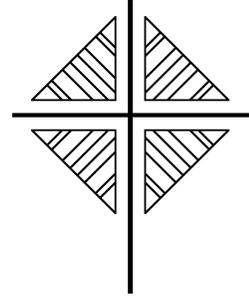


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THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING IV

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 9, 2018 8:00 AM

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 5:30 PM & 8:00 AM services. 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.

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

P Brothers and sisters in Christ, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father...

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You and each other by what we think, what we say, and what we do and do not do. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We deserve only punishment for our sins.

(A time for silent confession of sins)

P For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave His life that we would live,

C Look upon us with mercy and forgive us our sins. Change us and make us new. Amen.

P People of God, I have good news for you! God has heard your pleas for mercy and given you His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you and to rise to bring you life. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of my Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins. In the name of God, the Father, Son and 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 *(God will send His messenger.)*

Malachi 3:1-7b

¹“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. ³He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

⁵“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

⁶“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. ⁷From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING**Philippians 1:2-11***(Thanksgiving and prayer for God's people.)*

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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**Luke 3:1-20***(John the Baptist prepares the way for the Lord.)***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, from the third chapter.**G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" ¹¹And he answered them,

"Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." ¹²Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" ¹³And he said to them, "Collect no more than you are authorized to do." ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.**G** **Praise to You, O Christ.****Please be seated**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**HYMN OF THE DAY****“Prepare the Royal Highway”**

LSB 343

SERMON**“PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD”***(Text: Luke 3:1-20)**The Rev. Paul Rieger***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.****P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us...**LORD'S PRAYER...***(See inside back cover of hymnal)***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**P** The Lord be with you.**C** **And also with you.****P** We celebrate the Sacrament of the Altar 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. We receive the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with God and with one another. As we trust His words and repent of our sins, we proclaim Christ's death until He comes. Holy Communion is a confession of our faith and we require that those who receive this Sacrament be instructed and share in the beliefs we hold.**P** Hear now, the Words of Our Lord, spoken at the time of The Last Supper.*(Words of Our Lord Spoken here)***P** People of God, do you believe the body and blood of Christ is present in, with and under the bread and wine? If so, please answer, "I do so believe."**C** **I do so believe.****P** In addition, do you wish to receive the many blessings of this Sacrament: the forgiveness of sins, communion with Christ, unity with one another as Christians, and the opportunity to remember our Lord's sacrifice, give Him thanks for this gift and for our salvation, and proclaim our Lord's death on the cross for us? If yes, please answer: "with humility and thankfulness, I wish to receive these gifts of grace."**C** **With humility and thankfulness, I wish to receive these gifts of grace.****P** Welcome to the Lord's Table.**AGNUS DEI** (*Lamb of God*)

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated**HYMNS FOR DISTRIBUTION**

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

LSB 352

"From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816

PARTING BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

G Amen.

After the distribution, please stand**NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon)**

G 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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. **G Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

G 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.

G Amen.

Please be seated

CLOSING HYMN

“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

LSB 873

MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

* * * **To GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

<u>Leading Worship</u>	
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Elder	Brian Fuchs
Worship Assistants	Larry Schreck, Steve Zimmerman
Radio Club	Brian Anderson, Ethan Vikla
Greeters	Bob & Kathi Meyer, Norm & Shirley Rost
Ushers	Chuck Eastman, Jim Cross, Steve Denninger, Brent Peterson, Al Spitzack
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