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Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent

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Gather

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

Welcome

Prelude

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Dietrich Buxtehude

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.**

Have mercy on us!

Forgive us and turn us again to you.

**Teach us to follow in your ways,
assure us again of your love,
and help us to love our neighbor.**

Amen.

C Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.

In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C Amen.

Kyrie

Cantor

Congregation

In peace, 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, 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.



Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91



With - in the shel - ter of the Lord, at home in
Though bru - tal con - flicts scar the day, though name - less
God an - swers ev - ery cry for help; his love is
his un - fail - ing care, we trust in his e - ter - nal strength to
per - ils fill the night, God's pres - ence calms our trou - bled minds and
ours till jour - ney's end, how - ev - er long our lives may be, on
res - cue us from ev - ery snare: how safe it is, this hid - ing -
puts our pri - mal fears to flight. When sin per - sists and judg - ment
God's firm prom - ise we de - pend. Who knows what dan - gers we are
place be - neath his ev - er - last - ing wings; how strong a for - tress
falls the true se - cur - i - ty is ours: pro - tect - ed by the
spared since an - gels guard the way we take? And all who trust and
is our God, the Might - y One, the King of kings.
Lord, we stand, be - yond the grasp of e - vil powers.
love the Lord he pledg - es nev - er to for - sake.

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Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

^{8b}“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

Gospel Acclamation

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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



Sermon

Pastor Seth Novak

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

When We Are Tested



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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Prayers of Intercession

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Sharpen its proclamation of the word so that your people learn to reject voices of deception and distraction. Strengthen all who are tempted to believe lies about themselves or others.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the earth and all its creatures. Protect wilderness places and all plant and animal species that call them home. Sustain farmers and all laborers who work the land and harvest the fruits of its abundance.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world. Our hearts are broken for the people of Ukraine. Send your strength and protect the innocents from harm and trauma. Awaken elected leaders and government officials to the needs of those who are oppressed and in danger. Grant the leaders and citizenry compassion to deal mercifully with immigrants and refugees who reside among us and those in need across the globe, Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in need. Rescue those experiencing mental illness or contending with addiction. Ease the anxiety of those who live with dementia. Command your angels concerning all who are sick. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Bless those who prepare the table for our communion celebration. Accompany those who share the bounty of this meal with those who are homebound or hospitalized. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For whom and for what do the people pray?

(other intercessions may be offered)

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us and now rest in your presence, especially David Michaud and Martin Niemöller. Gather them with all the saints into your heavenly dwelling place. Encourage us with the promise that all who call upon your name are saved. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake 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

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Anne K Organ

8:30 Choir, 11:00 Ashley Ortenzo, soprano

Kyrie eleison

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

Christe eleison

*Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.*

Kyrie eleison

*Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.*

Offering Prayer

A Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up to the Lord**

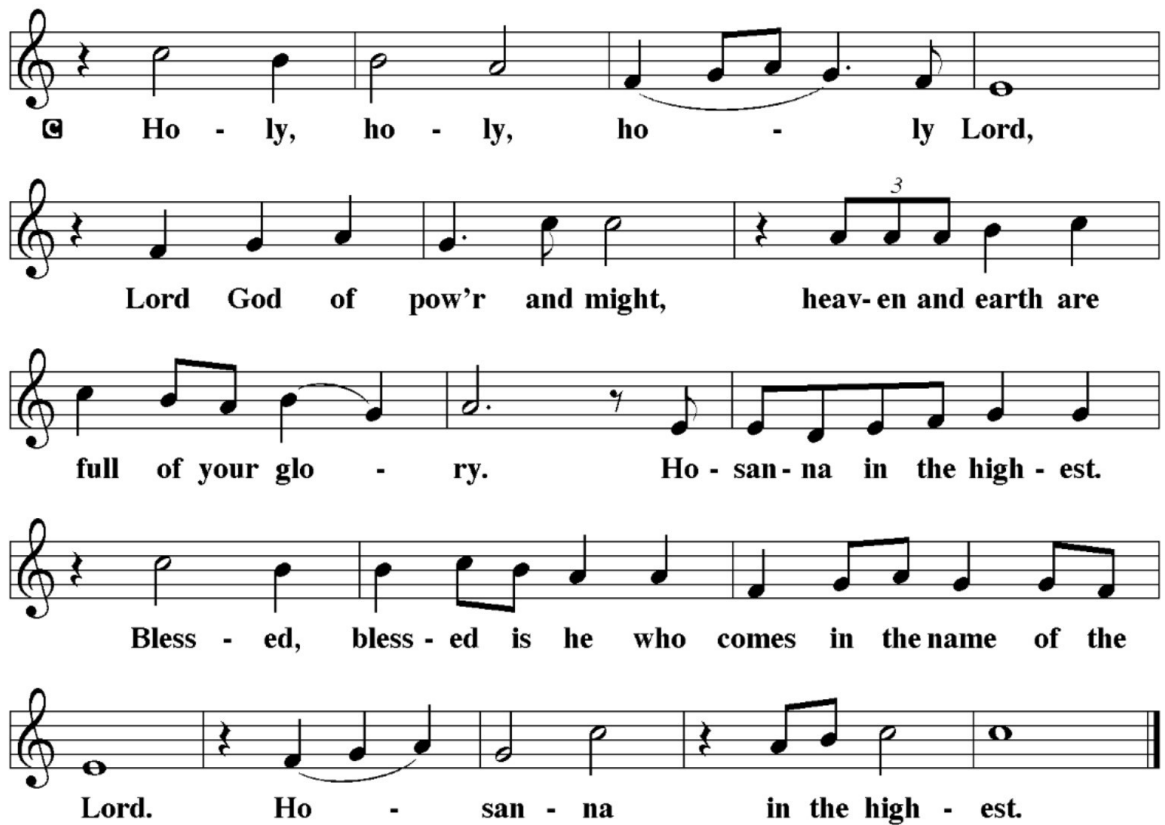
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all time and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you,
O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures
from age to age.

For forty days,
Noah looked for dry land.
For forty years,
Israel wandered in the wilderness.
During all that time you were with them,
strengthening and preparing them
for what lay ahead,
Just as you were with
your Son, Jesus, as he fasted and prayed
and was tested in the wilderness
for forty days.

On 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, eat;
this is my body, given for you.
Do this in 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."

Whenever we eat of this bread
and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and
wine, and on all who feast upon them.

Gather us in this meal into one Church
with all the saints who are, who were and who will
be, one Church in heaven and on earth,
as we hope and long for
the return of Christ in final victory
to share with us the great and promised feast.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever.

Amen.

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.

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.
 C Amen.

Sending

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

Benediction

- P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always.
 C Amen

Dismissal

- A Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
 C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude in D Minor

Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving in Worship:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Novak
 Assisting Minister: 8:30 Bruce Shull, 11:00 Ashley Ortenzo
 Altar Guild: 8:30 Kathy Higgins, 11:00 Kimberly Morgan
 Lector: 8:30 Don Krump, 11:00 Marty Beert
 Stream Team 8:30 Jesse Beaudette, Don Krump
 Sound 11:00: Rob Powers
 Ushers/Greeters: 8:30 Dick and Martia Ohme, 11:00 open
 Sunday School: Ashley Ortenzo
 Minister of Music: Shari Shull, Deacon
 Minister of Programs: Sister Ann Shultz, Deaconess
 Church Musician: Susan Luebeck

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*Prelude: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Dietrich Buxtehude
 Kyrie" With One Voice, Setting 4*

Lenten Gospel Acclamation: With One Voice, Setting 4

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Offertory: "In the Dwelling Place of Light" Susan Palo Cherwien, Robert Farlee

Postlude: "Prelude in D Minor" Johann Sebastian Bach

Sunday, March 6	8:30 am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 Faith Formation 11:00 Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, March 7	1:00 pm LWR Quilters 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 8	10:30 am Church Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 9	10:00 am Hybrid Text Study 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Lenten Midweek Worship 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, March 10	
Friday, March 11	
Saturday, March 12	10:00 am Exploring Grief and Loss Workshop with Satya Jaech
Sunday, March 13	8:30 am Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 Faith Formation 11:00 Worship with Holy Communion

March 13, Second Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Phil 3:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35

Outreach Project for March: Immigrant Sack Lunch Project A new opportunity for service to others – providing sack lunches for immigrants released from the ICE facility in Tacoma. They often go 18 hours after release in the afternoon before being united with families or sponsors across the US. They leave with only the clothes on their backs and no money for food. What is needed? **Packaged nuts, protein bars, wrapped peanut butter crackers, jerky, trail mix, granola bars, dried fruit, cheese crackers.** We will add fresh fruit when assembling the lunches. Bring donations of food to the donation station marked “Immigrant Lunch Project.” Also in March, we are collecting paperback books and men’s clothing for the detainees at ICE.

Forum, March 6 Chris Ode from Living Stones Ministry is with us today. Established in 2006, Living Stones Prison Congregation is a ministry of the ELCA operating "behind the walls" of the Washington Corrections Center and Monroe Correctional Complex. Pastor Chris Ode spends his time ministering directly to the members of the congregation, developing reentry resources and opportunities, and sharing stories from "the inside" with outside congregations and community groups. He lives happily with the funniest woman on earth, two inquisitive young children, and a pair of loyal - but dense - Labrador Retrievers. In his spare time, he produces and performs with a local theatre and film company. Learn more about Living Stones at livingstonespc.org.

Youth Group Gathering Tonight at 6:30 pm at Agnus Dei Four churches (Agnus Dei, St John’s Episcopal, Fox Island UCC and GH United Methodist host youth gatherings on the first Sunday of each month. There are separate but concurrent groups for Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers and Parents. The content of the different groups will vary, but all will enjoy a combination of socializing, games and worthwhile conversation about what it means to live authentic and meaningful lives as God would call us - especially in the turmoil of this world we're living in. If you have any questions, please ask Pastor Seth.

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.

Pancake Breakfast on March 27 We will gather between services for a pancake breakfast. Our chefs are working to make this a much anticipated event that you won’t want to miss!

New Members We will welcome new members through Baptism and Transfer at Easter Vigil, April 16. If you are interested in learning about membership, please contact Pastor Seth.

Lenten and Holy Week Worship

Lenten midweek worship Wednesdays at 7:00pm, on March 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6.

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 10, 8:30 and 11:00 am

The Triduum:

Maundy Thursday, April 14, 7:00 pm; Good Friday, April 15: 7:00 PM, Easter Vigil, April 16: 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 8:30 and 11:00 am