

**FIRST READING**      **Isaiah 7.10–15**

*A reading from the book of the prophet 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 the Word of the LORD.*

**SECOND READING Luke 11.27–28**

*A reading from the Gospel according to Luke*

While Jesus was talking,  
a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him,  
“Blessed is the womb that bore you  
and the breasts that nursed you!”

But he said,

“Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God  
and obey it!”

*For the Word of the LORD.*