



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting II

The Second Sunday in Advent, December 10, 2023

In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"* **LBW No. 29**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

ADVENT LITANY: *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"* **LBW. No. 34, vs. 3**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:1-11

In grand, flowing, poetic lines, the prophet announces that the exile of God's people in Babylon is over. God will deliver Israel and will care for her as a shepherd cares for the sheep. This word can be trusted, because the only enduring reality in life is the Word of God.

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

¹ You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;*
you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

² **You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people*
and blotted out | all their sins.**

⁸ I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people

and to those who turn their | hearts to him.

**9 Truly, his salvation is very near to | those who fear him,*
that his glory may dwell | in our land.**

**10 Mercy and truth have | met together; *
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.**

**11 Truth shall spring up | from the earth,*
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

**12 The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,*
and our land will | yield its increase.**

**13 Righteousness shall | go before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway | for his feet.**

Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore- / ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

This short letter deals with pressing concerns regarding the final advent of Jesus, especially concerns that could arise over its apparent delay. Peter calls on Christians to anticipate the promised coming of the Lord through conduct dedicated to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a story of Jesus' birth but with the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry" LBW No. 36

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

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THE PRAYERS

PEACE

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Holy, Holy, Holy" Franz Schubert

OFFERTORY: "What Shall I Render"

OFFERTORY PRAYER**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING****HOLY, HOLY, HOLY****EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER****LORD'S PRAYER****LAMB OF GOD**

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 24, 205**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE: "Create in Me"****POST-COMMUNION PRAYER****BLESSING****RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Prepare the Royal Highway" LBW No. 26****DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE**