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Vespers: For Wednesday, December 16th, 2020

Lamb Of God
Lutheran Church

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Welcome and Announcements

Please stand as you are able

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

C The light no darkness can overcome

P The Spirit and the Church cry out

C Come Lord Jesus

P All those who await His appearance pray

C Come Lord Jesus

P The whole creation pleads

C Come Lord Jesus

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

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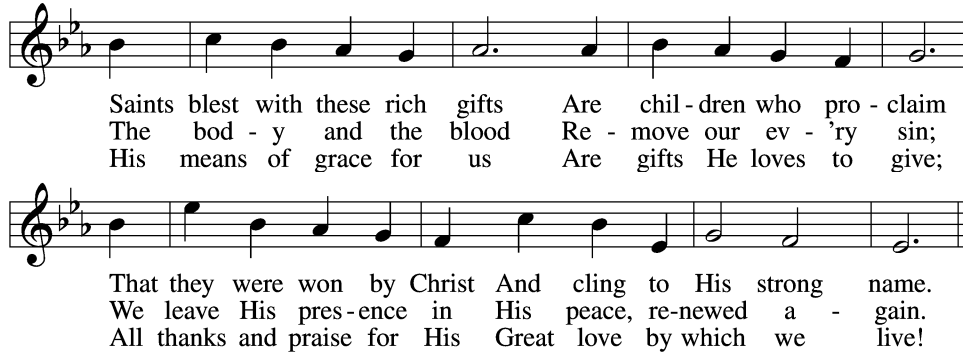
1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
5 The gifts are in the feast, Gifts far more than we see;
6 All glo - ry to the One Who lav - ish - es such love;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
Be - neath the bread and wine Is food from Cal - va - ry.
The tri - une God in love As - sures our life a - bove.

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Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
The bod - y and the blood Re - move our ev - 'ry sin;
His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;
That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
We leave His pres - ence in His peace, re - newed a - gain.
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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Psalmody

Responsive Reading of Psalm 111

- P** ¹ Praise the LORD!
I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- C** ² Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.
- P** ³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
C and his righteousness endures forever.
- P** ⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
C the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- P** ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
C he remembers his covenant forever.
- P** ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- C** ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;
- P** ⁸ they are established forever and ever,
C to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- P** ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
C he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!
- P** ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C** His praise endures forever!
- C** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

Please be seated

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345 Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the
near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -
works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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Please be seated

Readings

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-11

³Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the just decrees. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." ⁴And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." ⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

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Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

²³For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

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Third Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

¹⁶The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? ¹⁷Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

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C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel from Matthew 26:17-29

P The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 26th Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁷Now on the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where will you have us prepare for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is at hand. I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover.

²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, "Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, "Is it I, Lord?" ²³He answered, "He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born." ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, "Is it I, Rabbi?" He said to him, "You have said so."

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise be to thee, O Christ

Responsory (Advent)

LSB 230

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

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Video Anthem: "Jesus Stands Among Us/Here is Bread" by Graham Kendrick

Sermon: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 "God Still with Us in The Lord's Supper"

Offering and Prayers

Offering Statement

- P** Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that is still on-going despite the restrictions imposed concerning public worship. Please mail in your offering, give on-line at our website, or drop your offering envelope off in the lobby in the offering box across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 am-1 PM

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AGPS #165 "Lord Be Glorified"

1. In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my life Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.
2. In my song Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In my song Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.
3. In Your Church Lord, be glorified, be glorified!
In Your Church Lord, be glorified, be glorified today.

Please be seated

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
C And let my cry come to You.

Collect of the Day

- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen

Prayers of the Church

- P** Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; for Your holy Church, for the means of grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** ...Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

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- P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

Collect for the Pandemic

- P** Almighty God, You have been our help in ages past and you are our hope in the years to come. Be with our nation during this time of confusion and fear over the COVID-19 Pandemic. Be with our leaders and grant them godly wisdom to make good decisions on behalf of all. Be with the leaders of this congregation and grant us the discernment to make choices that reflect our faith in you and our love and concern for our members and our neighbors. Be with all those who worship with us through the blessing of social media. Grant to us all faith that replaces fear. Use this time of uncertainty and panic in our society as an opportunity for us to shine the light of your love and your mercy. Move us to confess with our mouths and our lives that you are the Rock to whom we cling, even though the earth gives way. Grant us continued grace to stand in faith toward you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Collect for Peace

- L** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

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Lord's Prayer

LSB 241

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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Close of the Service

BOB 202 "Spirit Song"

[Verse 1]

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love
Let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul
Oh let Him have those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

[Chorus]

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

[Verse 2]

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness
Give Him all your years of pain
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name

[Chorus]

Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

Benedicamus

LSB 234

L Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C Amen.

Closing Peace

P Go in peace, serve the Lord
C Thanks be to God

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