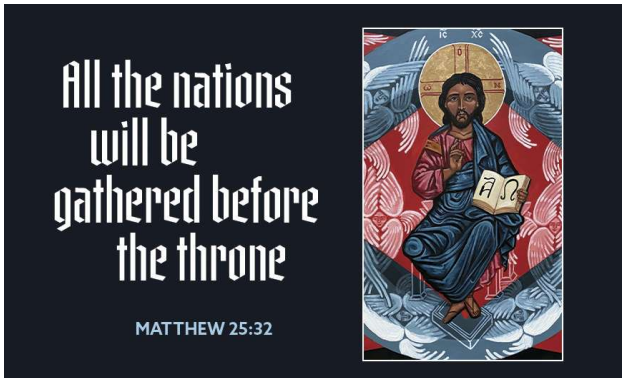


Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

November 22, 2026
The Reign of Christ

Gather in Grace
Grow in Faith
Go in Service

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GATHER

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

Welcome

Prelude **Dunlap's Creek (The Reign of God, Like Farmer's Field)** *Samuel McFarland*

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 loving God,

C We confess that too often we look for power instead of service, greatness instead of humility, and recognition instead of compassion. We have failed to see Christ in the faces of those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely, sick, imprisoned, or in need. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to see our neighbors as you see them. Soften our hearts to the suffering of others, and strengthen our hands to do the work of your kingdom.

P Hear the good news: Christ our King is not a ruler who comes to condemn, but a shepherd who seeks the lost, gathers the scattered, and cares for the vulnerable. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven, renewed, and set free. May the Spirit open your eyes to recognize Christ in your neighbors,your hearts to respond with compassion, and your lives to reflect the justice, mercy, and love of God's kingdom. In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn **O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us** *verses 1 and 4* **#431**

Prayer of the Day

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

P O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.
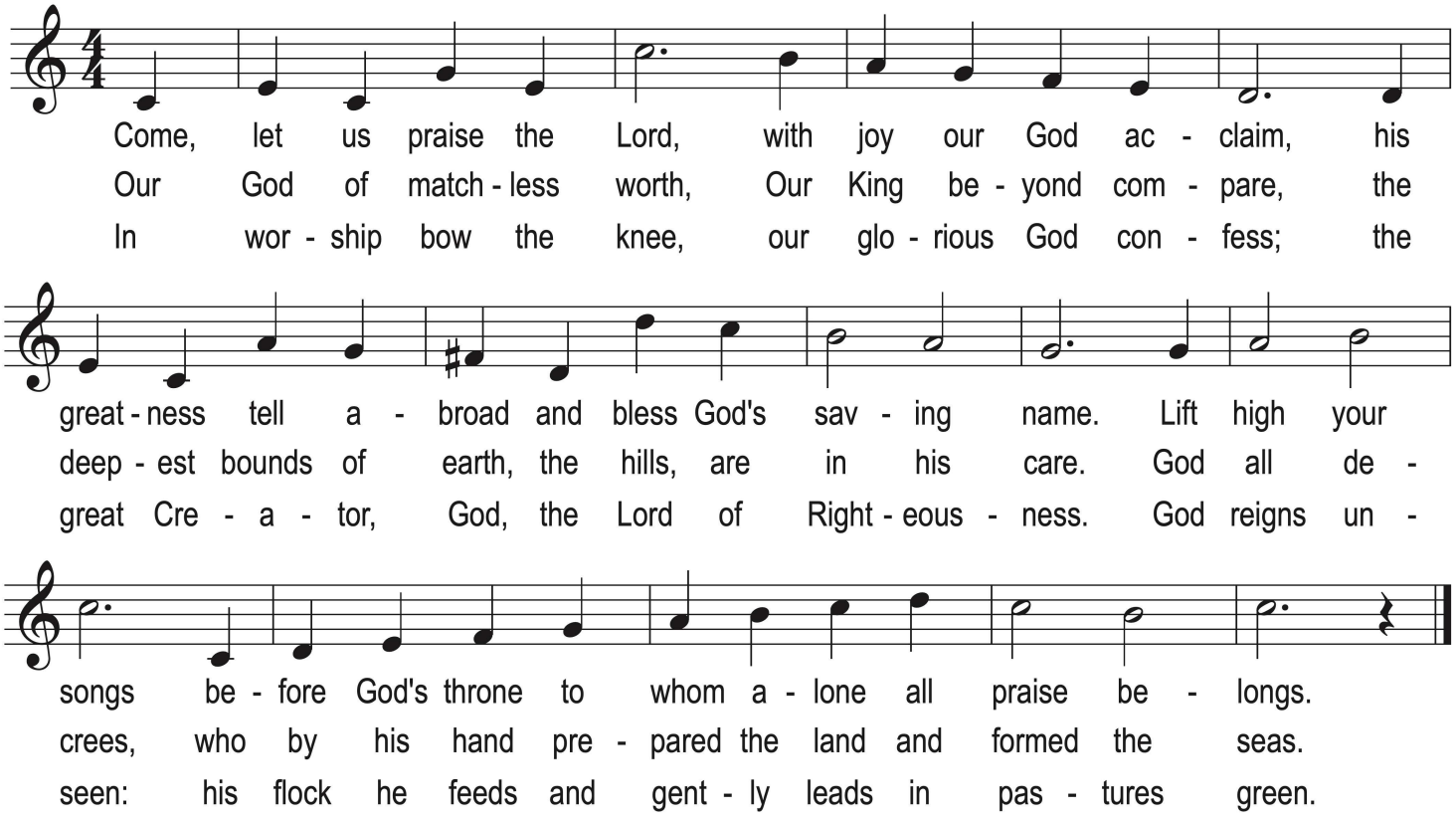
Children's Time

First Reading **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. 12 As
shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my
sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of
clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,
by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good
pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in
good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. 16 I will
seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will
strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and
the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak
animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they
shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall
feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David
shall be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken

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

Psalm 95: 1-7a

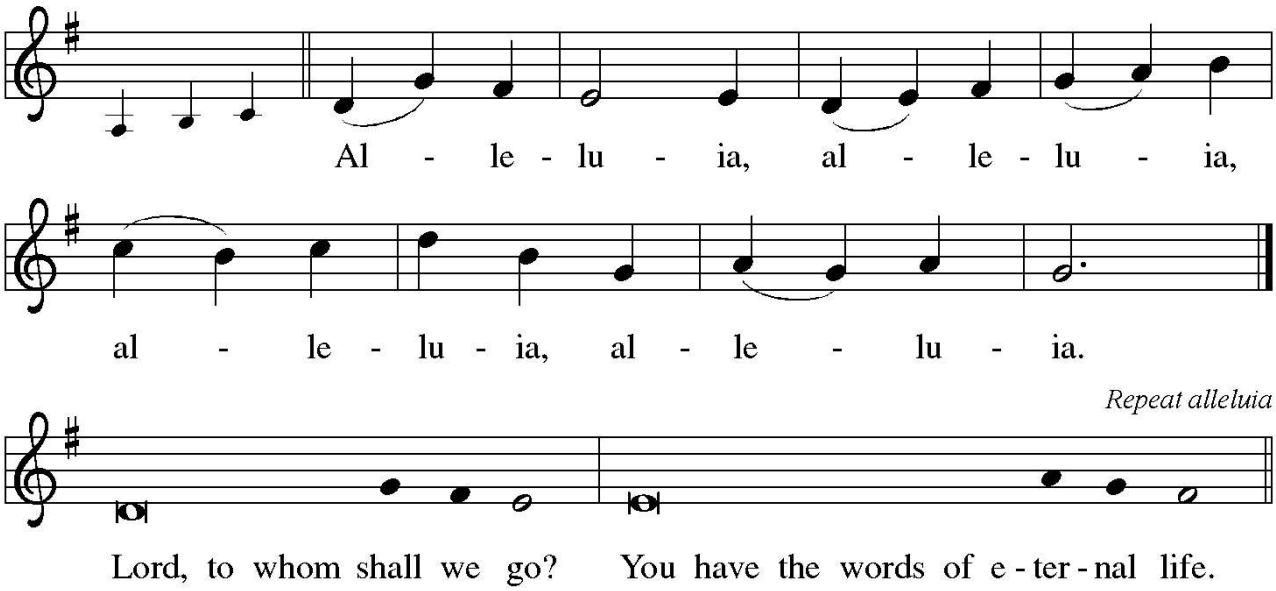


Second Reading **Ephesians 1:15-23**

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this
reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, 17 that the
God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and
revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you
may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious
inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us
who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in
Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly
places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that
is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under
his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the
fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel **Matthew 25:31-46**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels
with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before
him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from
the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the
king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the
kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave
me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I
was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it
that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And
when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing?
39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will
answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and

sisters of mine, you did it to me.’ 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You who are
accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, 42 for I
was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I
was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick
and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that
we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care
of you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the
least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment but
the righteous into eternal life.”

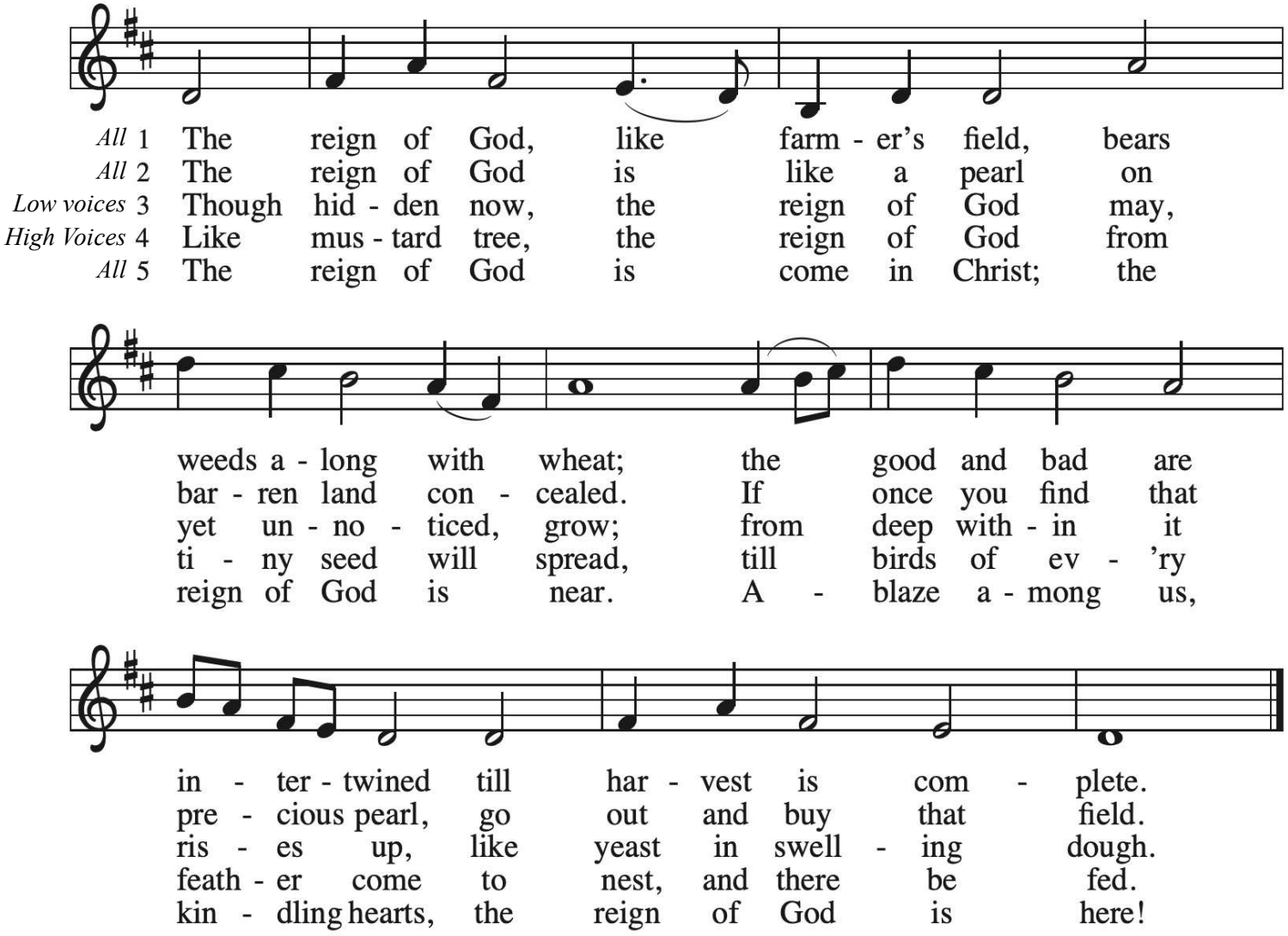
P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *Bishop Chris Boerger*

silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day The Reign of God Like Farmer’s Field

verses 1 and 2 all, verse 3 low voices, verse 4 high voices, verse 5 all



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)

God who calls the church to do your work in the world, prepare us to live under your reign. When the church becomes guarded, make us bold. When we are growing comfortable, stir us to action; when we are anxious, ground us in your love and grace. God, our shepherd,

give us servant hearts.

God of all creation, the heights, depths, and expanses of this planet belong to you. As floods, fires, droughts, and pollution threaten the health of our common home, bring healing and renewal. Protect those places where the most vulnerable suffer the effects of a changing climate and awaken us to our responsibility as caretakers of your creation. God, our shepherd,

give us servant hearts.

God of justice for all people, guide the leaders of this and every nation in the ways of your kingdom —a kingdom of wholeness, peace, and abundant life for all. Empower judges, juries, and legal advocates who work for restorative justice and human dignity. We especially pray for those immigrants unjustly detained, for those living in fear of ICE, and those families torn apart by an unjust immigration system. Let compassion, not fear, shape our laws and our actions. God, our shepherd,

give us servant hearts.

God of healing, Bind up the wounds of all your people. Give courage to those living with uncertainty, wisdom to those facing difficult decisions, and renewed hope to those struggling with depression and despair. Guide medical providers and researchers in their work of healing and surround all who suffer with your sustaining presence. God, our shepherd,

give us servant hearts.

God of reconciliation, Be present with congregations, communities, countries torn by conflict. Heal the deep divisions in our own country. Teach us to listen deeply with open hearts, to seek understanding rather than judgment, and to find pathways toward reconciliation and restoration. Make us instruments of your peace. God, our shepherd,
give us servant hearts.

For what and for whom do the people pray?
(other intercessions may be offered)
God, our shepherd,
give us servant hearts

God of hope, Fill us with wisdom, courage, and perseverance of all the saints who have gone before us. Strengthen us for the work of your kingdom today and lead us at last into the fullness of your promised new day. God, our shepherd,
give us servant hearts.

Faithful God, into your steadfast love, we entrust all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus, your beloved, our hope, and our example. **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 **My Peace I Leave With You** *arr. Lon Beery*

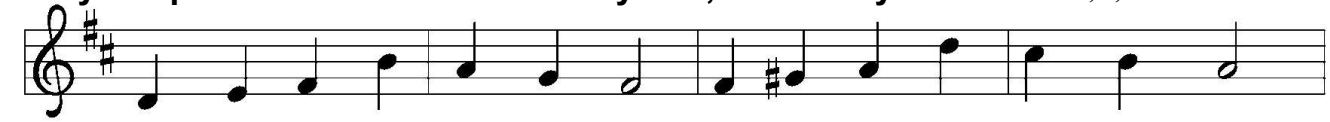
Peace. My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, my peace I leave unto you.

Peace, peace, peace. My peace I give to you: not as the world gives, my peace I leave you.

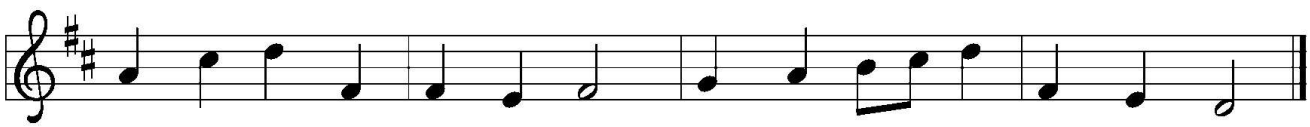
Let not your heart be troubled, nor let your heart be a afraid. Let not your heart be afraid.

Peace. My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, my peace I leave unto you.
Not as the world gives, my peace I leave you.

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.

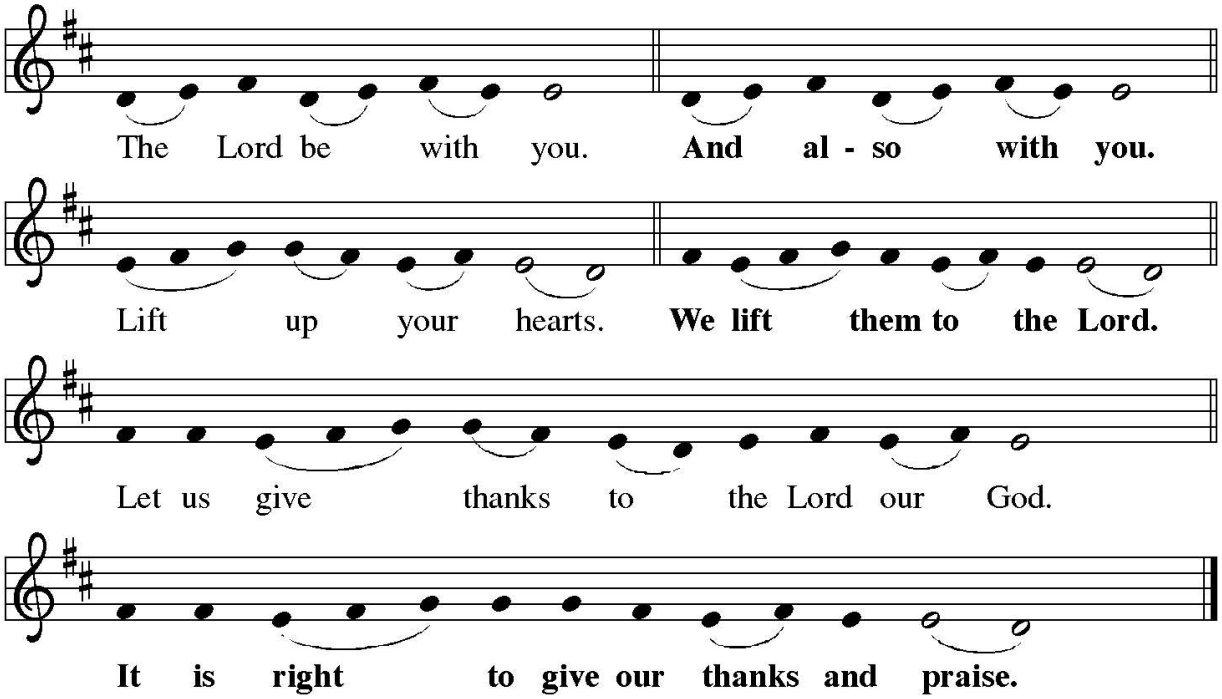
Offering Prayer

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.

C Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

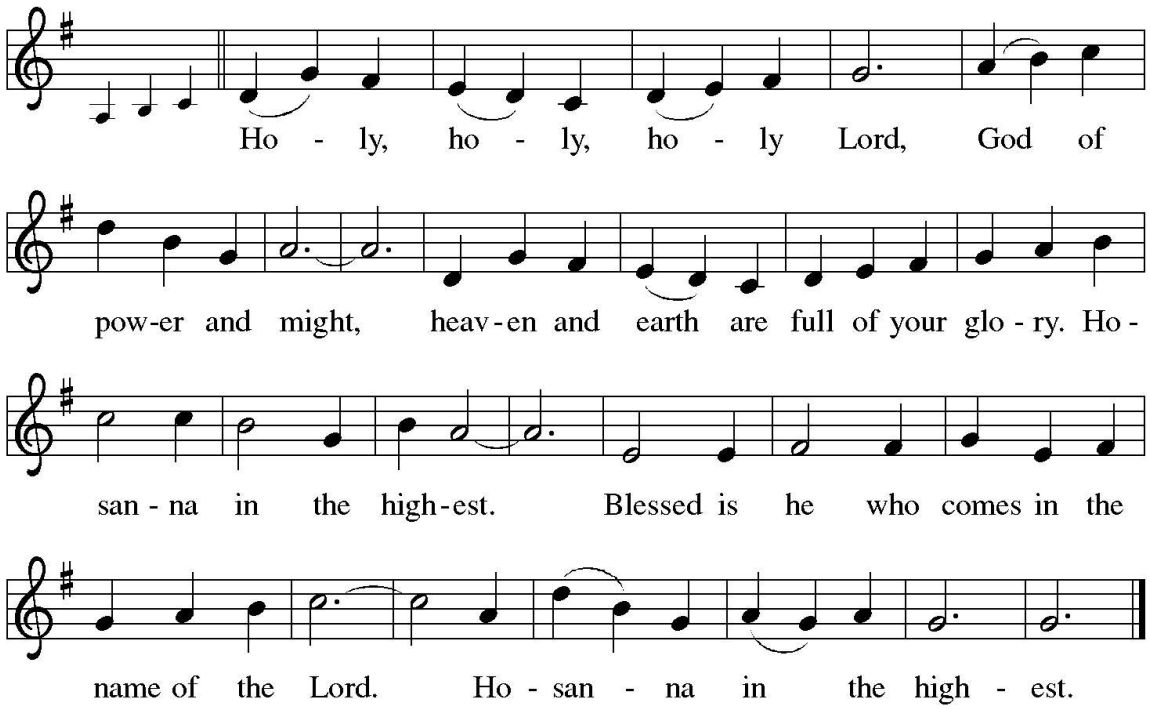
Dialog



Preface

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

Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy)



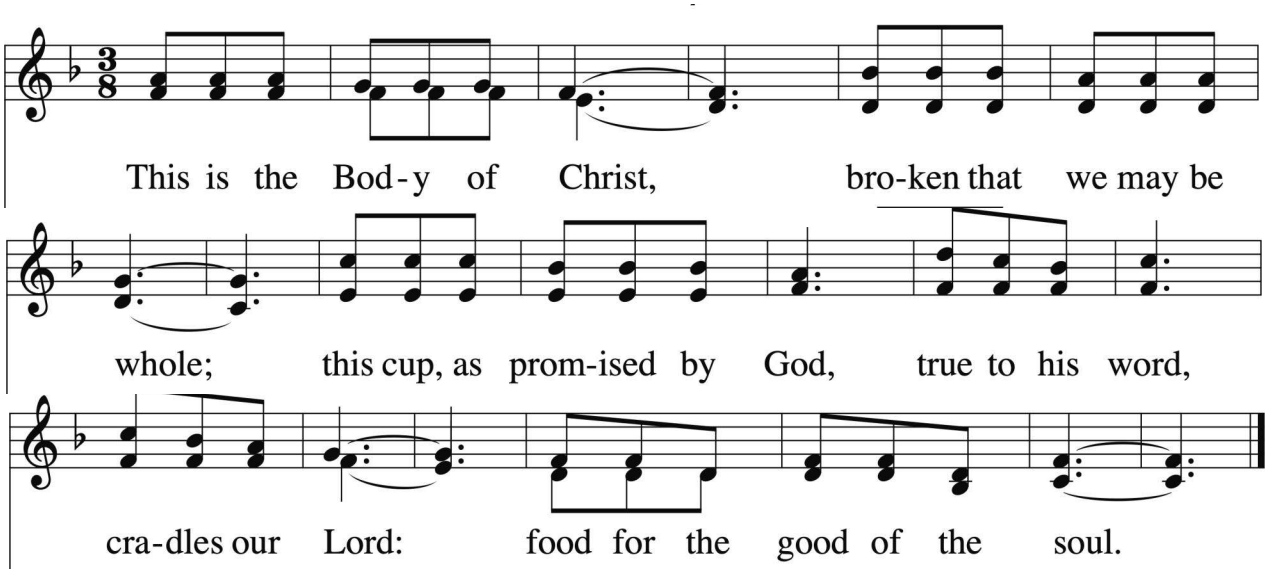
Words of Institution

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**



The King of Love My Shepherd Is **#502**

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.

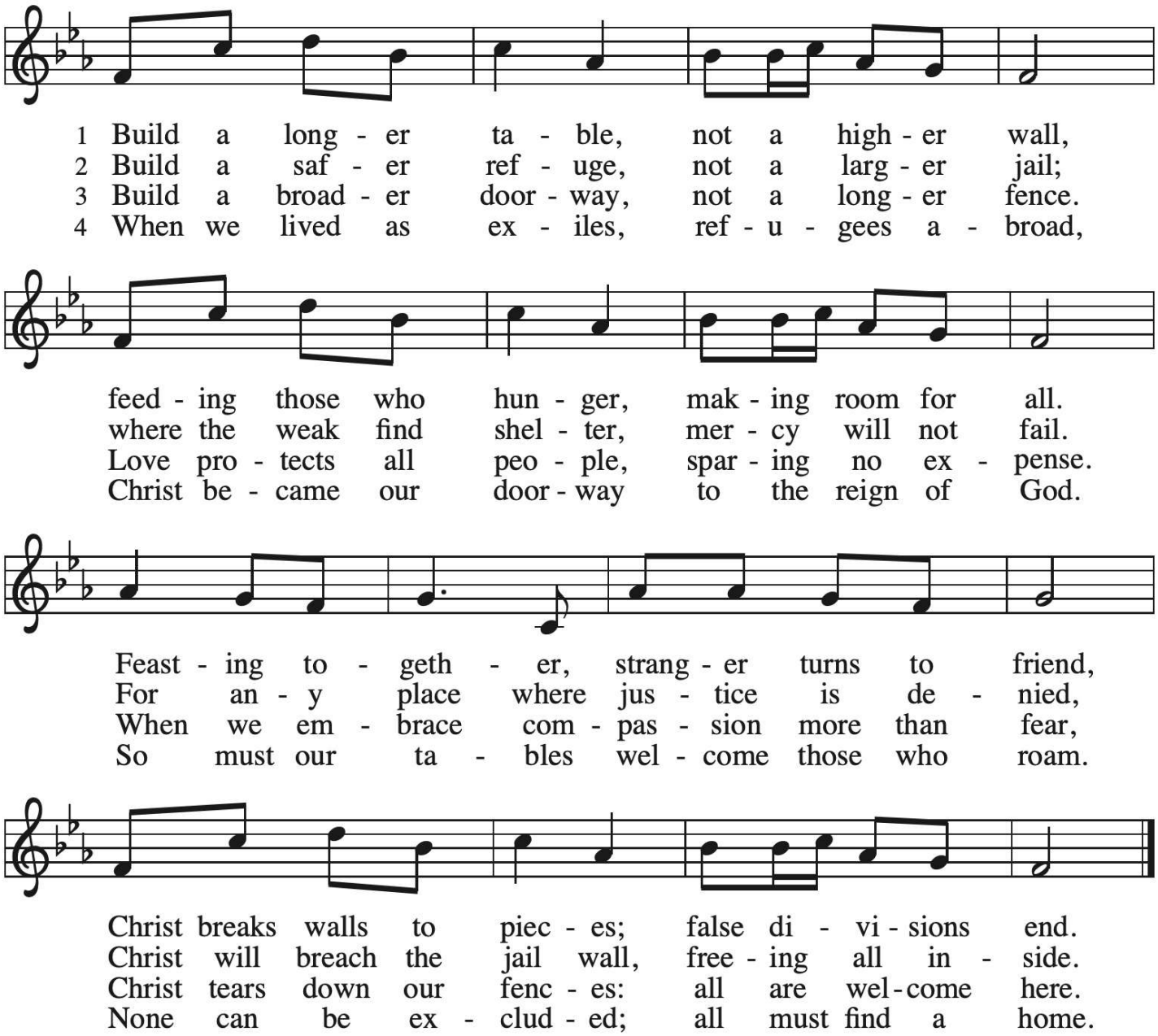
Announcements

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 **Build a Longer Table**



Sending

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude **Holy God, Holy and Glorious** *Robert Buckley Farlee*

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Bishop Chris Boerger
Church Musician: Susan Luebeck
Choir Director: Randy Spitzer
Assisting Minister: Kathy Gemar
Altar Guild: Anne Keyl, Nancy Johnson
Lector: Don Krump
Stream Team: Bob Beals
Greeter: Don and Sharon Krump
Usher: Linda Olson
Front Room Kids: Laura Baxter, Susan Whitney
Altar Flowers: Joanna Stuen
Security: Phil Waite

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Advent Worship Schedule

The first Sunday of Advent is November 29

Advent Midweek Evening Worship
December 2, 9 and 16 at 6:15 PM followed by Soup Suppers

Advent Brunch on December 13

Sunday, Nov 22 The Reign of Christ	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 23	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 24	3:00 Council Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 25	Church Office Closed No School for Little Lambs No Text Study No Prayer Shawl Ministry No Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, Nov 26	Thanksgiving Church Office Closed 6:00 pm AA Group in the Community Room
Friday, Nov 27	Church Office Closed on Fridays
Saturday, Nov 28	
Sunday, Nov 29 Advent 1	9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion Front Room Kids after Storytime 10:45 am Forum

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: What do we mean by “Sin” and “Salvation”?
Please join Carol Dana as she explores a deeper understanding of the words “sin” and “salvation.” Both words are familiar to Christians, but their meanings have never been static. Across Christian history, these concepts have been reinterpreted through changing biblical, cultural, and theological lenses. Does inherited Christian language still illuminate the human condition, or does it sometimes obscure the healing, liberation, reconciliation, and transformation at the heart of the gospel? Is “sin” the best metaphor for the human condition? Is “healing” a better way to think of God’s greatest gift than “salvation” is? Let’s explore our understanding of these two 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 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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