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Divine Service Setting IV – Third Sunday in Advent

December 14 & 15, 2019

† 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 coil. Other assistive listening devices are available. If interested, an usher will be happy to assist you.

OPENING HYMN

Angels We Have Heard on High

LSB 368

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

LSB 203

INTROIT

Psalm 71:14–18; antiphon: Philippians 4:4

P Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

G I will hope con- | tinually*
and will praise you yet | more and more.

P My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation | all the day,*
for their number is past my | knowledge.

G With the mighty deeds of the Lord God | I will come;*
I will remind them of your righteousness, | yours alone.

P O God, from my youth you have | taught me,*
and I still proclaim your | wondrous deeds.

G So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not for- | sake me,*
until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all | those to
come.

**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 Rejoice in the Lord | always;*
again I will say, | Rejoice.

KYRIE	LSB 204
SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY	LSB 205
OLD TESTAMENT ~ Isaiah 35:1-10	PB 595
LIGHT THE CANDLE ~ An Advent Candle Lighting Carol	
Stanza 3	
Light the candle of JOY today, the Giver of joy is here! Welcome the joy we crave and pray for, but only the Christ can give. Flicker and flame and glow with joy, light up the world around you. Flicker and flame and glow with joy, light up the world around you.	
EPISTLE ~ James 5:7-11	PB 1013
VERSE	
HOLY GOSPEL ~ Matthew 11:2-15	PB 816
APOSTLES' CREED	LSB 207
HYMN OF THE DAY The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came	LSB 356
SERMON~ "Gabriel, We Have a Problem." Matthew 1:18-25; Isaiah 43:16-21	
OFFERING - please sign and pass the pew register	
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH	
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT	LSB 208
LORD'S PRAYER	LSB 209
AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God	LSB 210
DISTRIBUTION	
I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table	LSB 618
Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray	LBS 623
Hark the Glad Sound	LSB 349
NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon	LSB 211
CLOSING HYMN Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	LSB 338