

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2022

10:30 AM

↑ = *Stand* **C**: *Congregation* **A**: *Assisting Minister* **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews.

Quiet Bags for little ones, Doodle Bags or books for kids during worship
are all available in the narthex – see usher for assistance.

Prelude

Introit

Philippians 4:4-5, Psalm 85:1

Rejoice in the LORD, and again I say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known unto everyone; the LORD is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, nor troubled; but in all things, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known unto God.

O LORD, you have been gracious unto your land: you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

Welcome

↑**C** Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

C: **Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

P: Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of new beginnings,

C: **we confess that we have not welcomed you into this world.**

We have strayed from your paths.

We prepare for war instead of peace.

We dishonor one another and your creation.

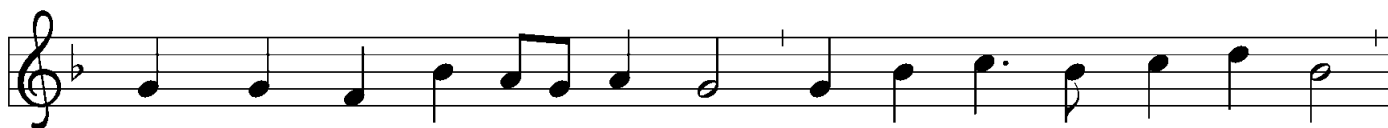
**Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

P: People of God,
 a new thing is growing in our midst,
 a tender branch,
 a living sign.
 By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
 You have put on + Christ,
 and your sins have been covered by his righteousness.
 Rejoice in the way of the Lord,
 no longer bound to yourselves
 but freed to live for others.

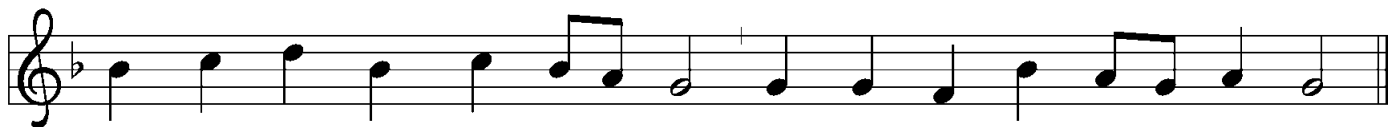
C: Amen.

↑ **Gathering Hymn**
Stanzas 1 & 4

Savior of the Nations, Come
ELW 263



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path-way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

↑ **Lighting of Three Advent Candles**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, source and ground of the universe.
 Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom
 and waters would break forth in the wilderness.
 Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
 Strengthen our hearts
 as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.
 May he give water to all who thirst,
 for he is our light and our salvation.
 Blessed be God forever.



C: Amen.

↑ Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

All sing stanza 6:

ELW 252

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;

O Sun of justice, now draw near.

**Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

shall come to you O Israel.

↑ Greeting

☩: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☩: And also with you.

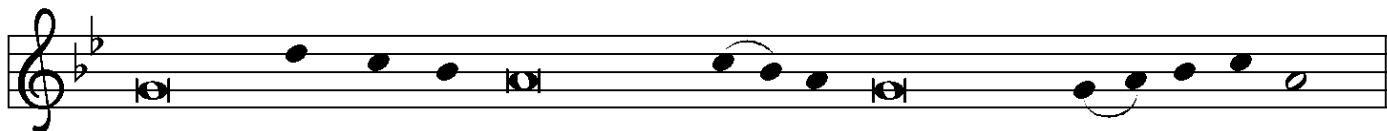
↑ Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



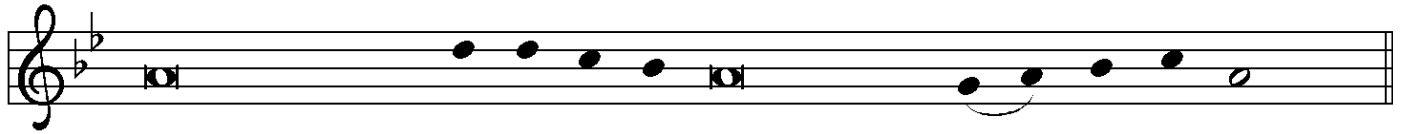
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



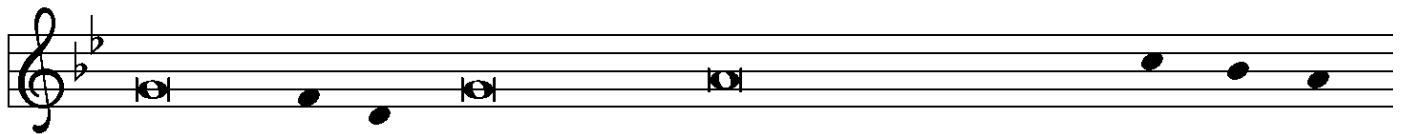
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



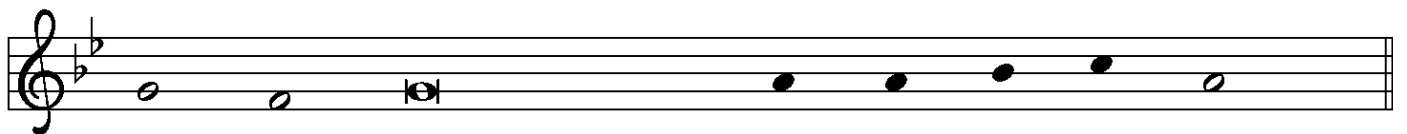
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



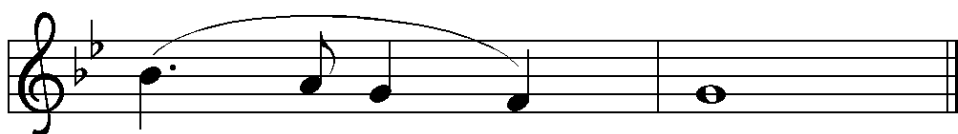
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

↑Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

G: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Comfort all of us who look to you, Lord God,
and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace,
we may walk in your way;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G: **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody

Psalm 146:5-10

*To begin the psalm, the Choir sings the Refrain in its entirety and all repeat.
Thereafter, the Refrain is sung as indicated below.*

REFRAIN

Introduction: *Everyone:*



Hap-py are they whose hope is in the LORD.

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the captive free.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

Refrain

⁹The Lord cares for the stranger;
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Refrain

Second Reading

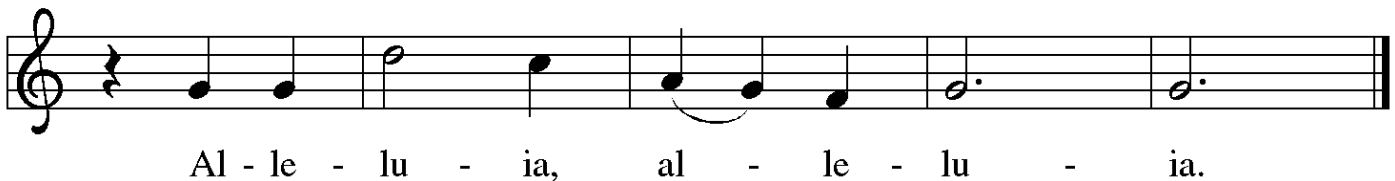
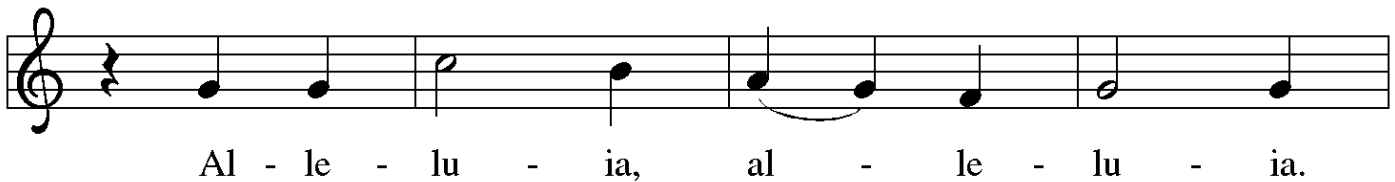
James 5:7-10

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation

All sing the Alleluia. The choir sings the Verse, then all repeat the Alleluia.



Verse (Choir): I am sending my messenger before you,
who will prepare your way before you. (Matt. 11:10)

↑ The Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

P: The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

G: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

G: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Peterson

↑ Hymn of the Day

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
ELW 631

↑ Apostles' Creed

☩: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.



Prayers of the Church

A: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

☩: hear our prayer.

Holy Communion – All baptized Christians who seek a taste of the new and forgiven life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament. We confess and believe that Christ in his risen form is truly present in the Sacrament of Bread and Wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ’s risen presence among us.

The ministration of the Sacrament is given in two ways:

In the pew:

You may commune in the pews with individual elements. These are available in the narthex as you enter.

When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

By intinction:

When prompted by the ushers, come down the center aisle to kneel at the railing; please sanitize your hands. Receive a wafer in your hands. Dip it in a chalice, either wine or grape juice, before partaking. Use the outside aisle to return to your seat.

↑ **The Great Thanksgiving**

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

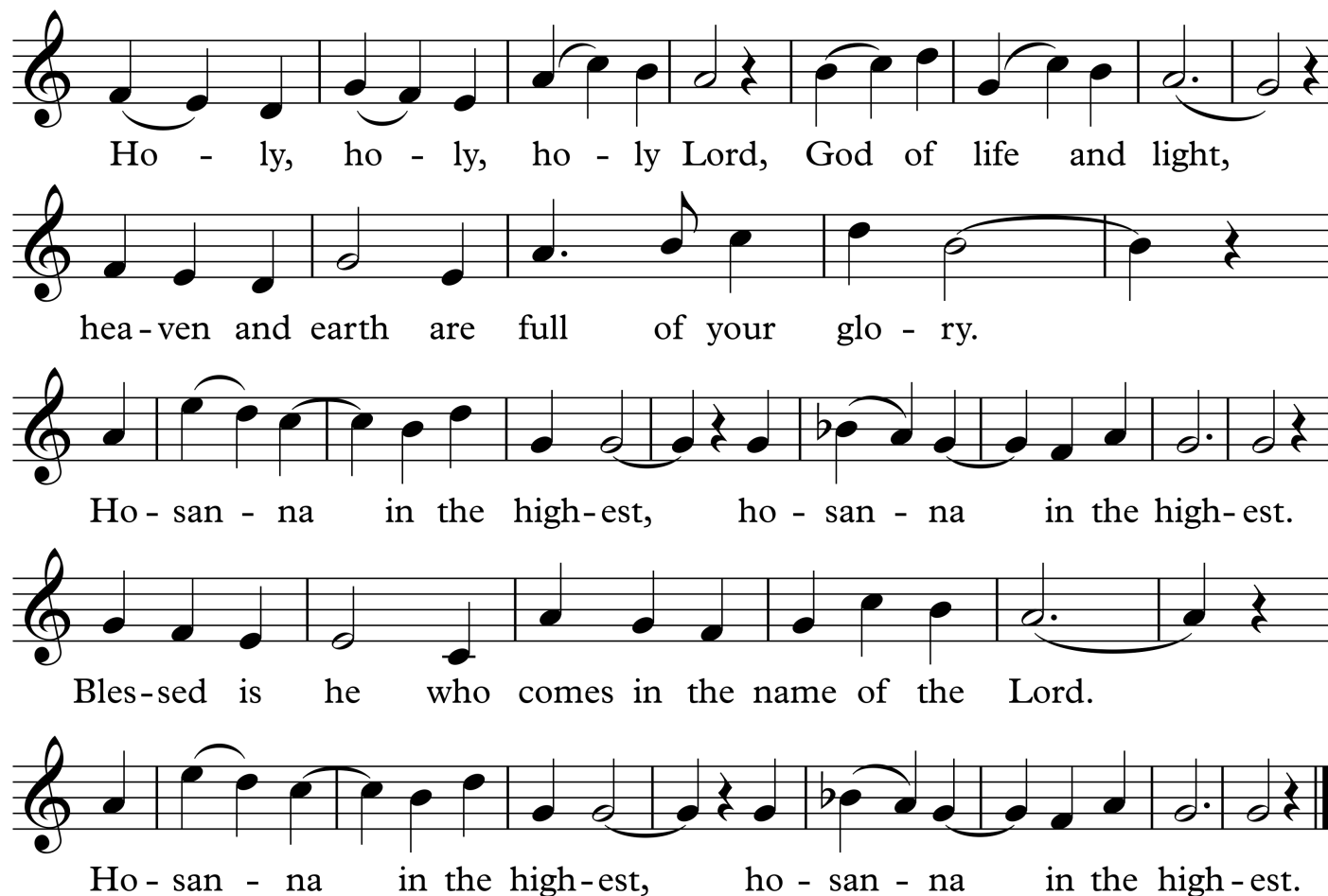
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

↑ Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of life and light,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑ Words of Institution

↑ Lord's Prayer

P: As we prepare our hearts for this holy meal,
let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

G: **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.**

↑ **Invitation to the Table**

P: Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God, who has come near.

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us



peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

Unexpected and Mysterious

The choir sings stanzas 1-2. All join at stanza 3.

ELW 258

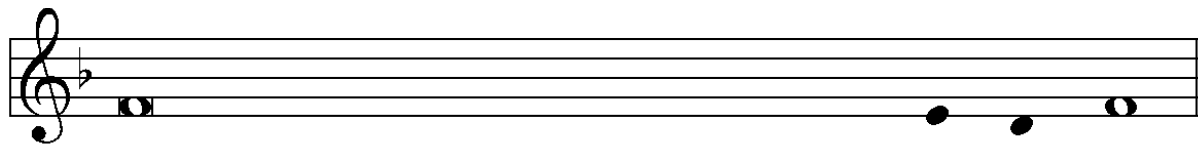
↑ **Post Communion Prayer**

P: Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

G: Amen.

Announcements

↑ **Benediction**



P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † grant you peace.



G: A - men.

Sending Hymn

(alternate tune; see next page)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW 241

↑ **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

G: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Fantasy on VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927)

Please note that the postlude may feature the full organ.

Please maintain social distancing as we exit. On your way out, put your bulletin back in the baskets on the table if you do not want to take it with you. Offerings may be put in the offering plate as you exit. You may remain in fellowship with one another as long as you like.

Sending Hymn

(alternate tune below)

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

ELW 241



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
2 I lay in fet-ters, groan - ing; you came to set me free.



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
I stood, my shame be-moan - ing; you came to hon - or me.



Oh, kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, your lamp with - in my breast
A glo-rious crown you give me, a trea - sure safe on high



to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
that will not fail or leave me as earth - ly rich - es fly.

3 Love caused your incarnation;
love brought you down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
that led you to embrace
in love, all love excelling,
our lost and fallen race.

4 Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted,
who sit in deepest gloom,
who mourn your joys departed
and tremble at your doom.
All hail the Lord's appearing!
O glorious Sun, now come,
send forth your beams so cheering
and guide us safely home.

About Today's Music

We close today's 10:30 service with the Advent hymn, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (ELW 241), one of more than 100 hymns by Lutheran pastor Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676) and a favorite, you may recall, of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's. Gerhardt wrote hymns of hope and joy despite enduring desolation caused by the Thirty Years' War, the loss of four of five children in infancy, and the death of his wife when his surviving son was only six years old. Many hymnals pair this text with the familiar tune we sing today, VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN (associated with "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"). In the 1980s, Augsburg Publishing Company released a set of fantastical organ pieces on Advent and Christmas hymn tunes by one of America's leading organist-composers, Emma Lou Diemer (b. 1927). Her setting of this melody is today's Postlude – it's bold, a little raucous, sometimes dissonant, and always joyful!

– *Cantor Kyle*

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 11

WELCOME! Please fill out a CONNECT card if you are visiting us today, if you wish to receive our emails or newsletter, or if you wish the pastor to contact you. PRAY cards may be used for prayer requests. Place cards in the offering plate as you leave.

CHILDCARE: Our upstairs nursery is available and staffed today.

Today at the 10:30 service **WE WELCOME A STUDENT BRASS ENSEMBLE** from Pacific Lutheran University. The French horn player, Ben Birmingham, is a former voice and choir student of Cantor Kyle's. Thank you for enriching our worship with your talents this morning! The ensemble will return Saturday, December 24 for our 11 PM Christmas Eve service.

DECEMBER FORUMS:

Join us from 9 to 10 today and the following week to catch up with the work of nonprofits we closely support. Meet in the Conference Room or Zoom in (find the link in your Friday email or on our website, queenannelutheran.org, FORUMS):

12/11 Compass Housing
with Sam Townsend

12/18 CORE Tanzania
with Michael and Jeannette Banobi

COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE, OLD AND NEW

Thanks to Joel Matter, we now have a new shipment of Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade coffee and chocolate bars and you are invited to purchase them after worship. Note that the old (pre-pandemic!) supply of coffee is marked with a red "X" and available to anyone who wants to use it as garden fertilizer – it is no longer very tasty when brewed, as we have discovered.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Barb Bash: Barb is on vacation through Wednesday, Dec. 14. During that time, hours will vary. Please call the office phone at 206-284-1960, or email Pastor Dan (pastor@queenannelutheran.org) or Kyle Haugen (cantor@queenannelutheran.org) before coming by.

Pastor Dan and **Cantor Kyle** are typically present in the office Tuesday – Thursday, and Wednesday – Thursday, respectively, as well as on Saturdays. Feel free to contact them directly if you wish to make an appointment.

THE BUSINESS OF THE CHURCH

Each month, the records of the Church Council meetings are posted for all to see in the sacristy hallway. If you ever have questions about the "business of the church," take a look there, and feel free to talk to any of our Council members:

Brent McCullough
Lisa Ondrejcek
Susan Evans

Myra Dittes
Kirsti Melby
Lisa Kjaer

Brian Louie
Al Shabino

John Reese
Cathi Unseth



CHRISTMAS CAROLING TODAY AT 4 PM!

Come sing Christmas carols together – outside on the church grounds if weather permits – and invite your friends! Cider and church-made cookies will be served in the narthex.

ADVENT DONATIONS DUE TODAY:

Compass Housing has a **cookie drive** for cookies in 2-dozen batches. Even if you couldn't bake with us last Sunday, feel free to donate cookies to that cause. Homemade cookies need to have a typed ingredients list. Store-bought cookies are okay, too.

Compass Housing is also collecting **gift-cards for residents**. Purchase \$25 cards from Walmart, Fred Meyer, or Amazon, or donate to Compass Housing. Their goal is 1,000 cards!

Today's donations of cookies and gift cards will be sent with Pastor Kristy tomorrow. (Last-minute donations can be brought during Caroling at 4PM today.)

DINNER FOR NEW HORIZONS, DEC. 30:

Every "Fifth Friday," we provide dinner to the guests at **New Horizons** – including this month's fifth Friday, **December 30**. We have a main course. Contact Jim Margard at jrm952@gmail.com if you can provide salad, vegetable side, bread, or dessert to the youth there. Dinner averages around 35 people.

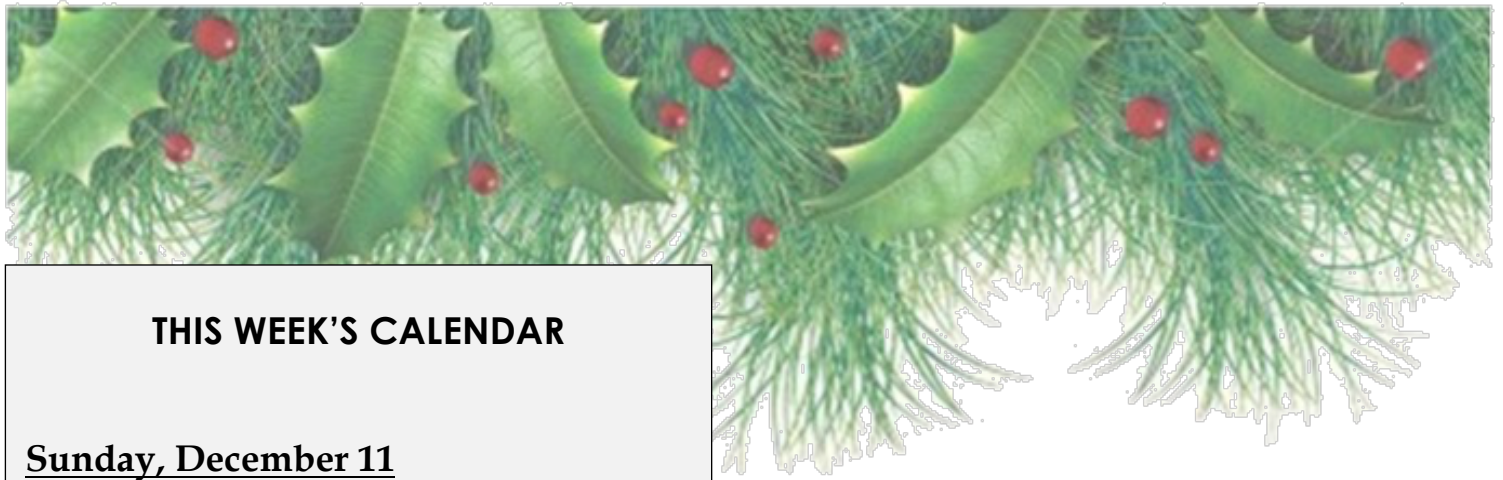


NATIVITY SET GIFTS FOR FAMILIES/CHILDREN

Our mother, Lois Unseth, collected Nativity sets. They had more meaning to her than being a "hobby" – that word does not do justice to her collection. If you knew our mother, you would know of her love and commitment to children.

We can think of no better way to honor her legacy than sharing her Nativities with the children of QALC and their families. Today we have set Mom's Nativities out on tables in the hallway across from the office. Please select one to take home. The Nativity sets range from a single piece up to one with 20 figurines, so you may want to consider your available space. We hope the sets will give you a fond remembrance of Mom.

– *the Unseths*



THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 11

Advent III

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum (Conf Rm/Zoom)	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Caroling (narthex/breezeway)	4:00 PM

Monday

PDQ Quilting	5:30 PM
Northern Lights Circle	6:00 PM
Alzheimer's Support Group	7:00 PM
Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00 PM

Tuesday (shortened office hours)

Church Council (Zoom)	7:00 PM
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Wednesday (shortened office hours)

Sewing & Service (Downstairs)	10:00 AM
AA Counterbalance (FH)	8:00 PM

Thursday

Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:00 PM
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Friday

Saturday

Alanon Women (upstairs)	10:30 AM
AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	7:00 PM

Sunday, December 18

Advent IV

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum (Conf Rm/Zoom)	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

CHRISTMAS IS NEAR!

Please join us for our holiday services:

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

05:30 PM

11:00 PM

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

One service only, at 11:00 AM

(note: our regular 8 and 10:30 services will not be held this Sunday)

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1

One service only, at 10:30 AM. We will return to our regular schedule after that.

CHORAL CONCERT IN TACOMA –

Cantor Kyle Haugen's community choir, **Northwest Repertory Singers**, presents concerts on Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 PM at Tacoma's Christ Episcopal Church. The program features "Night of Wonder," a poignant new choral piece with poetry by QALC member Pastor Paul Hoffman, part of a lush collection of Christmas music tied to the Americas – with nods to Canada, the Southwest, the African American musical tradition, and more. Pick up a reminder postcard in the narthex. Tickets and info: www.nwrs.org