

DECEMBER 21, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING BY SUSAN GARDINER MARKLEVITZ

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test."

Then Isaiah said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my God also?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel.

He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good.

For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Isaiah 7:10-16

Word of God Word of Life