



Trinity Lutheran Church

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

The Third Sunday of Advent, December 17, 2023

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"* **LBW No. 30**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

ADVENT LITANY: *"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"* **LBW. No. 34, vs. 4**

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Though the people had returned to Jerusalem from exile in Babylon, they continued to face hardship and oppression. In the language of the jubilee year described in Leviticus 25, the prophet, moved by the spirit of God, announces deliverance for those who are oppressed and comfort for those who mourn.

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,*
then were we like | those who dream.

² **Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,***
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

³ Then they said a- | mong the nations,*

"The LORD has done great | things for them."

**4 The LORD has done great | things for us,*
and we are | glad indeed.**

⁵ Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,*
like the watercourses | of the Negev.

**6 Those who | sowed with tears*
will reap with | songs of joy.**

⁷ Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,*
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul concludes his letter to the Thessalonians by encouraging them to live lives of continual joy, prayer, and thanksgiving. The closing blessing is grounded in the hope of Christ's coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John's gospel describes Jesus as the "light of the world." John the Baptist is presented as a witness to Jesus, one who directs attention away from himself to Christ, the true light.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "The King Shall Come" LBW No. 33

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY READING

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: "There's a Voice in the Wilderness" H.H. Bancroft

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. 198, 37**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & CANTICLE:** *"Create in Me"***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER****BLESSING****RECESSIONAL HYMN:** *"Savior of the Nations, Come"* **LBW No. 28****DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE**