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Divine Service Setting IV – Third Sunday in Advent December 16 & 17, 2017

† In this complex world of mass communication, we are bombarded with information. Video images flash nearly everywhere we look. Pulsating music blares at every turn. It seems there's nowhere we can go to escape the noise. **Well, here's your chance** to unplug, to step out of the world and its culture and participate in something mystical. Here we will *sing* with angels and archangels. Here we will *listen* to the voice of God through His ancient texts. Here the saints of God will *share* in the very body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. This is a holy place, a holy time, a holy thing that we do - or, rather, that God does in and for us through His Means of Grace. **So, turn off your cell phone**, tune out the cacophony of competing voices, and log in to this moment and the message God has for you today, for He is here to meet you as He has promised.

† We ask that those desiring to commune be members in good standing of Trinity or of a sister congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you have questions regarding this, please speak with the pastor. **For those with hearing aids**-we offer the Hearing Loop, switch hearing aid to t-coil. Other assistive listening devices are available. If interested, an usher will be happy to assist you.

OPENING HYMN	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates	LSB 340
CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION		LSB 203
HYMN	Light the Candle-verse 3	Insert

INTROIT *Ps. 85:8–9, 12–13; antiphon: Ps. 85:7*

- P** Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.
- C** Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,*
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not
turn back to | folly.
- P** Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,*
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- C** Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,*
and our land will yield its | increase.
- P** Righteousness will go be- | fore him*
and make his foot- | steps a way.
- ALL: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us your sal- | vation.

KYRIE		LSB 204
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ~ <i>omitted during Advent</i>		
COLLECT OF THE DAY		
OLD TESTAMENT READING ~ <i>Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11</i>		PB 620
GRADUAL	<i>Zech. 9:9; Ps. 118:26, alt.</i>	
<p>☐ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.</p>		
EPISTLE ~ <i>1 Thessalonians 5:16-24</i>		LSB 986
ALLELUIA and VERSE		LSB 205
HOLY GOSPEL ~ <i>John 1:6-8,19-28</i>		PB 886
APOSTLES' CREED		LSB 207
HYMN OF THE DAY	Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding	LSB 345
SERMON	"Good News"	<i>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11</i>
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH		
OFFERING- <i>please sign and pass the pew register</i>		
(5:00) Special Music		The Gallery Choir
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT		LSB 208 and following
LORD'S PRAYER		LSB 209
AGNUS DEI		LSB 210
DISTRIBUTION		
	Comfort, Comfort Ye My People	LSB 347
	Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling	LSB 630
	All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	LSB 621
NUNC DIMITTIS		LSB 211
CLOSING HYMN	Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing	LSB 924