:1-13; Revelation 3:14-22; Matthew 24:32-44

Wednesday....Zechariah 3:1-10; Revelation 4:1-8; Matthew 24:45-51

ThursdayZechariah 4:1-14; Revelation 4:9--5:5; Matthew 25:1-13

FridayZechariah 7:8--8:8; Revelation 5:6-14; Matthew 25:14-30

SaturdayZechariah 8:9-17; Revelation 6:1-17; Matthew 25:31-46

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The Collect for Upcoming Sunday

Fourth Sunday in Advent 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.

10

Catechism Portion for the Week

The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Thy kingdom come" – When we read the account of our Lord Jesus before Pontius Pilate in John 18:33-40 we see that Pilate misunderstood the nature of Jesus' kingdom and His rule as King. And yet still today as Christians we often misunderstand the nature and timing of our Lord's rule. If in fact God has ushered in His kingdom through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ, why do we still see so many problems in the world today? As Christians, we believe and confess that Christ's present (but hidden) reign as King is being extended by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel. It will be fully revealed when Christ returns in glory. And since we know that Christ will return to bring an end to the devil's present work of unbelief, sin, and death, we know that relying on God's grace and the work of His Holy Spirit, we are to believe and be led by God's holy Word so that we can begin to live godly lives now here on earth.

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Portion of the Catechism and Luther's Explanation

The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean?

The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

12

Prayer Based on the Portion of the Catechism

Prayer based on The Second Petition of the Lord's Prayer - Father in heaven, give us Your Holy Spirit so that we believe Your Holy Word and live as members of Your gracious kingdom here in time and finally, by Your mercy, be brought to live as partakers of Your everlasting reign, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen [from Luther's Small Catechism: with explanation; Concordia Pub, pg. 251]

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Intercessory Prayer

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| ✠ For Madison Mallen (granddaughter of Connie Meunier's cousin with liver cancer) | ✠ For Sophie Wagg (Jeremy and Jessica Schoonover's daughter) that she has a healthy pregnancy and delivery. |
| ✠ For Fred Rick with Sciatic Stenosis | |

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Upcoming Sunday Lessons and Selected Hymn

For December 21, 2025, Fourth Sunday In Advent: Isaiah 7:10-17 "The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."; **Psalm 24** "The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!" **Romans 1:1-7** We belong to Jesus Christ.; **Matthew 1:18-25** Jesus is born.

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel: *stnz 1* O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. **Refrain** Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel! *stnz 2* O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord'rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. **Refrain...** *stnz 3* O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. **Refrain...** *stnz 4* O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, Free them from Satan's tyranny That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. **Refrain...** *stnz 5* O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav'nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. **Refrain...** *stnz 6* O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death's dark shadows put to flight. **Refrain...** *stnz 7* O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace.

Refrain... Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Text: Public domain