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Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

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First Sunday of Advent

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Gather

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Prelude

Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying

J S Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who alone does wonders, who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence for reflection.

P God for whom we wait,

**C in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

We forget that we are your children

and turn away from your love.

Forgive us, Blessed One,

and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen.

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
+ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,
inheritors of the eternal promise,
and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C Amen.

Kyrie

Assisting Minister

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

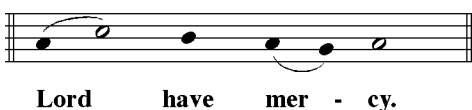
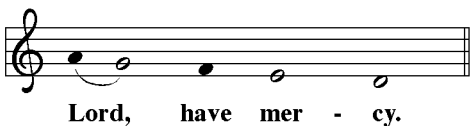
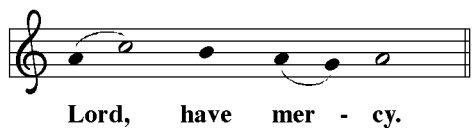
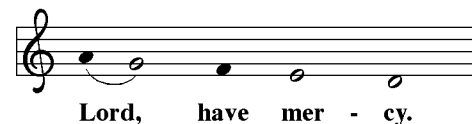
For the peace from above, and for our salvation
let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray
to the Lord.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

Congregation



Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Advent Wreath Lighting



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Word of God. Word of Life. **C Thanks be to God**

Psalm 25:1-10

setting by Don Clinton



To you, O God, we lift up our voi - ces, In you, O
Re - mem - ber not the sins of our youth, Lord, Re - mem - ber

Lord, we put all our trust. Show us your truth, Lord, Show us your
on - ly your lov - ing grace. Teach us your truth, Lord, Teach us your

path - ways, Show us your good - ness all of our days.
jus - tice, Teach us your mer - cy all of our days.

Second Reading**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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Gospel Acclamation


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel**Luke 21:25-36**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Gospel of Our Lord. C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon**Pastor Seth Novak***Silence for reflection*



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Prayers of Intercession

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

(brief silence)

God of presence and peace, strengthen your church around the globe to proclaim our message of love. Grant unity to the nations — and to all people give dignity, food and shelter. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of mighty redwoods and microscopic plants, fields and city parks, and the wind and the waves, be a healing balm to our wounded planet. May we nurture what you have so lovingly created. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of equity and compassion, bring righteousness and goodness to all peoples of the earth. Give a heart of discernment and integrity to leaders in our communities. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of comfort and care, be present with those who watch and wait. Come to all who await births, deaths, divorces, new unions, new jobs, retirements, healings — any life transition. We thank you for the people who have mentored us. We thank you for the people who have watched and waited with us, and walked beside us into new stages of life. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of promises kept and new dreams awakened, shelter your people from destructive storms. We pray for all of those whose lives have been upended by natural disasters. We pray today for Lutheran Disaster Relief and Lutheran World Relief and for all the other aid workers. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For what and for whom do the people pray?

(other intercessions may be offered)

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of compassion and community, we give you thanks for the saints who journeyed with us and now abide with you. Even in distress and uncertainty, make us confident that your promises endure forever. God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts in the name of Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Peace

The greeting of peace may be shared with a reverent bow, a peace sign, or a friendly wave.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

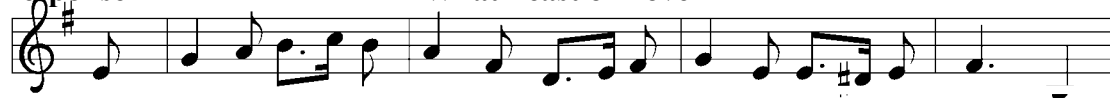
Offertory

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

French processional, 15th cent.

Offertory Response

What Feast of Love



What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!

Offering Prayer

A God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy One, the beginning and the end,
the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together in this meal,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Supper.

The bread being served is gluten free. At the usher's direction, please come forward to receive Communion. When instructed by the pastor, you are invited to remove your mask, receive Communion, and replace your mask. Thank you for respecting the health and safety of all present in the sanctuary by wearing your mask.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your truth.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Communion Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in life that is abundant and eternal.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Most High God, you have come among us at this table. By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait..

C Amen.



Sending Hymn

People, Look East



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Dismissal

A Go in peace, Christ is near. C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People Psalm 42, Genevan Psalter, 1551

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Prelude: "Wake, Awake for Night Is Flying" J S Bach

Kyrie: Setting 4, ELW

Hymn of the Day: "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" Text Laurentius Laurenti, 1660-1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823-1907; Music: HAFTRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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Serving in Worship:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Novak
Assisting Minister: 8:30 Ashley Ortenzo, 11:00 Bruce Shull
Lector: 8:30 Debbie Snowden, 11:00 Rebecca Crow
Ushers and Greeters: 8:30 Neal VanDerVoorn, Suzanne Shema, 11:00
Stream Team: 8:30 Don Krump, Sound 11:00 Rob Powers
Altar Guild: 8:30 Sue Lubash, 11:00 Marlene Bridgforth
Minister of Music: Shari Shull, Deacon
Minister of Programs: Sister Ann Shultz, Deaconess
Church Musician: Susan Luebeck

Details of the events can be found on the Events page of our website, agnusdeilutheran.org

Sunday, November 28 Advent 1	8:30 am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 am Hybrid Forum 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, November 29	1:00 pm LWR Quilters 5:00 Handbell Rehearsal
Tuesday, November 30	10:30 Staff Meeting 11:45 am Little Lambs Chapel
Wednesday, December 1	10:00 am Hybrid Text Study 11:30 Little Lambs Chapel 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 Advent Midweek Worship, Hybrid 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, December 2	
Friday, December 3	
Saturday, December 4	8:30 Men's Square, Women's Circle at Sunset Grill
Sunday, December 5 Advent 2	8:30 am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 Hybrid Forum 11:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec 5 Advent 2

Mal 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

Cross Generational Sunday School, In-Person Today

In person Sunday School will be offered today at 9:45 AM. Watch for at-home Sunday School materials in the Thursday email for the weeks when in-person Sunday School is not meeting.

Forum

Tony Ives, one of the board members for Key Peninsula Community Services located in Lakebay, will be here on Sunday, November 28th, to share about their programs. They are a Food Bank, Senior Meal Site and Senior Center serving the Key Peninsula and surrounding communities. If that sounds like a lot, it is. Tony will have lots to share with us. Our own Neal VanDerVoorn helps personally with their work. Join us as Tony starts our Advent forum series on mission work being done in our local community. A continuation of our call to be Matthew 25 Christians.

Orange Banner

The orange banner displayed in our sanctuary is a sign of solidarity with our Indigenous neighbors, who are mourning the discovery of mass graves at residential schools in Canada and the US. We grieve with them and acknowledge the part the Church has played in their suffering. The banner will hang for 225 days in memory of the children who died. For more information on the banner design and purpose, check our November newsletter.

Community Outreach: FB4K Baking Kits

The FB4K Holiday Baking Box drive has been extended to Dec. 15. We are still accepting donations which can be placed in the FB4K bin at the donation station. They will be assembled and transported to the main warehouse on Dec. 17th. The list of suggested items is in our November newsletter. Pre-packaged, mix and bake holiday items, are also welcome.

Community Outreach: Holiday Helpers

The deadline for the collection for the Key Center Children's Home Society is Nov 28. Items needed are Slippers (all sizes); Warm Blankets; Laundry Detergent Pods; Diapers; Wipes (either baby or adult). Bring your donations to the Special Project bin at the Donation Station in the narthex.