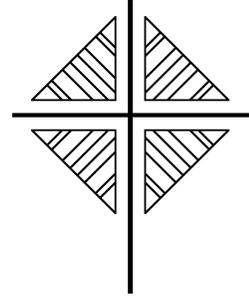


**TRINITY**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD  
FARIBAULT  MINNESOTA



**THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING IV**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**Sunday, December 10, 2017 8:00 AM**

The Sacrament Of The Altar is celebrated at the 5:30 PM & 8:00 AM services in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As we trust His words and repent of all sin, we proclaim His death until He returns. Because this act is a confession of our faith, Close Communion is practiced at Trinity. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant. Peace and Joy!

The individual cups in the center of the tray (containing the amber color liquid) are prepared for those with concerns for alcohol consumption. Gluten free wafers are available in the container in the center of the tray.

**HYMN TO OPEN**

**“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”**

*LSB 344*

**Please stand**

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**ABSOLUTION**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**KYRIE**

**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**SALUTATION**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** Together, let us pray.

**C** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**Please be seated****FIRST READING**

*(Comfort for God's people)*

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the

people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**SECOND READING****II Peter 3:8-14***(Live as God's children, waiting for His coming.)*

<sup>8</sup>But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,

<sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>13</sup>But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Please stand**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *(John the Baptist prepares the way for Christ.)***Mark 1:1-8****P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, from the first chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" "

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John

was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.***Please be seated***CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"**  
*(Lyrics: LSB 336, Sung to the tune of LSB 621)*

**SERMON****"JESUS IS COMING"***(Text: II Peter 3:8-14)**The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva**Please stand***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**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Each intercession ends with the words,  
to which the congregation responds,*

**P** “Lord in Your mercy”

**C** “Hear our prayer”

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.

**Please be seated**

**RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS** *(New members, please stand.)***TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

“Advent Hymn”

*(Trinity Choir)*

*(Please fill out Friendship Pads; Ushers will collect them.)*

**Please stand**

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT****PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

**P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us...

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(See inside back cover of hymnal)*

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD****PAX DOMINI**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**HYMNS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” LSB 347  
**TRINITY HANDBELLS** “Carol of the Bells”  
 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” LSB 348

*After the distribution, please stand*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P** Let us pray... We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

**BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.  
**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Arise, O Christian People”

LSB 354

**MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE**

- P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

\* \* \* **To God Be the Glory** \* \* \*

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.

### Leading Worship

<b>Presiding</b>	The Rev. Paul Rieger
<b>Preaching</b>	The Rev. Dr. Michael Nirva
<b>Music</b>	Barbara Mrosko, Organist; Trinity Choir; Trinity Handbells
<b>Worship Assistants</b>	Larry Schreck, Steve Zimmerman
<b>Elder</b>	Brian Fuchs
<b>Greeters</b>	Dave & Marcella Matthies
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Eastman, Steve Denninger, Ron Zeise, Al Spitzack
<b>Radio Broadcast</b>	Brian Anderson, Ethan Vikla
<b>Nursing Home Service</b>	Linda Rhode
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sharon Geyer



## Holiday Worship Schedule

Advent Midweek II*	Dec. 13	5:30 PM
FLS Christmas Service (Trinity)— Dress Rehearsal	Dec. 20	9:00 AM
Advent Midweek III*	Dec. 20	5:30 PM
FLS Christmas Service (Trinity)	Dec. 21	6:30 PM
Service of Lessons & Carols	Dec. 23	5:30 PM
Service of Lessons & Carols	Dec. 24	8:00* & 10:30 AM
Christmas Eve— Family Service*	Dec. 24	4:30 PM
Christmas Eve—Candlelight	Dec. 24	10:00 PM
Christmas Day*— <i>Communion</i>	Dec. 25	9:00 AM
Gospel Service— <i>Communion</i>	Dec. 30	5:30 PM
New Year's Eve—Gospel Services with <i>Communion</i>	Dec. 31	8:00* & 10:30 AM
<p><i>No Service on New Year's Day</i>  <i>*Services will be broadcast on KDHL 920 AM</i></p>		