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THE CHRISTMAS GIFT:

... my God will meet all your needs

according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:19)

God supplies our Social Needs (Matthew) – *Need for Identity*
..... Situational Needs (Mark) – *Need for Humility*
..... Substantial Needs (Luke) – *Need for Maturity*
..... **Spiritual Needs (John) – *Need for Security***

- I. John presents Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God.
 - A. Introduced in chapter one as the **Creator**.
“In the beginning was the Word (Logos)” (1:1)
 - B. Presented through the Gospel as the **Redeemer**.
“Behold the Lamb of God” (1:29. 35)
- II. Why do we need the Lamb of God? (What are our spiritual needs?)
 - A. We are hungry and in need of some spiritual nourishment.
 - B. We are blind, in need of spiritual guidance.
 - C. We are sinful and separated from God who is Holy.
 - D. We are in danger, surrounded by the sin and crud of this world.
 - E. We feel hopeless and fear the unknown of the future.
 - F. We are lost and unable to find God.
 - G. We are alone – in need of Spiritual associations
- III. How does Jesus – as the Lamb of God – meet those needs?
 - A. I am the Bread of Life (6:35)
 - B. I am the Light of the World (8:12)
 - C. I am the Gate (Door) (10:7)
 - D. I am the Good Shepherd (10:11-14)
 - E. I am the Resurrection and the Life (11:25)
 - F. I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life (14:6)
 - G. I am the Vine (15:1, 5)
- IV. The purpose of John
 - ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. (John 20:31)

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*Hymn No. 173 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children make sweet hosannas ring:
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,
and mortal men and all things created make reply:
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:
Thou didst accept their praises—accept the praise we bring,
who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

*Invocation
Responsive Prayer & Scripture Reading

- L: O Lord, we share a spiritual hunger and a spiritual thirst this morning. Who can we turn to when we need spiritual nourishment?
- A: **Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."** (John 6:35)
- L: Lord, our path is easily covered in darkness. We often lack the understanding we need to find sense in a senseless world. Who can help us find the spiritual guidance to light our path when our path seems so dark?

- A: **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.."** (8:12)
- L: O God, You are Holy. We know that our sin has built a wall of separation. How can we, a sinful people, enter your holy presence and be saved?
- A: **Jesus said, "I am the gate, whoever enters through me will be saved."** (10:7)
- L: Thank you Lord for your spiritual nourishment. Thank you for lighting our path and providing your salvation. But life still remains a challenge. Can I trust you to lead me down the challenging path called life?
- A: **Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, the good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep."** (10:11-14)
- L: We find true comfort in your love and care for us. Yet, feelings of hopelessness and fear overshadow us when we think about the uncertainty of tomorrow. Where do we find strength for today and hope for tomorrow?
- A: **Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."** (11:25-26)
- L: O God, when we are lost we need someone to point us in the correct direction, when we feel deceived we need someone who we can trust, when we are entangled with the death grip of sin, we need someone who can free us .. Who can guide us to you?
- A: **Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."** (14:6)
- L: O Lord, it is easy to feel isolated, lonely, and we fail to find value and significance in life at times. Where do we find help when isolation and separation leaves us in desperation?

A: **Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”** (John 15:1, 5)

Silent Prayer:

L: Believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name! (John 20:31)

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I heard the bells on Christmas day their old familiar carols play,
and wild and sweet the words repeat of peace on earth,
good will to men.

I thought how, as the day had come, the belfries of all Christendom
had rolled along th’ unbroken song of peace on earth,
good will to men.

And in despair I bowed my head: “There is no peace on earth,”
I said; “For hate is strong, and mocks the song of
peace on earth, good will to men.”

Yet pealed the bells more loud and deep: “God is not dead,
nor doth He sleep; the wrong shall fail, the right prevail,
with peace on earth, good will to men.”

Then ringing, singing on its way, the world revolved from night
to day—a voice, a chime, a chant sublime of
peace on earth, good will to men!

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Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
cleanse me from ev’ry sin and set me free.

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Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

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