

## Grace at Prayer for Advent 4

### Invocation

*In the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### The Apostles' Creed

#### Verse of the Week: Psalm 56:13

“For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.”

Advent 4	Psalm 98	Isaiah 44:21—45:13, 20-25	Revelation 12:1-17
25 Dec	Psalm 96	Isaiah 49:1-18	Matthew 1:1-17
26 Dec	Psalm 34	Isaiah 49:22-26; 50:4—51:8, 12-16	Matthew 1:18-25
27 Dec	Psalm 72	Isaiah 51:17—52:12	Matthew 2:1-12
28 Dec	Psalm 9	Isaiah 52:13—54:10	Matthew 2:13-23
29 Dec	Psalm 78	Isaiah 55:1-13	Luke 1:1-25
30 Dec	Psalm 89	Isaiah 58:1—59:3, 14-21	Luke 1:26-38

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### Writing from the Lutheran Confessions

Jesus is present especially with his church and community on earth as mediator, head, king, and high priest. He is not halfway present, nor is just half of him present. The entire person of Christ is present, to which belong both natures, the divine and the human. He is present not only according to his deity, but also according to and with the assumed human nature, according to which he is our brother and we are flesh of his flesh and bone of his bone [Ephesians 5:30 in the Vulgate; cf. Genesis 2:23]. He instituted his Holy Supper as a certain assurance and confirmation of this, that also in the nature according to which he has flesh and blood he wants to be with us, to dwell in us, to work in us, and to exert his power for us. [Solid Declaration, VIII:78-79]

### The Lord's Prayer

#### Collect for Advent 4

*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.*

**Sunday:** *Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for the fruit of faith nourished by the Word and Sacraments.*

**Monday:** *Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for one's calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for Lutheran schools [especially Zion Beaver and Trinity Monitor] and their teachers; for good government and for peace.*

**Tuesday:** *Pray for the Church and her pastors, musicians, deaconesses, and other church workers; for missionaries [especially Neuendorfs, Erbers, Milans, Roberts, and Jamielynn], and for all who serve.*

**Wednesday:** *Pray for marriage and family, that husbands and wives, parents and children live in ordered harmony according to the Word of God; for parents who must raise children alone; for our communities and neighborhoods.*

**Thursday:** *Pray for repentant hearts, that all would confess their sinfulness along with the sins they committed, and the sins committed against them and seek our Lord and His forgiveness in the Word and Sacraments.*

**Friday:** *Pray for the preaching of the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for the spread of His knowledge throughout the whole world; for the persecuted and oppressed; for the sick and dying.*

**Saturday:** *Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the renewal of those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; for receptive hearts and minds to God's Word on the Lord's Day; for pastors and people as they prepare to administer and receive Christ's holy gifts.*

**In Our Prayers This Week:** *Dennis (Fran Galke's nephew), Kathy Patron (Deaconess's mom), Herb Pfundt, Rosemary Bush, Doreen Hetzner (who was hospitalized this week), Louis (Herb Pfundt's brother), Linda Jean, Shirley Wegener, Bubba Harrison, Patricia Raab, Sam (Patrick Harrison's dad), Brenda Krystosek, Brooke (Mary Jane Swincicki's granddaughter), Elsy (David Whalen's mother-in-law who has been diagnosed cancer), Jan Klimaszewski, John Beckert, Tom Wegener, Dale Fish, Kris (Herb and Judy Pfundt's daughter), Katie (Lisa Bale's cousin), Jodi (Erv Kuch's niece), two young women known to a member at GLC who are struggling with mental illness, and all those we name in our hearts. -The sharing of Christ's peace with family, friends, neighbors during this Christmas season. -Comfort to Larry Roth and his family as they mourn the death of his brother-in-law Leon.*

### Luther's Morning Prayer or Evening Prayer from the Catechism

#### Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

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