

Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

December 9, 2020
Mid-Week Advent Service #2



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*Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in
Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.*

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Vespers

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Pre-Service Music

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.**

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P 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.

**Praise to
Christ,
comes**

**Amen.
You, O
King who
to save us.**



602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives (sts 1-3,6)



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;
 3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;
 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!
 New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.
 The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.
 The tri - une God in love As - sures our life a - bove.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;
 For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;
 His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give;



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.
 The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.
 The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.
 All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!

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Psalmody

Responsive Reading Psalm 51:1-12

P ¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;

C according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.

[P] ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

[C] ³ **For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.**

[P] ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,

[C] **so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**

[P] ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

[C] ⁶ **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward
being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

[P] ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

[C] ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

[P] ⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

[C] ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

[P] ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

[C] ¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

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.

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You



light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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Readings and Message

First Reading: Acts 2:29-39

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that

we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:11b-20

¹¹And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for

the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.”

¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel from Matthew 3:13-17

P The Holy Gospel According to St. Matthew the 3rd Chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord
C **Praise be to thee, O Christ**

Responsory (Advent) LSB 230

- P** 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.**
P 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.**
P 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.**

Please be seated.

591 This Is the Spirit's Entry Now
(Sung to the tune from LSB #524)

- 1 This is the Spirit's entry now:
The water and the Word,
The cross of Jesus on your brow,
The seal both felt and heard.
- 2 This miracle of life reborn
Comes from the Lord of breath;
The perfect Man from life was torn;
Our life comes through Christ's death.
- 3 Let water be the sacred sign
That we must die each day
To rise again by His design
As foll'wers of His way.

4 Renewing Spirit, hear our praise
 For Your baptismal pow'r
 That washes us through all our days;
 Lord, cleanse again this hour.

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Sermon: 1 Corinthians 6:11b, 17-20
“God Still With Us In Baptism”

Offering and Prayers

Please stand as you are able

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

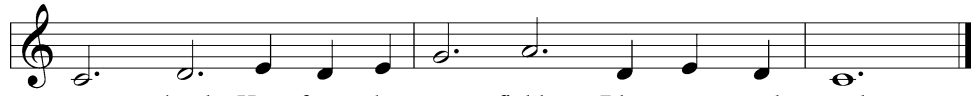
789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
with You, Harvesting, mill - ing For daily bread.
joining With us, all others May know Your care.

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Please be seated

Gathering of Prayer Requests from the Congregation

- P** 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**Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer

Collect for the Pandemic

- P** Let us pray.
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 Pandemic that is spreading across our nation and here in our state and county. 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 us 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

P 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.

Please stand as you are able

Lord's Prayer

**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.

344 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry



1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An - nounc - es
2 Then cleansed be ev - 'ry life from sin; Make straight the
3 We hail Thee as our Sav - ior, Lord, Our ref - uge
4 Lay on the sick Thy heal - ing hand And make the
△ 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to Thee Whose ad - vent



that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - ken,
way for God with - in, And let us all our
and our great re - ward; With - out Thy grace we
fall - en strong to stand; Show us the glo - ry
sets Thy peo - ple free, Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings!
hearts pre - pare For Christ to come and en - ter there.
waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
of Thy face Till beau - ty springs in ev - 'ry place.
we a - dore And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

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Benedicamus *LSB 234*

- [P]** 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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Christmas Eve Schedule:

Thursday
December 24th

Worship Services

3:00 pm

Candlelight Service 10:00 pm



