

Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

November 8, 2026
Pentecost 24

Gather in Grace
Grow in Faith
Go in Service

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

Welcome

Prelude **Song Without Words, Op. 19 No. 4** *Felix Mendelssohn*

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who desires justice and compassion in the world.
C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P Holy God,
C We confess that we have sometimes mistaken
the appearance of faith for the practice of faith.
Forgive us when we grow weary of seeking justice,
when we fail to stand alongside the vulnerable,
and when we let our lamps grow dim
because we have forgotten the hope you place before us.
Awaken us to your presence among us.
Fill us with the oil of faith,
keep our hope burning brightly,
and make our lives a witness to your love,
until justice rolls down like waters
and righteousness flows like an ever-flowing stream. Amen.

P Beloved children of God, hear this good news:
God does not abandon us to our failures, nor does God turn away from us when our faith grows dim. God's mercy meets us where we are, forgives what has been, and calls us into a new way of living. In ☩ Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.
The light of grace shines upon us, the Spirit renews our hope, and we are sent into the world to embody the justice, mercy, and love of God.
C Amen.

Gathering Hymn **Let Streams of Living Justice** **#710**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord is with you.
C And also with you.
P O God of justice and steadfast love, you call us to keep our lamps burning and our hearts awake to the coming of your reign. Fill us with the light of Christ, that we may recognize the needs of our neighbors, pursue justice, and let righteousness flow through all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.
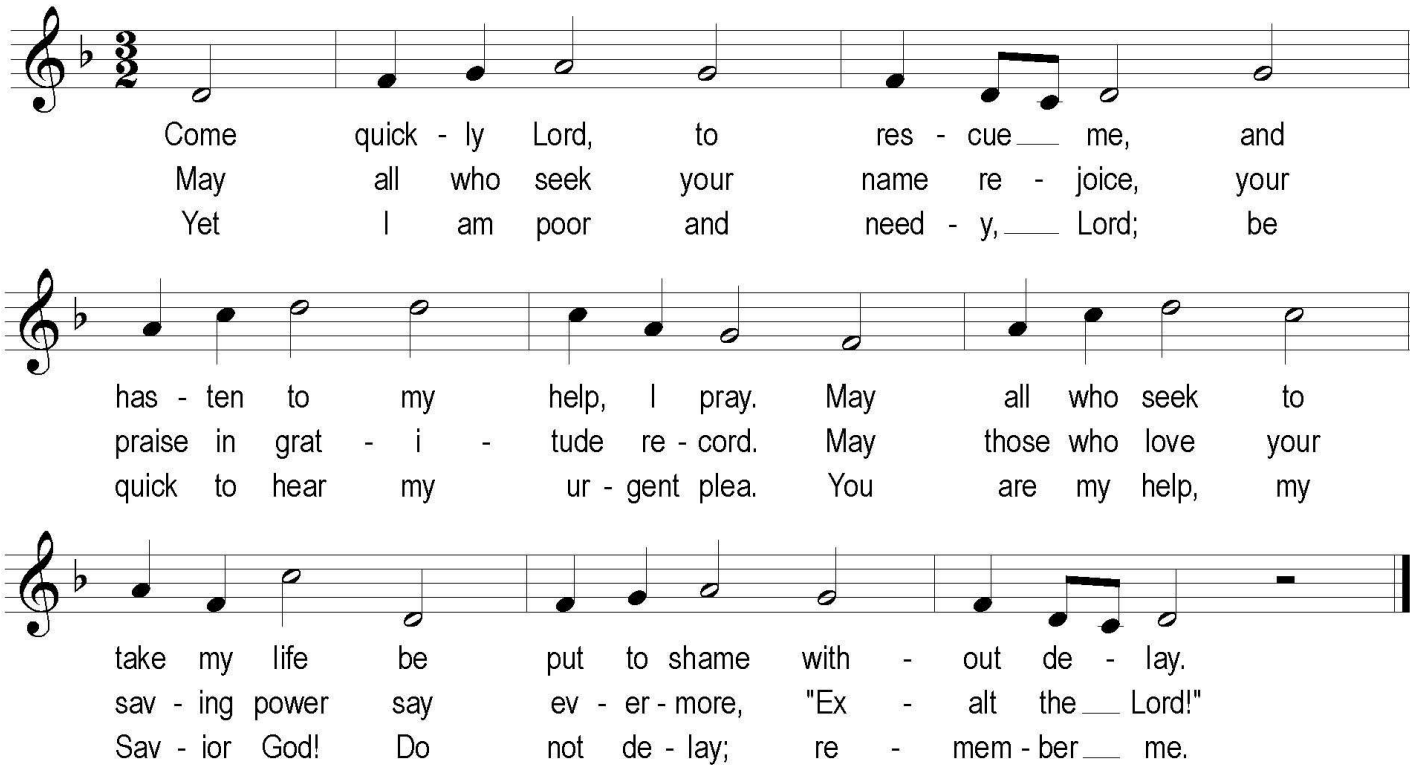
WORD
God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Children's Time

First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
Word of God. Word of Life **C Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 **Come Quickly Lord**

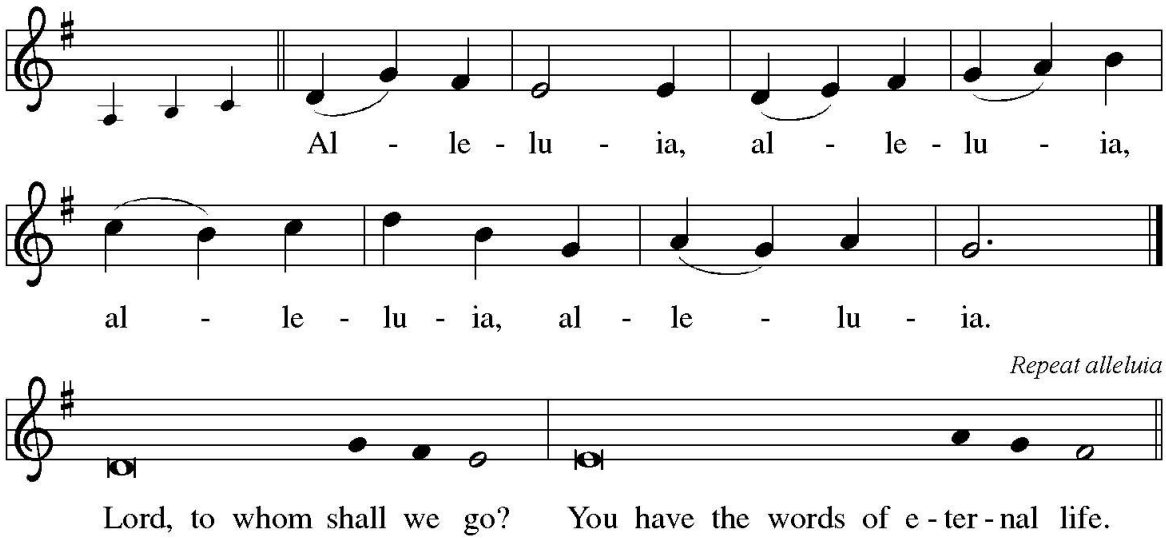


Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so
that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died
and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this
we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of
the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of
command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from
heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be
caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the
Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 25:1-15**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young
women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come
out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied,
'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy
some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who
were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other
young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I
do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
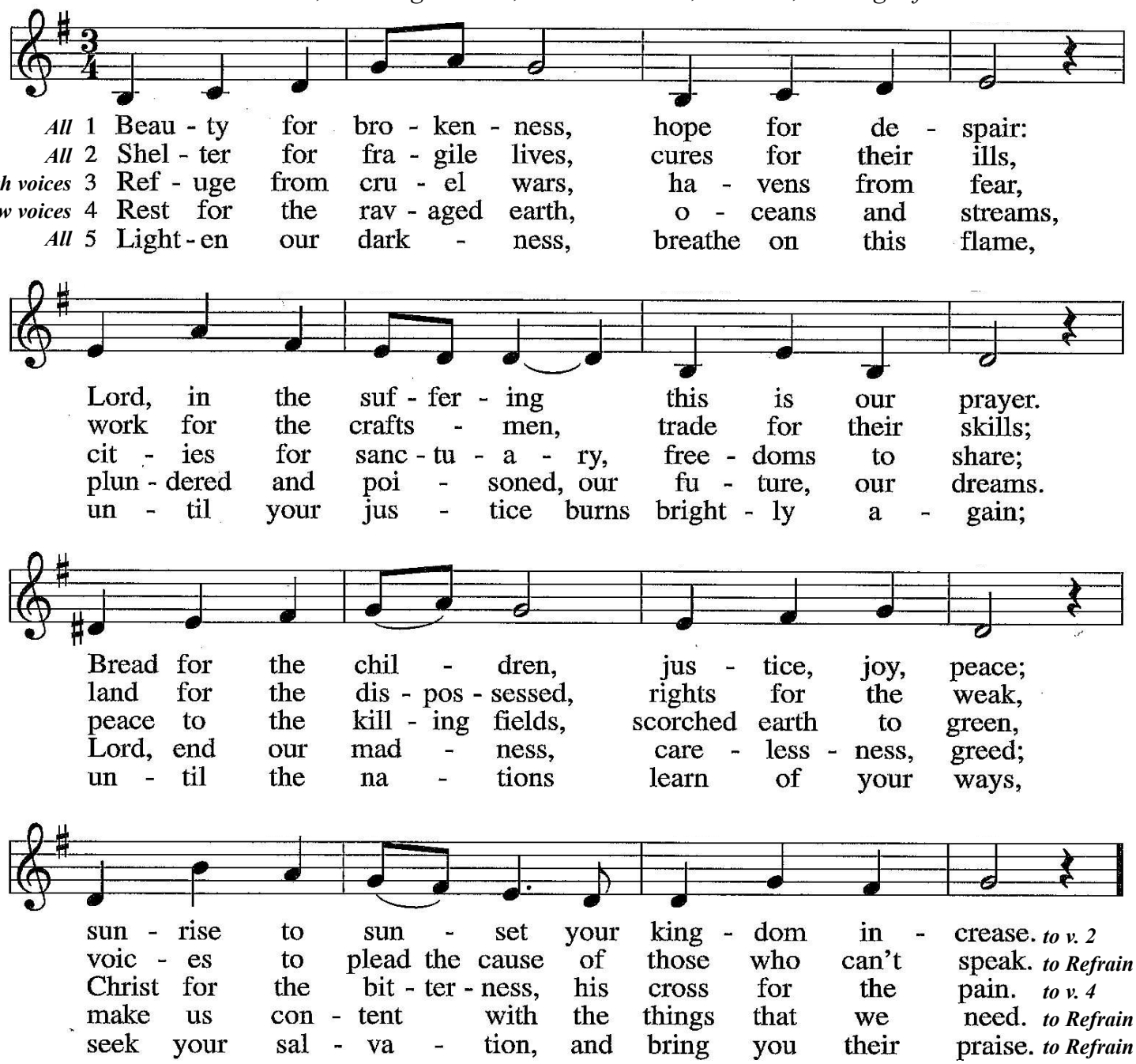
P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *Pastor JT Burk*
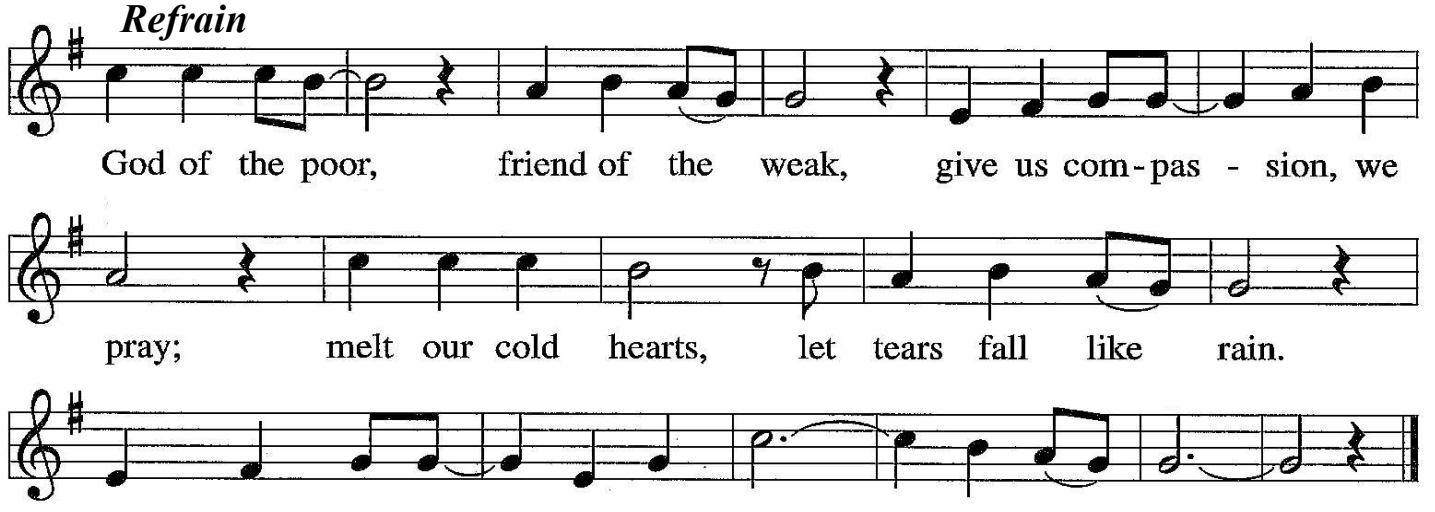
silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day **Beauty For Brokenness**

vs 1 and 2-all, v. 3- high voices, vs 4 low voices, vs 5- all, all sing refrain



Refrain



Affirmation of Faith

A 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*

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

(a brief silence)

Inbreaking God, you illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts, minds, and sight for the inbreaking of your kingdom. Awaken and prepare us for your transforming love at work in us and all around us preparing us for your kingdom.
God, before witnesses,
hear our prayer.

Creating God, you create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Forgive us for the abuse we have committed against your earth. Grant us wonder that will lead to wisdom and action within creation's cycles; make us wise and careful stewards of our common home. God, before witnesses,
hear our prayer.

Righteous God, we know there will come a day when your justice will roll down across all lands like an ever-flowing stream. Help us now, where we work and live, to practice and implement your justice in small and varied ways that your justice may ultimately come in big ways. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, before witnesses,
hear our prayer.

Healing God, you have achieved victory over sickness and death. You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken in both our bodies and our minds. Grant wisdom and comfort to individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. God, before witnesses,
hear our prayer.

Harnessing God, your yoke is easy and your burdens light. You give rest to weary hearts, minds, and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring that yoke and the need for quiet, stillness, and rest. God, before witnesses,
hear our prayer.

For what and for whom do the people pray?
(other intercessions may be offered)
God, before witnesses, **hear our prayer.**

Embracing God, you have welcomed and received into the joys of heaven those who have come before us in faith. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, before witnesses,
hear our prayer.

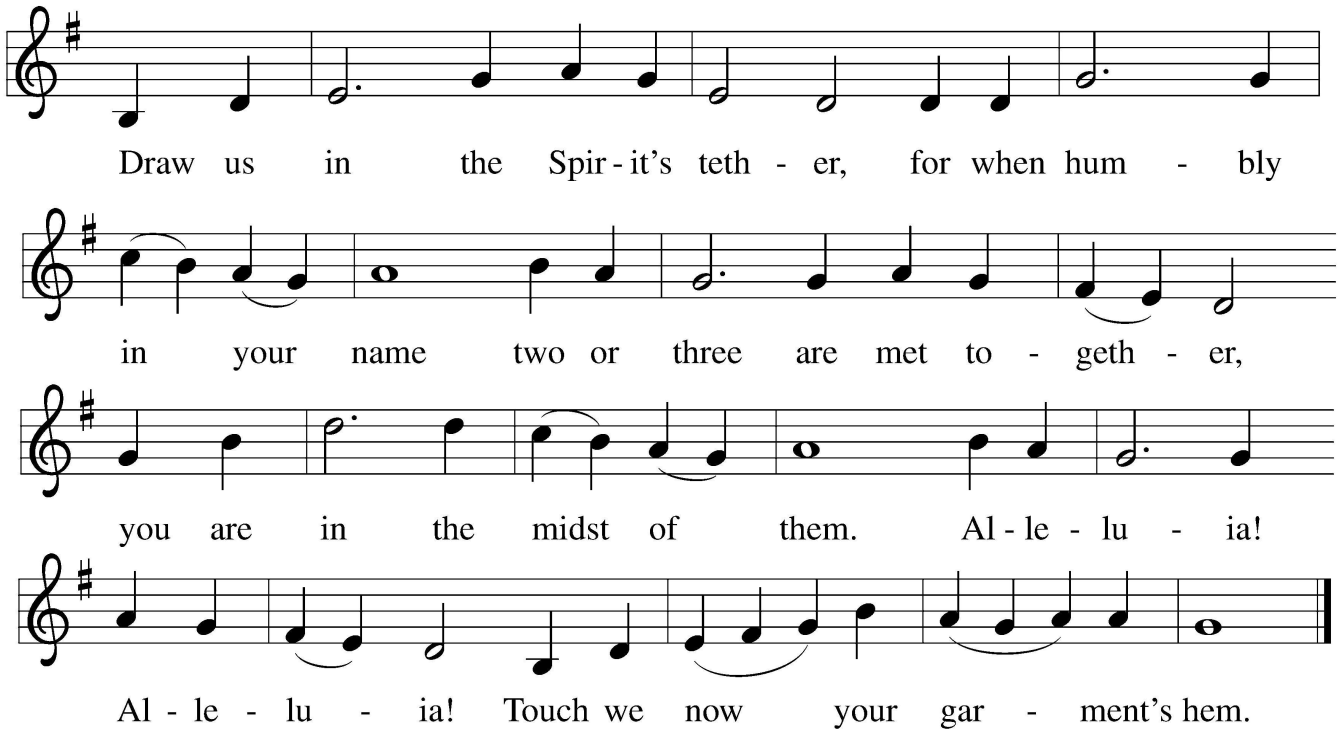
Faithful God - into your steadfast love, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.
Peace

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 **In Christ There Is No East or West** *arr. Michael Mazzatenta*

Offertory Response **Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**



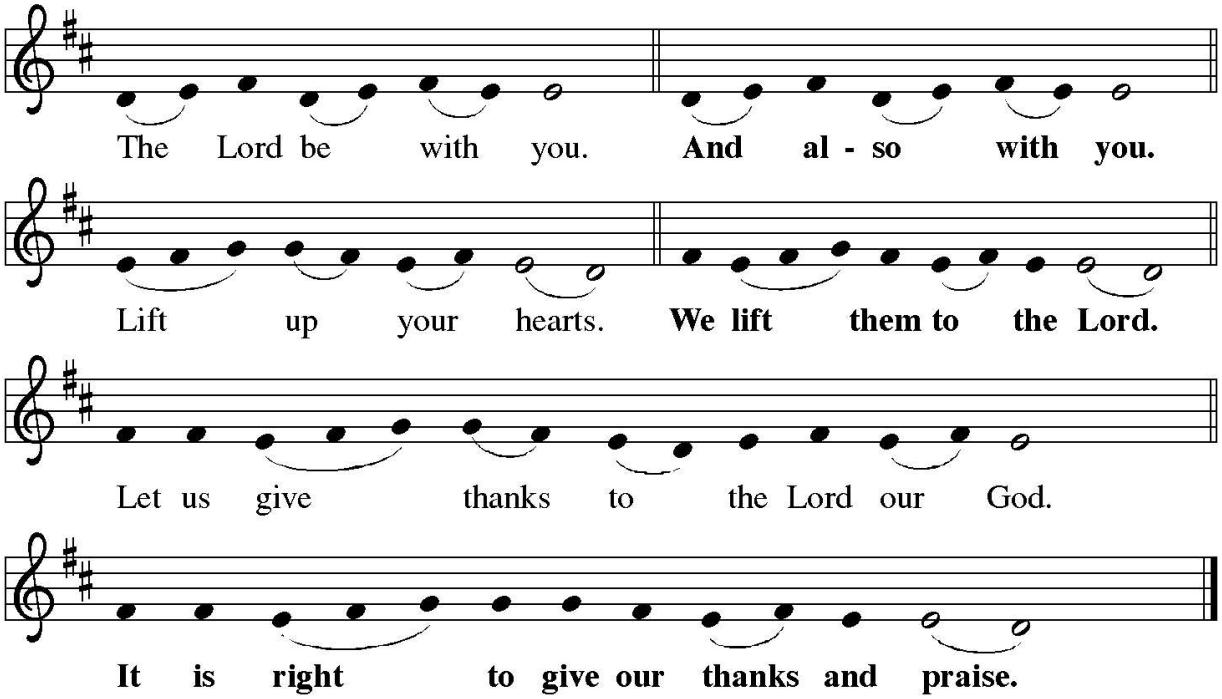
Offering Prayer

A Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

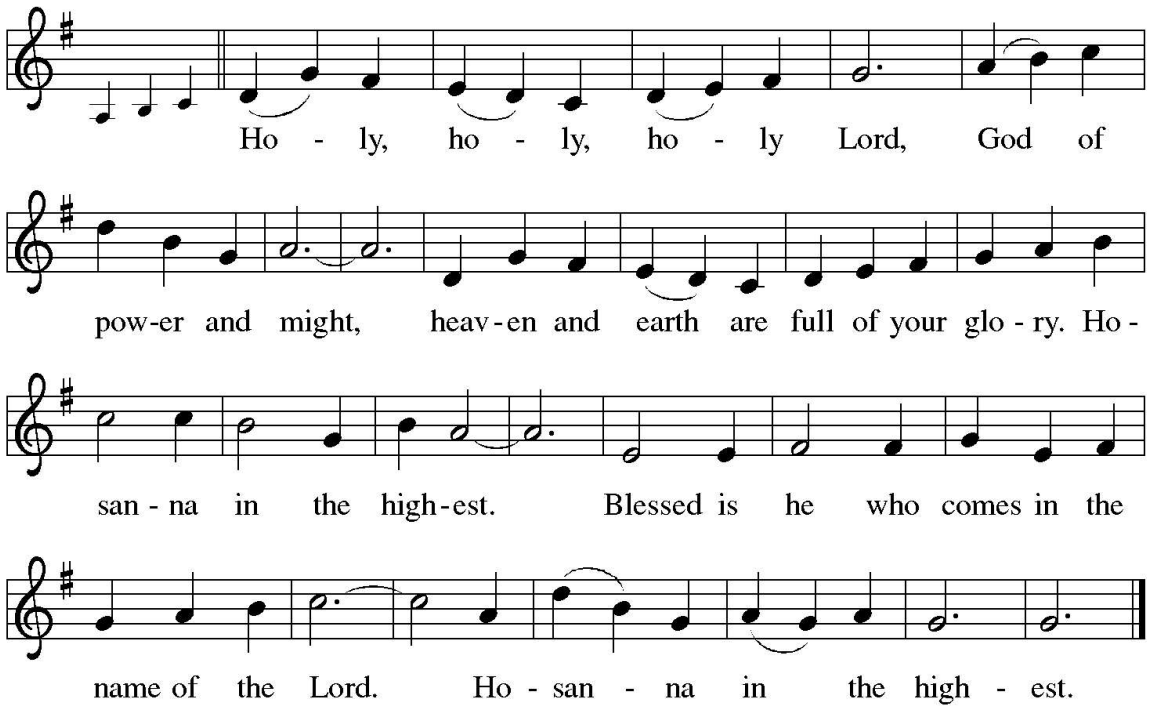
Dialog



Preface

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

Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy)
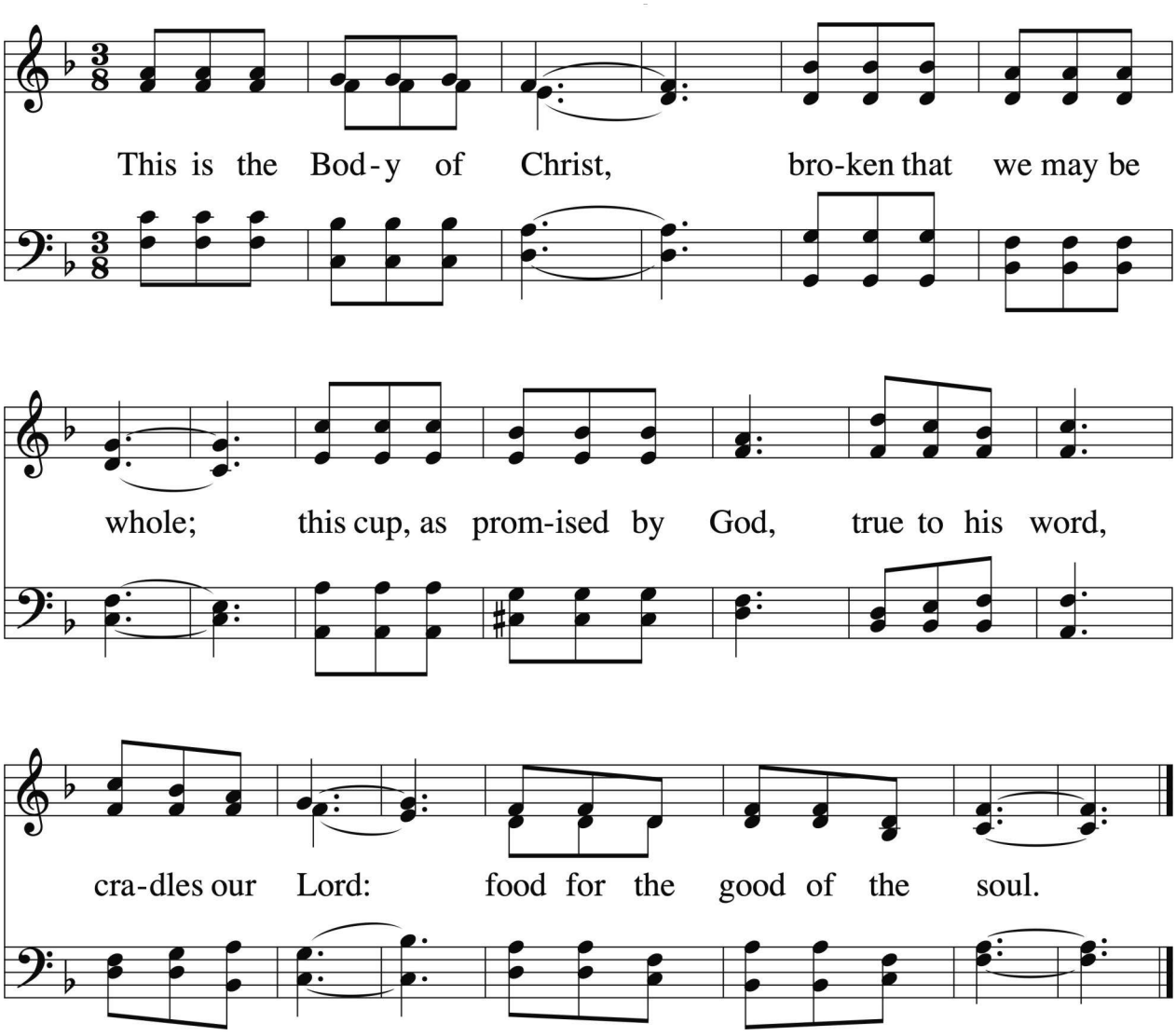


Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

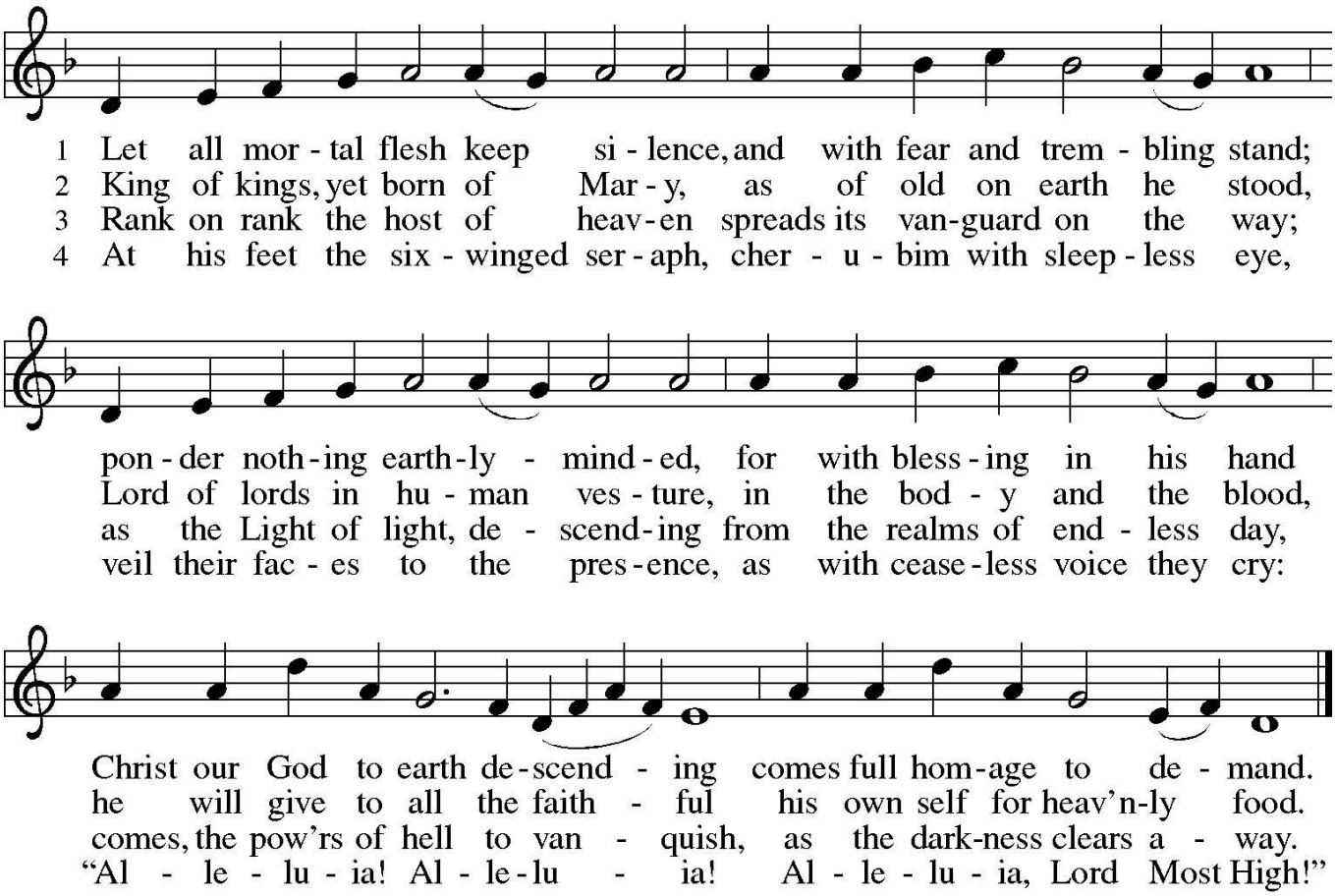
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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

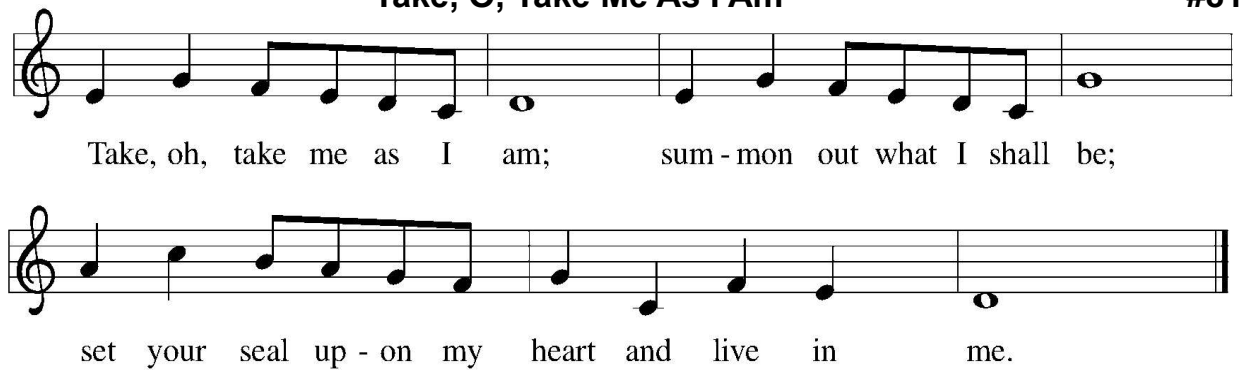
Communion Music **This is the Body of Christ**



Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



Take, O, Take Me As I Am #814



Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthens you to let justice flow like rivers into the world through you.

C Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

A Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

Announcements

Benediction

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen

Sending Hymn **Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer** **#618**

Sending

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Now Thank We All Our God** *Johann Crüger*

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor JT Burk
Church Musician: Susan Luebeck
Handbell Director: Stephen Keyl
Choir Director: Randy Spitzer
Assisting Minister: David Salge
Altar Guild: Elsa Nesbit, Marlene Bridgforth
Lector: Ortenzo Family
Stream Team: Mike Snowden
Greeter: Rebecca Crow
Usher: Tracy Clark
Front Room Kids: Maggie Rodgers
Susan Whitney
Altar Flowers: Joanna Stuen
Security: Lance Colyar

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Sending Hymn: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722-1796, alt. Music; CWM RHONDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932
Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God" Johann Crüger, PD

Sunday, Nov 8	9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Front Room Kids after Storytime 10:45 am Forum:
Monday, Nov 9	12:30 pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 5:30-7:30 pm Altrusa Meeting in the Parish Hall 6:00 pm Nar Anon Family Groups in the Community Room 6:30 pm Confirmation Class in the Front Room
Tuesday, Nov 10	
Wednesday, Nov 11	10:00 am Text Study 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm Homeowners Meeting in the Parish Hall 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Nov 12	10:00 am Finance Committee 1:00 pm Executive Council Meeting 6:00 pm AA Group in the Community Room
Friday, Nov 13	6:00-9:00 pm Piano Recital
Saturday, Nov 14	

Outreach Project for November- Food 4 All Tortilla Fund Drive For the past several years, each month we have provided enough tortillas to keep the Food 4 All food pantry on the Key Peninsula well stocked of this staple food item. Our fund for tortillas is in desperate need of replenishment, are you able to help? Reminder cards are at the welcome table. You may support with a one time or a recurring gift through your plate or electronic offering using the designation “Food 4 All” in the memo.

At the Forum: Encountering Evil and the Problem with Theodicy
Every day, we are forced to look at a devastating gap between the God of our theology and the reality of our geography. How do we bridge that gap? That is the ancient, desperate question of theodicy, the attempt to justify God in a world that is breaking our hearts. Join Pastor JT as we explore this age old dilemma.
Next Sunday: **Restoring the Power of Christian Language**

Stewardship Campaign: Open Our Hands, Lord: The Joy of Generosity
During the month of November we have the opportunity to prayerfully consider the mission of Agnus Dei and how we can support it. Intent cards and time and talent sheets will be available each Sunday in November. There is a collection box at the welcome table. If you prefer to use an electronic submission form, there is a link in the Thursday email.

Orange Banner The orange banner displayed in our sanctuary during the month of November commemorates Native American Heritage Month. In addition to celebrating our Thanksgiving Holiday this month and giving thanks to God for all that we’ve been given, it is appropriate to remember the people who lived here before us and to acknowledge the uncomfortable reality that many of the things for which we are grateful were taken by our ancestors from theirs. Before White settlers came, the area we know as Gig Harbor was home to the Puyallup people. The Puyallup remain our neighbors, and we now share with them a love of this land and a responsibility to care for it. The banner was created in 2021 by Agnus Dei member, Lynne Zematis.

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We Are Welcoming



ngregation of Agnus Dei Lutheran Church celebrates the amazing ity 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 worshiping 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.

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