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Agnus Dei Lutheran Church

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Gather

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

Welcome

Prelude

God of the Sparrow

Carl F. Schalk

Creation Litany

P Ancient mountain ranges,
C bless the Lord:
 P snowy Cascades and rugged Olympics,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Massive volcanic peaks,
C bless the Lord:
 P Mt. Tahoma, Adams, Baker,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Rising moon and circling stars,
C bless the Lord:
 P deep night, bright dawn, glorious sunset,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Morning mist and noonday sun,
C bless the Lord:
 P gentle rain, falling snow and velvet fog,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Moss-laden rain forests,
C bless the Lord:
 P rolling hills, fertile valleys, woodlands,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Douglas fir and western hemlock,
C bless the Lord:

P alpine meadows, Indian paintbrush and lupine,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Bighorn sheep, elk and deer,
C bless the Lord;
 P owl and chickadee, heron and eagle,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Abundant vineyards, apple orchards,
C bless the Lord;
 P fields of golden grain in the Palouse,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Autumn-splashed foliage, maple and aspen,
C bless the Lord:
 P wild rhododendron, daffodils and tulips,
C praise and glorify God forever.

P Let us bless the God of all creation, +
 Eternal Wisdom, Living Word and
 Holy Spirit:
C let us praise and glorify God forever.

Adapted for Washington state from the Anglican Church of Australia.

Gathering Hymn

Earth and All Stars

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Refrain

God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Second Reading

James 3: 1-12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Word of God, Word of Life.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of Our Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Sermon

Pastor Seth Novak

Silence for reflection

Hymn of the Day

In Sacred Manner

All Creation Sings

1 In sacred manner may we walk
upon the fair and loving earth,
in beauty move, in beauty love
the living round that brought us birth.
We stand on holy ground.
We stand on holy ground.

2 In sacred manner may we touch
the suspirant and loving green,
give honor and give gratitude
for shade, for bloom, for gift unseen.
The trees shall shout for joy.
The trees shall shout for joy.

3 In sacred manner may we hear
the pounding waves, the searing fire,
the rushing wind, the singing night,
the forest hymn, the loving choir.
The morning stars shall sing.
The morning stars shall sing.

4 In sacred manner may we live
among the wise and loving ones,
sit humbly, as at sages' feet,
by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones.
The animals will teach.
The animals will teach.

*All Creation Sings, Hymnal Supplement, Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
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Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

O God, you are exceedingly generous. In every facet of our lives, you bless us with abundance.

We praise you, O God, for your Church. Here in this community and others like it, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word.

We pray for this congregation and the leaders who steward it. For our Church Council and staff, for all various committees that keep it running: the Finance and Stewardship Committees, the Faith Formation and Worship Committees, the Property and Personnel Committees. Bless and guide all the leaders of Agnus Dei who help us carry out our ministry, and all the volunteers who contribute to our corporate worship: readers, singers, assisting ministers, musicians, ushers, stream and sound volunteers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We praise you, O God, for your creation. Your love gives life and breath to our world and all that dwells therein.

We pray for the waters that sustain us: the Puget Sound and the Tacoma Narrows, Crescent Lake, Henderson Bay, the Puyallup River. We pray for the health of our forests, farms and waterways. We pray for the wellbeing of the Tidelands and our Puyallup neighbors who protect them. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We praise you, O God, for your world. You have given us not only land and resources abundant to sustain us, but also good government, stable society and loving relationships to support and protect one another.

We pray for all who are in need: for those suffering in Haiti and Afghanistan, for those displaced by war and by severe weather across the world. Bless the ministries of this congregation that seek to serve and care for

those in need: Food Backpacks for Kids, the Circle of Welcome Refugee Resettlement Committee, quilters and prayer shawl knitters, the Racial Justice Committee, and others. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For what and for whom do the people pray?

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace, especially those to whom we have not been able to say goodbye during the pandemic, and those whose losses are recent: Marian Ano, Elmer Wagner, Loren Carlander, Rose VanderKlomp, Selma Sloth, and Alynne Gootkin Donham. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing of the Backpacks

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

Lord, You Call Us

Michael Burkhardt

*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 ev'ry 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 call us to new ventures by a pathway yet unknown.
Though we cannot see the ending, we will follow you alone.
Knowing that your hand is guiding, and you love us faithfully.
By your Spirit may we ever faithful to our callings be.*

Offering Prayer

A God of abundance you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God,
holy and mighty,
holy and immortal:
you we praise and glorify,
you we worship and adore.
You formed the earth from chaos;
you encircled the globe with air;
you created fire for warmth and light;
you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image,
and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished
them as your own.
That also we, estranged and dying,
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In 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 and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the 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.

Together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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. For COVID safety, Holy Communion is currently being offered in one kind. The full grace of the sacrament is received with only the bread. The bread being served is gluten free.

We will remain in our seats 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.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.
We remember his life lived for others,
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face
of the earth.
We await his coming,
when, with the world made perfect through
your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one,
holy and compassionate,
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,
whose breath revives us for life,
whose fire rouses us to love.
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty
with all the world.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God,
receive our praise and petitions,
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,
and fill us with your blessing,
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:
through whom all glory and honor is yours,
O God, O Living One,
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and
forever.
Amen.

Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in life that is abundant and eternal.

C **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

Send forth your spirit, O God,
send forth your spirit, O God,
and renew the earth, renew the earth,
send forth your spirit, O God.

Post Communion Prayer

A Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sending

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

Benediction

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

A Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Canzona

Dietrich Buxtehude

Serving in Worship:

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Novak

Assisting Minister: 8:30 Dave Schinkel, 11:00 Marilyn Colyar

Lector: 8:30 Chuck Carlson, 11:00 Daryl Daugs

Ushers and Greeters: 8:30 Dick and Lynette Brentin; 11:00: Denny Sapp

Altar Guild 8:30 Kathy Higgins, 11:00 Lynne Zematis

Altar Flowers given in celebration of Bob and Cindy's 40th wedding anniversary

Minister of Music: Shari Shull, Deacon

Minister of Programs: Sister Ann Shultz, Deaconess

Church Musician: Susan Luebeck

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Postlude: "Canzona" Dietrich Buxtehude

Details of the events can be found on the Events page of our website, agnusdeilutheran.org

Sunday, September 12	8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion Rally Day God's Work. Our Hands Sunday 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, September 13	1:00 LWR Quilters
Tuesday, September 14	10:45 Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 15	9:00AM Hybrid Text Study (<i>note special time</i>) 1:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry in the parking lot
Thursday, September 16	
Friday, September 17	
Saturday, September 18	11:00AM– 1:00 PM Hardanger Class in Community Room 5:00 PM Mision De Belen Worship
Sunday, September 19	8:30 AM Hybrid Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 AM Worship with Holy Communion 2:00 PM Memorial for Alynne Gootkin Donham

Sunday, Sept 19, Pentecost 17
Jer 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Circle of Welcome

- A huge thanks to our Agnus Dei family, you grabbed all the tags for items for our family! Please be sure to bring in your items to church by September 16th. Contact Debbie Snowden if you have questions (253-381-8379).
- Our team was trained on August 29th, and we are awaiting a few details being wrapped up before we are matched with a family. Once we are assigned a family, things will probably happen quickly, so keep an eye on emails and bulletins for updates!
- Tags to provide pantry items for our family are now at the display in the narthex.

Cross Generational Sunday School

Sunday school for the 2021-2022 program year will start off as a combination of Grab-&-Go Sunday School and in-person Sunday School. The Grab-&-Go Sunday School kits will each center around a theme and will contain books, activities, and craft kits. Watch for updates in the Thursday e-mails. The details and start date for in-person Sunday School are still being worked out. Updates will be available in the Thursday emails. **Sunday School teachers are needed.** Please contact Sister Ann if you are interested in teaching.

Race for a Soldier, Sept. 19

Please be aware the annual Race for a Soldier happens next Sunday, Sept 19. Borgen Blvd will be closed before and during the first service. Please plan your route accordingly.

Cover Art, Title: *Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!* "...when his (Tissot) carefully researched collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus was first published as a book in 1896, it found a large and enthusiastic audience. No one who had followed his previous career could have anticipated that this painter of urban life in Paris and London would undertake the project of painting virtually every event in the Gospels.

The Life of Our Lord Jesus Christ project took nearly ten years to complete. When it was done, it chronicled the entire life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament in a series of 350 watercolors. To research the project Tissot traveled to Egypt, Syria, and Palestine in 1886–87, and again in 1890.

While in the Holy Land he closely observed the landscape, the vegetation, the architecture, and the manner of dress, and filled sketchbooks with what he saw. He talked with rabbis and studied Talmudic literature as well as theological and historical volumes. He believed that there was still a remaining "aura" in the places where the Gospel events took place, and he spoke of having mystical experiences that added to his careful research. What he wanted to create was something as close as possible to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus. [from Terry Glaspey's "75 Masterpieces Every Christian Should Know"]