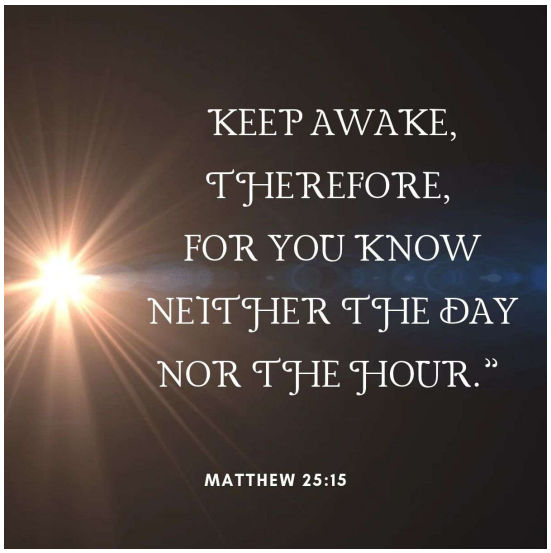


Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

November 15, 2026
Pentecost 25

Gather in Grace
Grow in Faith
Go in Service

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

Welcome

Prelude **Meditation on Ubi caritas** *Plainsong, arr. Charles Callahan*

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C Amen.
P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

P Gracious and merciful God,

C We confess that too often we live in fear rather than faith.
You have entrusted us with gifts, opportunities, and resources,
yet we sometimes bury them rather than put them to work for
the sake of your kingdom.
We have allowed fear to keep us from taking risks,
selfishness to keep us from generosity,
and complacency to keep us from doing justice.
Forgive us, O God. Awaken us from our slumber, renew our faith,
and give us courage to live as children of the light.
Amen.

P Hear the good news: God does not entrust us with gifts and then abandon us to our fears. God meets us with grace, calls us beloved, and invites us into a life of faith, hope, and generosity. Through the love of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are freed from the weight of yesterday, released from the fear of tomorrow, and renewed for the work of today. So live boldly, love generously, and put your gifts to work for the sake of others.
C Amen.

Gathering Hymn **We Praise You, O God** **#870**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord is with you.
C And also with you.
P O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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 **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD,
for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

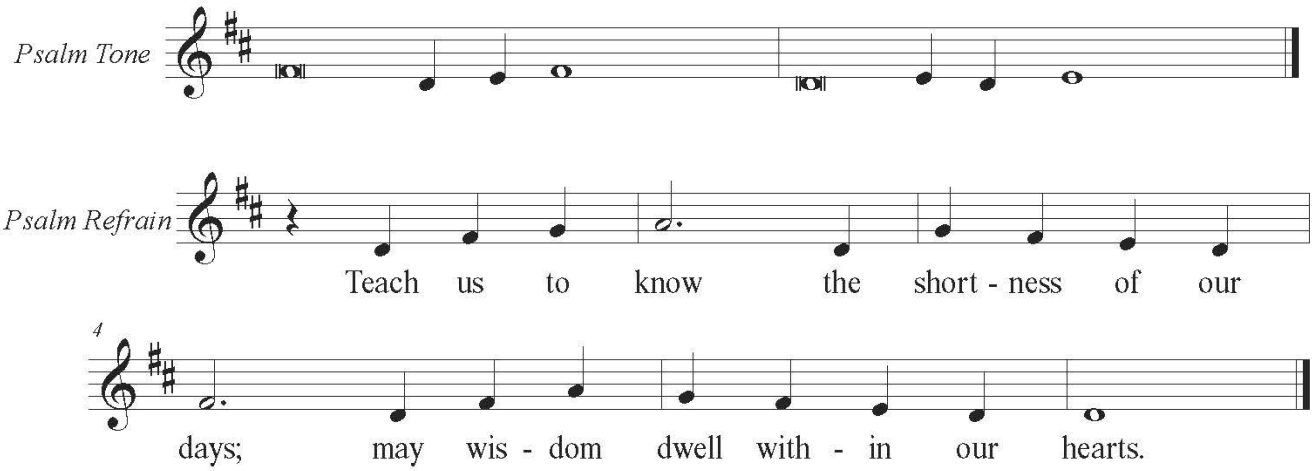
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
Word of God. Word of Life. **C** **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12 *sing responsively, choir and congregation, all sing refrain*



Lord, you have | been our refuge
from one generation | to another.

2Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the | earth were born,
from age to age | you are God.

3You turn us back to the | dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- | ren of earth."

4For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night; ***Refrain***

5you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:

6in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.

7For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.

8Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.

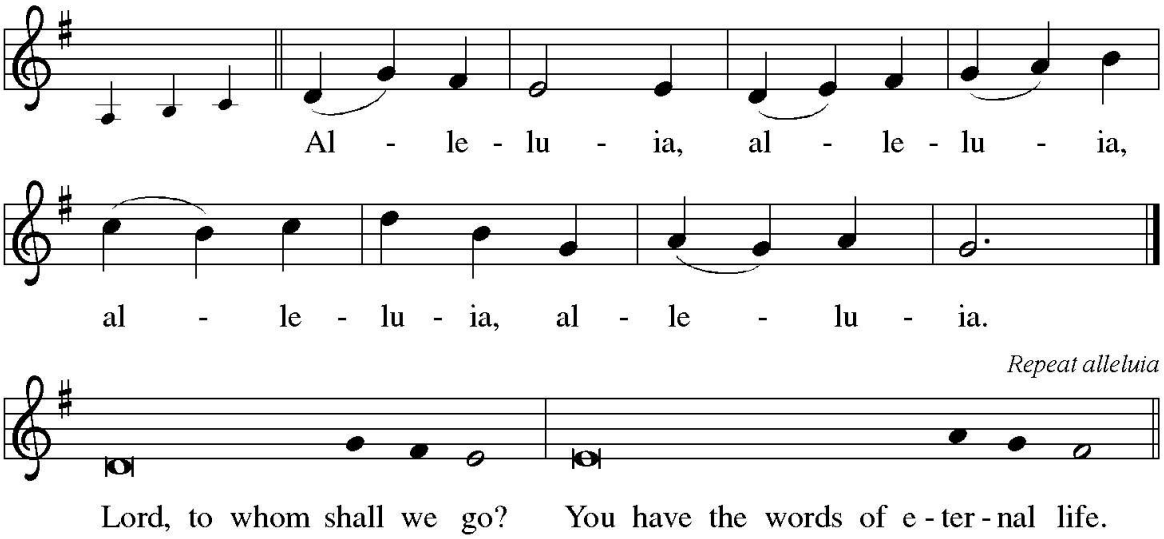
12So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom. ***Refrain***

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night. 3 When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape! 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a
thief; 5 for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. 6 So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, 7
for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet
the hope of salvation. 9 For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through
our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live
with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 25:14-30**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received
the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the
one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 After a long
time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the one who
had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you
handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ 21 His master said to him,
‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And the one with the two
talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have
made two more talents.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the
joy of your master.’ 24 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward,
saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and
gathering where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the

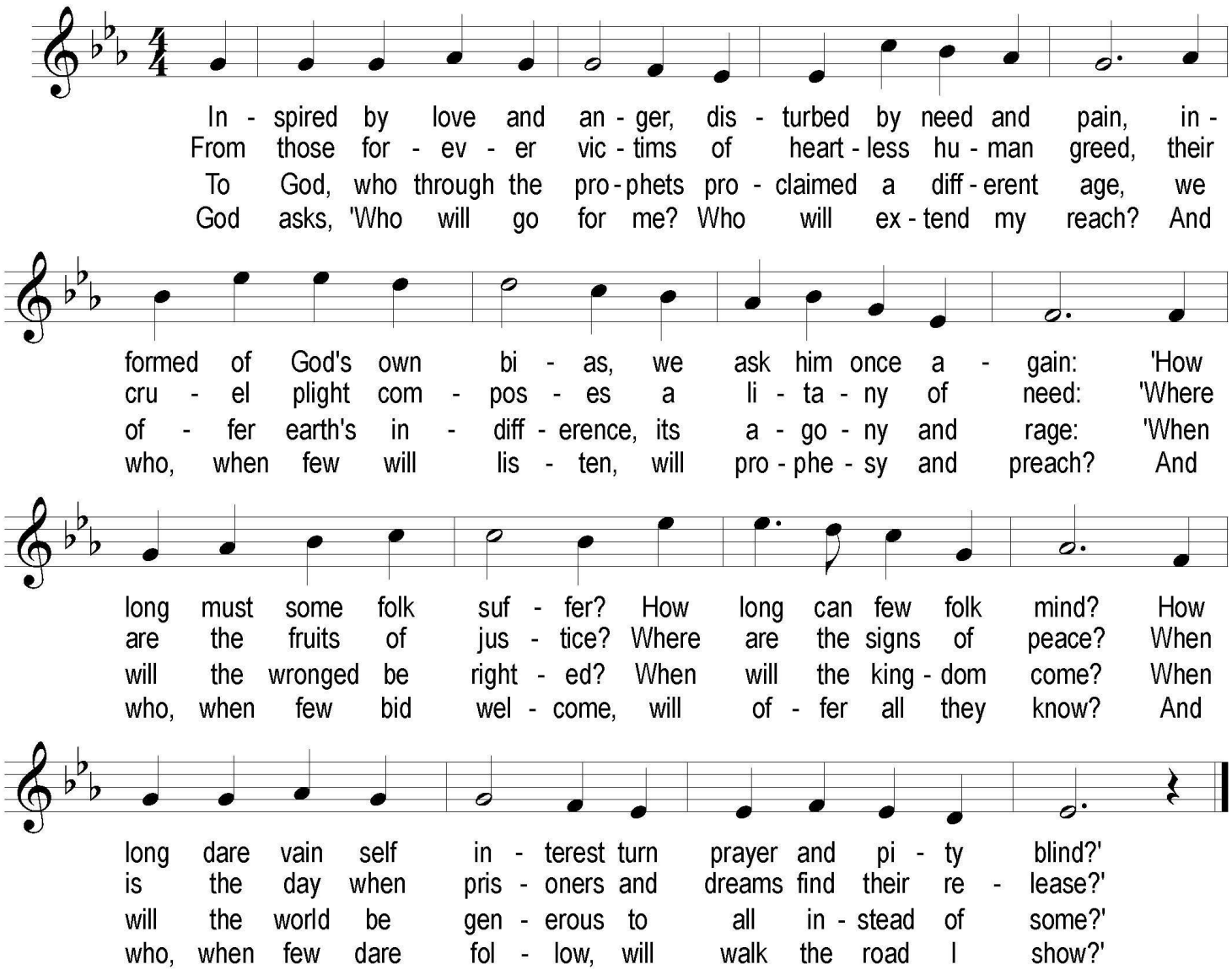
ground. Here you have what is yours.’ [26] But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

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

Sermon *Pastor JT Burk*

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day **Inspired by Love and Anger**



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)

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our communal prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands, waterways, and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our communal prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Thank you for peaceful elections that disrupted the chaos and confusion among our national and local leaders. We recommit our resources to work together to transform the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our communal prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from our trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. God, in your mercy,
hear our communal prayer.

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, volunteer coordinators, and property teams. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy,
hear our communal prayer.

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

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy,
hear our communal prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, 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.
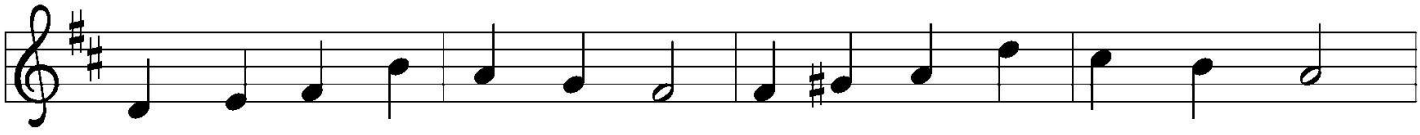
Offertory **Lord, You Call Us** *Marty Haugen*

Lord, You call us, as Your people, out of darkness into light.
You created and redeemed us, made us precious in Your sight.
Give us faith to trust You boldly and to love You steadfastly.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

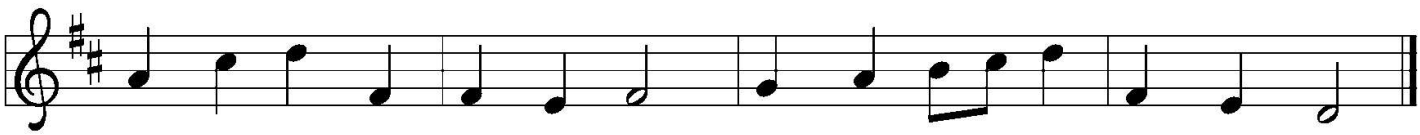
Lord, you call us, as disciples, walking on Your pilgrim way.
Crucified and risen Savior, You are with us every day.
Give us wisdom; give us courage as You teach us patiently,
by your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Lord, You send us to the harvest in Your Great Commission's call,
reaching out to all the nations, bringing life and hope to all.
Give us boldness and compassion, bless us with Your eyes to see.
By Your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.

Offertory Response **Take My Life, That I May Be** *verses 1,2,4*



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



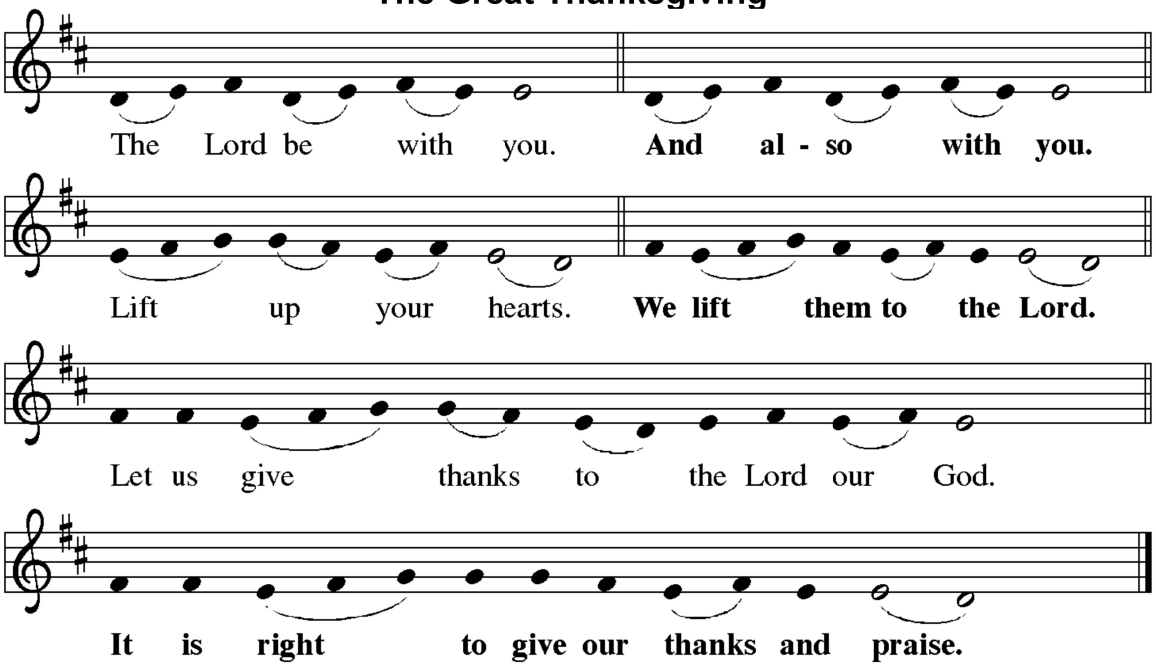
take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

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. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

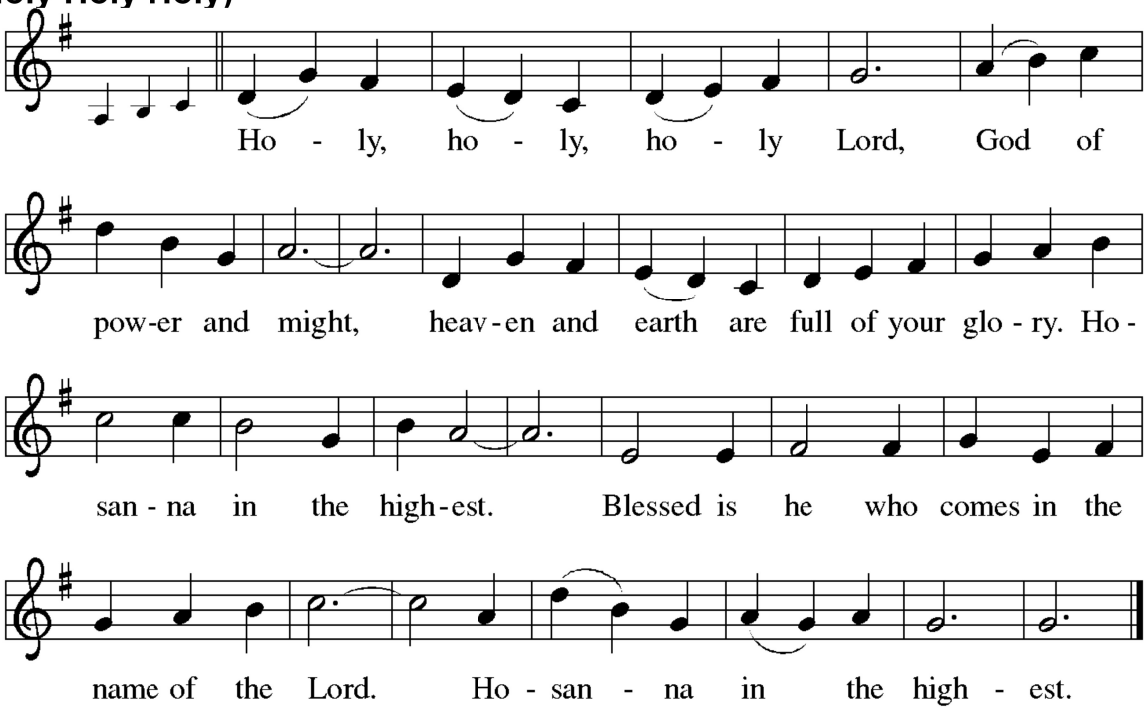
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Preface

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

Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy)



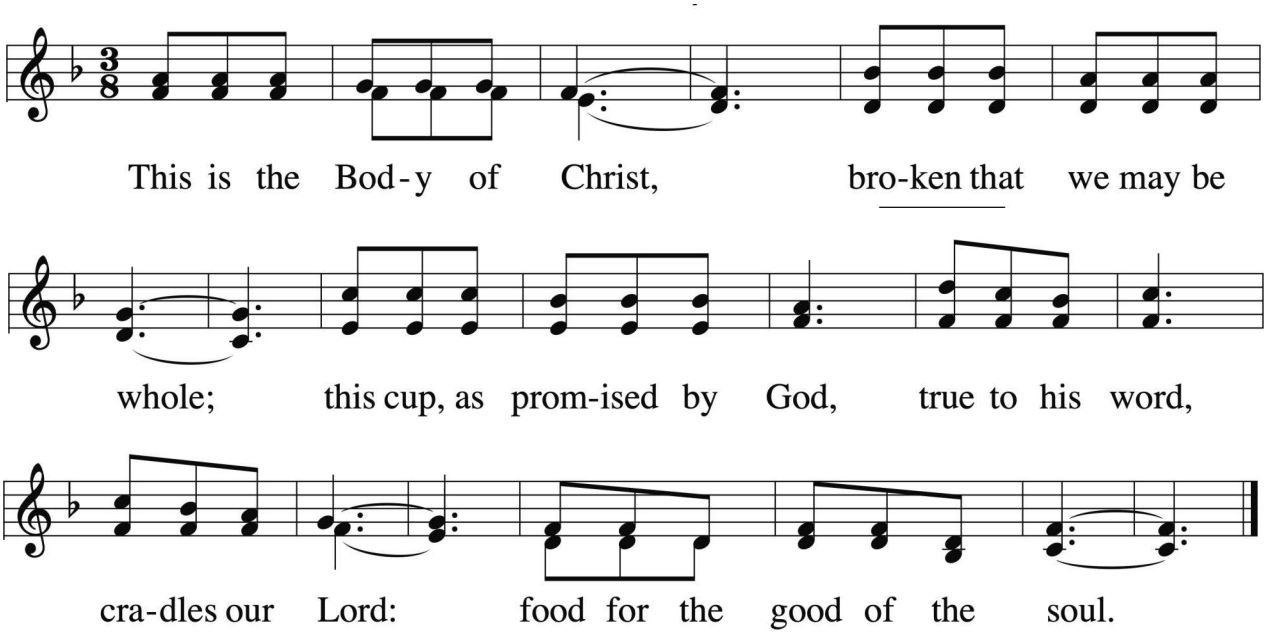
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Lord's Prayer

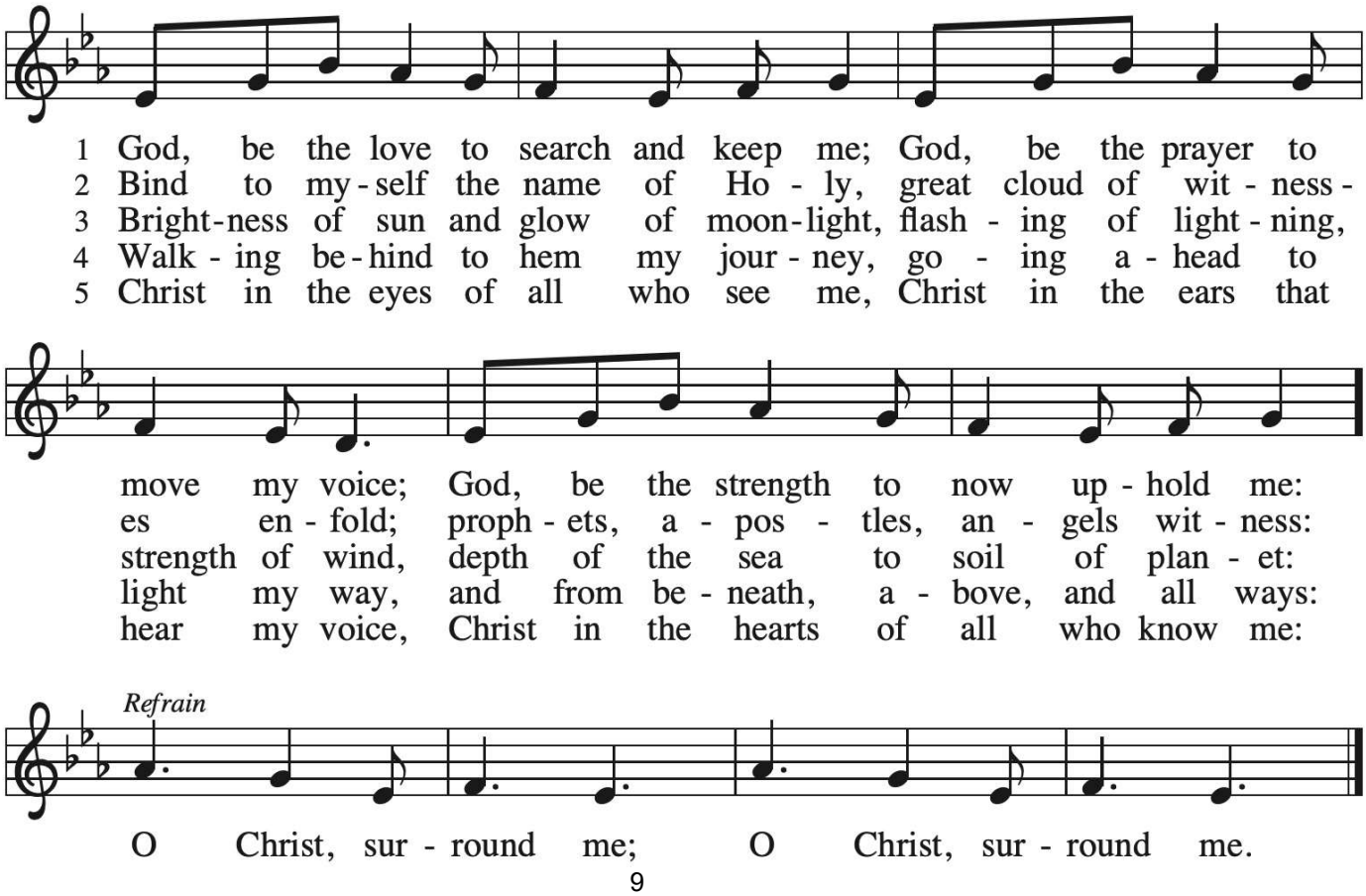
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,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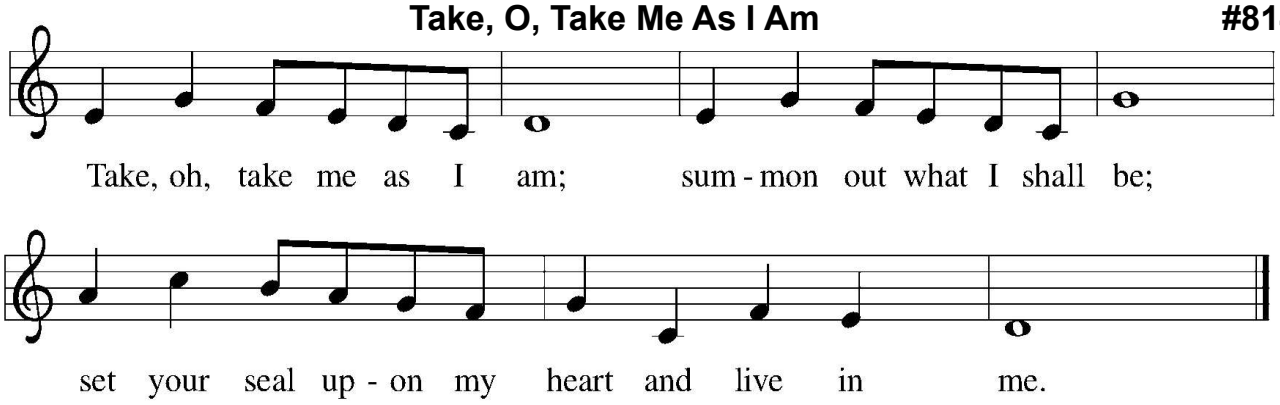
Communion Music **This is the Body of Christ**



God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me



Take, O, Take Me As I Am **#814**



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 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 **Light Dawns on a Weary World** **#726**

Sending

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Kremser** *A. Valerius, arr. Anne Marie David*

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Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor JT Burk
Church Musician: Susan Luebeck
Choir Director: Randy Spitzer
Assisting Minister: Ginny Eilers
Altar Guild: Kimberly Morgan, Alma Conlee
Lector: Mary Marquardt

Stream Team: Paul Kusche
Greeter: Dave and Mary Marquardt
Usher: Phil and Debbie Waite
Front Room Kids: Margaret Duncan, Peggy Mickelson
Altar Flowers: Joanna Stuen
Security: Gary Gemar

Sunday, Nov 15	9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Front Room Kids after Storytime Blood Pressure Checks after worship in the Music Room 10:45 am Forum 12:00 Book Group
Monday, Nov 16	12:30 pm Church Staff Meeting 1:00 pm Quilting for Lutheran World Relief 6:00 pm Nar Anon Family Groups in the Community Room
Tuesday, Nov 17	3:00 Council Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 18	10:00 am Text Study 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Nov 19	5:30 pm Theology on Tap in the Parish Hall at ADLC 6:00 pm AA Group in the Community Room
Friday, Nov 20	
Saturday, Nov 21	1:00-4:00 pm Nar Anon Family Groups in the Parish Hall

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: Restoring the Power of Christian Language

Please join **Kathy Gemar** for an overview of Marcus Borg’s book, ***Speaking Christian.*** Borg argues that Christian language has become a stumbling block in our time. He examines how the basic vocabulary of Christian language—including words like salvation, redeemer, righteousness, repentance, mercy, sin, and forgiveness—has become widely misunderstood by Christians and non-Christians alike. Borg claims that these terms have acquired meanings that significantly distort their biblical and traditional roots, and he explores how we might restore their original power. Focusing on the first two chapters of his book, Kathy will explore Borg’s reasoning regarding the causes of these misunderstandings and his proposals for addressing them. Using this information as a foundational starting point, **Carol Dana** will then lead us next week in a deeper dive into the meaning of two such key Christian words.

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 are 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.

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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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