



Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday
Pentecost 22

**Gather in Grace
Grow in Faith
Go in Service**

GATHER

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

Welcome

Prelude

Salvation Unto Us Has Come

J.S. Bach

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection

P Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P O Lord God, through Jesus, you reveal your design for all people, that we love you and the world you created. By your Spirit renew us in your promise of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

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

Storytime

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD."

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

Psalm 46 *Congregation and choir sings verses responsively, all sing refrain*

Psalm Refrain



The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our strong-hold.

Psalm Tone



God is our ref- | uge and strength,
a very present | help in trouble.

**²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;**

³though its waters | rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.

**⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,
the holy habitation of | the Most High. *Refrain***

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;
God shall help it at the | break of day.

**⁶The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

⁷The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

**⁸Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth; *Refrain***

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the | shields with fire.

¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

¹¹The LORD of | hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. *Refrain*

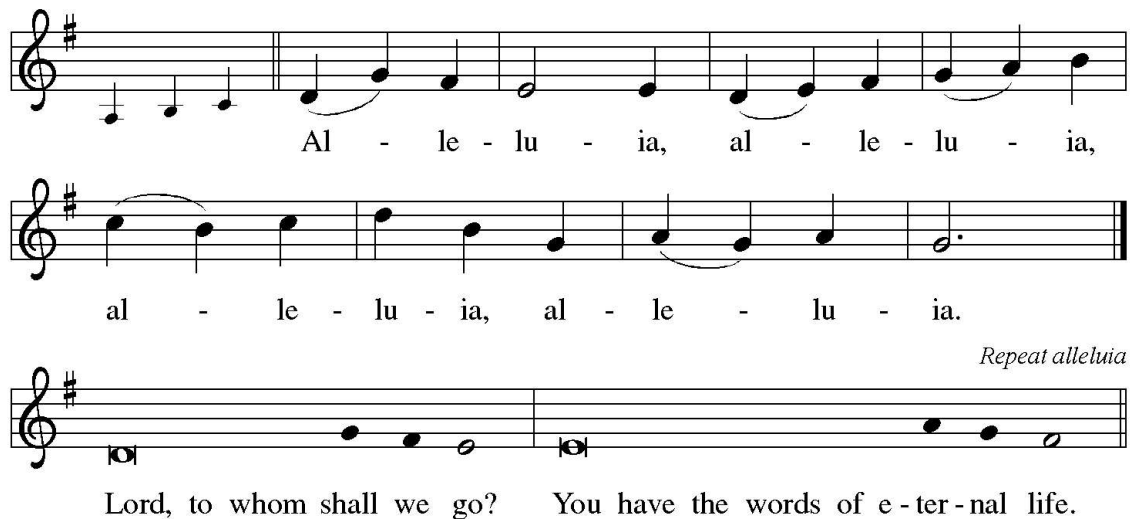
Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

P The holy gospel according to Matthew **C Glory to you O Lord**

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' '?"

⁴⁵ "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

The Church of Christ in Every Age

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Affirmation of Faith

P We are not alone, we live in God's world.

C We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil.**

**To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

United Church of Canada

Quilt and Kit Blessing

Prayers of Intercession

Seeking the Spirit of God who continues to make all things new, we pray for the church, our fragile Earth, and all of our neighbors around the world.

(a brief silence)

Gracious God, on this Reformation Sunday, we thank you for our church fathers and mothers who called the church back to its mission of love, justice, and inclusion. Strengthen those in our own times who continue to audaciously speak truth to power and challenge the church and the world to live more fully into your vision of love and justice. God, whose love extends to all,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, we rejoice in the beauty of islands, coastlines, and all the places where land and water meet. We grieve for communities displaced by thawing permafrost, rising seas, and a changing climate, especially impoverished native communities in Alaska. Give us courage and resolve to protect and restore your good creation. God, whose love extends to all,

hear our prayer.

God of all peoples, We thank you for the amazing diversity of humankind, all made in your image. We pray for all those whose culture, languages, and ways of life are threatened by nationalism and the legacy of colonialism, that all our neighbors may live with dignity, freedom, and hope. God, whose love extends to all,

hear our prayer.

God of healing, surround all who are sick or injured or in pain, especially those who have lost access to medical care. Bring comfort to those we love who are suffering, and sustain all who care for them. God, whose love extends to all,
hear our prayer.

God of wisdom and peace, We pray for this country as we approach the November 3 election. Protect poll workers and all those who participate in the electoral process. Bridge the divide that separates us, deepen our compassion and love for all our neighbors whose views differ from our own, and give leaders courage to work for the common good. God, whose love extends to all,
hear our prayer.

For what and for whom do the people pray?
(other intercessions may be offered)
God, whose love extends to all,
hear our prayer.

God of life everlasting, we give thanks for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbors, especially our brother in Christ, Ellis Rousseau. May their lives and legacy help us to seek you with heart, soul, and mind, and to carry their love forward in our lives. God, whose love extends to all,
hear our prayer.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we offer these prayers, spoken and unspoken, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

A The peace of the Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

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

When the Poor Ones

*When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
when the wounded offer others strength and healing.*

Refrain

*We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.*

*When compassion gives the suff'ring consolation;
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us.*

*When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble.*

*When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
when the nations work to change war into peace;
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor.*

Offertory Response

We Place Upon Your Table, Lord



1 We place up - on your ta - ble, Lord, where you by
2 With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
3 Ac - cept them, Lord; they come from you; we take them



grace have bid us dine, these to - kens of our dai - ly
depth of hu - man life: our pain and tears, our thoughts and
hum - bly from your hand; put these your gifts to high - er



work, the food of life, the bread and wine.
toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.
use: the ho - ly meal that you com - mand.

Offering Prayer

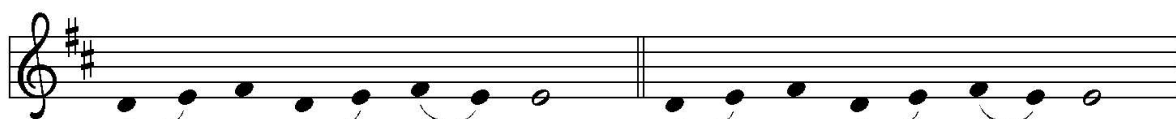
A God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

C Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Dialog



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy)

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

Words of Institution

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.

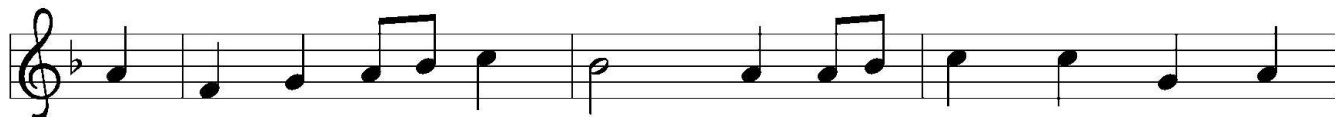
All seeking God are welcome at Christ's Supper. At the usher's direction, please come forward to receive Communion. The bread is gluten free and served by intinction, dipping the bread into the wine (red) or grape juice (white).

DO THIS IN
remembrance
 OF ME. 1 CORINTHIANS
 11:24

Communion Music

O Bread of Life from Heaven

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1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



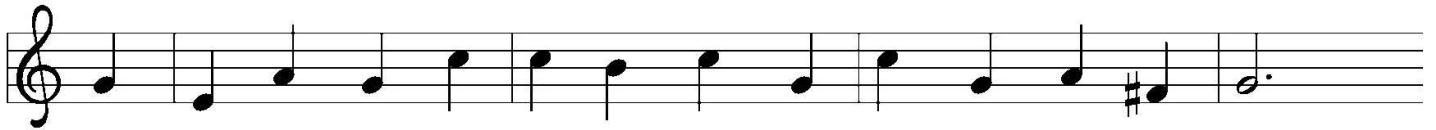
with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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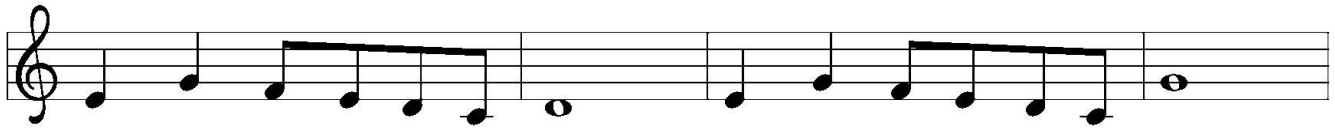
1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

Take, O, Take Me As I Am

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Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Blessing

P This feast of love unites us and all of creation into a life meant for the flourishing of the world

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

SENDING

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

Announcements

Benediction

P The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

P The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C **Amen**

P The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sending Hymn

Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word

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Sending

A Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Max Reger

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor JT Burk

Church Musician: Susan Luebeck

Organist: Una Hwang

Assisting Minister: Phil Waite

Altar Guild: Joy McCraw, Elsa Nesbit

Lector: Marty Beert

Stream Team: Mike Snowden

Greeter: Marty Beert

Usher: Don and Sharon Krump

Front Room Kids: Marlene Bridgforth, Kathy Gemar

Altar Flowers: Joanna Stuen

Security: Gary Gemar

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Prelude: "Salvation Unto Us Has Come" J. S. Bach, PD

Gathering Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress" Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546 tr. Lutheran Book of Worship; Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther; Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin Augsburg Fortress

Psalm 46: Psalter for Worship

Gospel Acclamation, Communion Liturgy: ELW Setting 1

Hymn of the Day: "The Church of Christ in Every Age" Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000; Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698-1768; Text © 1971 Hope Publishing Co, Carol Stream IL

Offertory: "When the Poor Ones" Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951; Music: EL CAMINO, b. 1934; Text and music © 1971, 1998 J. A. Olivar, Miguel Manzano and San Pablo Internacional-SSP, admin OCP Publications

Offertory Response: "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord" Text: M. F. C. Wilson, 1884-1944, alt. Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

Communion Music: "O Bread of Life from Heaven" Text: Latin Hymn, c. 1661 tr. Hugh T Henry, 1862-1946, sts 1,3 tr. Phillip Schaff 1819-1893, st 2; Music O WELT, ICH MUSS DICH LASSEN, Heinrich Isaac, 1450-1517; "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727; "TAKE ME AS I AM", John L. Bell; Text and music © 1995 Iona Community, admin, GIA Pub, Inc 7404 S. Mason Ave. Chicago, IL 60638

Sending Hymn: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543Postlude: "A Mighty Fortress" arr. Max Reger PD

Sunday, October 25 Reformation Sunday	9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Front Room Kids after Storytime 10:45 am Forum
Monday, October 26	12:30 pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00 Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:00 pm Nar Anon Family Groups in the Community Room 5:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
Tuesday, October 27	1:15 Gather Bible Study
Wednesday, October 28	10:00 am Text Study 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, October 29	Little Lambs Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot 6:00 pm AA Group in the Community Room
Friday, October 30	Little Lambs Trunk or Treat in the Parking Lot
Saturday, October 31	

Outreach Project for October- Support for Victims of Domestic Violence

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We will be collecting toiletries and personal hygiene supplies for the YWCA Pierce County. "The YWCA transforms the lives of domestic violence survivors through safety, healing, and empowerment; providing safe shelter and comprehensive services for survivors of domestic violence, regardless of gender, gender identity or expression, disability, race or religious affiliation." ywcapiercecounty.org

Quilt and Kit Blessing Today

Throughout the year, on Monday afternoons at 1:00, a group of volunteers gather in our community room to make quilts and kits for Lutheran World Relief. In the Spring and Fall, the quilts and kits are boxed up with donations from other local churches and sent to Seattle to join with many more for the regional in-gathering. From Seattle, they are shipped to Minnesota, and readied to be sent out to wherever there is a need. They may be sent to people coping with poverty, natural disaster, wars, or other crises. These quilts and kits are a tangible way to express God's love to our neighbors in need.

Advent Worship

The first Sunday of Advent will be November 29. Advent Midweek Worship will follow on the three Wednesdays, Dec. 2, 9, and 16. Worship will begin at 6:15 pm followed by soup supper in the Parish Hall.

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

Gather in Grace * Grow in Faith * Go in Service

We Are Welcoming



The congregation of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church celebrates the amazing diversity of God's beloved children. We welcome all, regardless of age, ethnicity, abilities, faith background, race, family configuration, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression. We enthusiastically invite you into this worshipping congregation as we strive to share God's inclusive love with everyone in our community and in our world.

Agnus Dei's Welcome Statement adopted May 20, 2018

We Stand for Justice

Rooted in the Word and grounded in prayer, we share our membership in the [Beloved Community](#) with all people, affirming that God's love, justice, and mercy belong to everyone without exception. Aware of our failure to recognize the structures and systems contributing to racial injustice and inequality and acknowledging our role in maintaining these injustices, we confess and repent of the harm we have done. We commit to listen to the voices of the oppressed and marginalized, to educate ourselves more fully, to engage in work to end racism, to promote social justice, and to support others who seek to make a difference in the struggle for equity and justice. This is our lifetime commitment.

Statement on Racial Justice approved by the congregation on Nov. 17, 2020

We Care for Creation

As a community of faith, we affirm that all of God's creation is sacred, acknowledging that our very breath and nourishment come from Mother Earth. We are thus called to live fully in relationship and harmony with her, to lovingly care for what God has made. With attention, intention, and action, we choose to work individually and communally toward conserving, protecting, and restoring the created world as we also work to deconstruct the systems threatening her very existence and health.

Land Acknowledgment

We, the Agnus Dei Lutheran faith community, acknowledge that we gather each week on the traditional homelands of the Puyallup People (spuyaləpabš), a Coast Salish Lushootseed (txʷləšúcid) speaking People. The Puyallup People have lived along these shores for thousands of years, faithfully stewarding these lands and waters, as they continue to do today.