

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 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

My Soul in Stillness Waits
arr. Jon Sarta

Introit

Isaiah 45:8; Psalm 19:1

Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down
righteousness; let the earth open, and bring forth a Savior. The heavens
declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows God's handiwork.

Welcome

↑ **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.

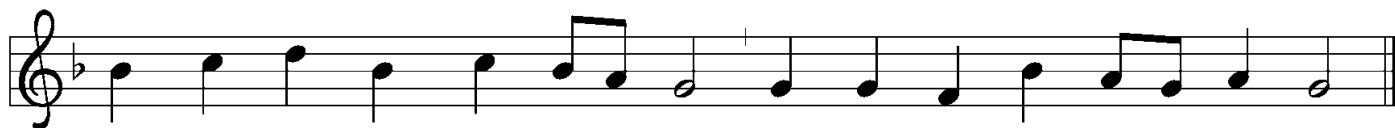
C: Amen.

↑ **Gathering Hymn**
Stanzas 1 & 6

Savior of the Nations, Come
ELW 263



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
virgin's son, incarnate Word!
To the holy Trinity
praise we sing eternally!

↑ **Lighting of Four Advent Candles**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, source and sustainer of the universe.
John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way,
for the kingdom from heaven is near.
Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.
Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,
that we may be a light shining in the darkness
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,
for he is our light and our salvation.
Blessed be God forever.

C: Amen.



↑ Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

All sing stanza 7:

ELW 252

O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you O Israel.

↑ Greeting

- P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
G: **And also with you.**

↑ Kyrie

- P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
G: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
G: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.
G: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
G: **Lord, have mercy.**
- P:** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
G: **Amen.**

↑Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
With your abundant grace and might,
free us from the sin that hinders our faith,
that eagerly we may receive your promises,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever

G: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-16

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

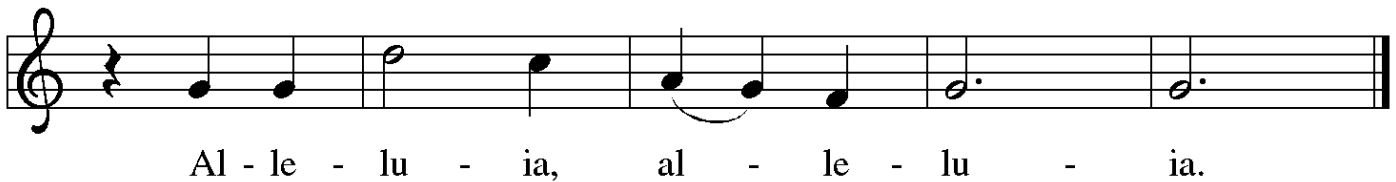
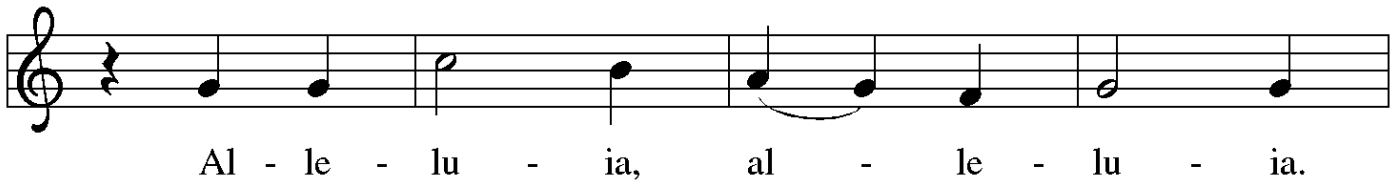
Romans 1:1-7

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation

All sing the Alleluia. A leader sings the Verse, then all repeat the Alleluia.



Verse (Leader): The virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel. (Matt. 1:23)

↑ The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25

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

G: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading

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

Sermon

Pastor Kristy Daniels

↑ **Hymn of the Day**

People, Look East
ELW 248

↑ **Apostles' Creed**

C: 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,
C: 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**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

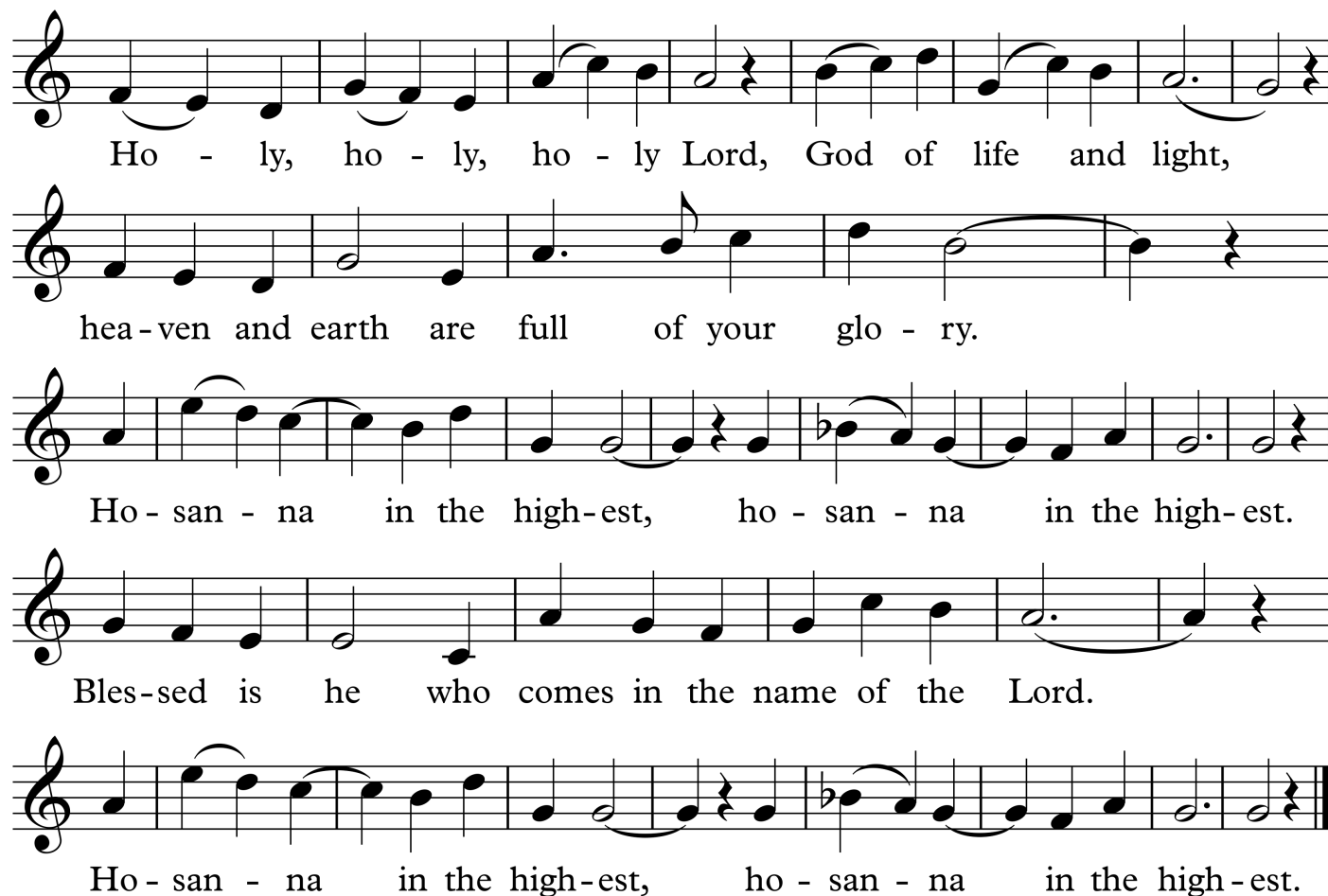
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: 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.

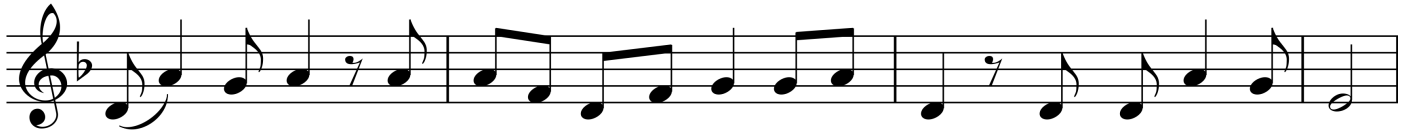
↑ **Invitation to the Table**

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

He Came Down
ELW 253

↑ **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: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
ELW 244

↑ **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Christ is near.

G: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon
arr. Rollo Dilworth

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 18

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.

WE WELCOME TO WORSHIP REV. KRISTY DANIELS of the Church of Steadfast Love, a congregation that operates inside the Compass Center in Pioneer Square. It is open to all adults who wish to attend services including guests of Compass Housing.

OUR GUEST ORGANIST TODAY IS SEAN CONNERS. Sean started playing organ at church at 14, and studied Music Education at the University of Cincinnati, OH, then switched gears and obtained a degree in Spanish. He has lived in Seattle since 2019. When not on a plane traveling for work, he subs regularly at several churches around the area including Magnolia Lutheran, St. Anne's, St. Joseph, and St. Stephen's.

PASTOR DAN has traveled home to care for his mother, who has entered hospice care. He will return to us in the new year. **For emergency pastoral care** in his absence, pastors are on call from Ballard First Lutheran: Pastor Elise (803-944-7006) and Pastor Erik (206-355-3855), and from Church of Steadfast Love, Pastor Kristy Daniels (206-788-6745) or kdaniels@compasshousingalliance.org.

Today's CORE TANZANIA FORUM had to be canceled but will be rescheduled in the coming year.

TRIANGLE PROJECT MEETING, NOON TODAY! Today at noon we will be meeting in the Conference Room with Kim Rooney, the landscape architect working on the Triangle Project, to do a preliminary review of her plans for the corner of the property at 8th and McGraw. A presentation to the full church body will be scheduled after Christmas, but if you are interested in the initial concepts you are welcome to attend. Contact Lisa Kjaer-Schade if you have any questions.

NATIVITY SET GIFTS FROM THE UNSETHS

Our mother, Lois Unseth, collected Nativity sets and that collection grew out of her love and commitment to children. We can think of no better way to honor Mom's legacy than sharing her Nativities with the children of QALC. Many of you have chosen a set; a few extra sets and pieces are on the table outside the church office. Please take them home if you know children who would enjoy them, or if you want to have a fond remembrance of Mom. *— the Unseths*

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Main Office (Barb Bash): T-F, 9-5:30

Cantor Kyle is in the office Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings, as well as on Saturdays. Feel free to contact him if you wish to make an appointment; call the office (206-284-1960), or email cantor@queenannelutheran.org.



POINSETTIAS ARE READY FOR DELIVERIES – CAN YOU HELP?

We have 18 households to whom we would like to bring a poinsettia and a cheery Christmas hello. Because Pastor Dan is away and one of our volunteers is ill, we are short of help this week. If you could make one or two deliveries in the coming week, please talk to Peggy Morgan or Susan Evans today to find out how, or contact the church office Tuesday; many thanks!

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.



CHRISTMAS IS NEAR – GRACE ABOUND!

We are grateful that Pastor Kristy has offered to lead *all* of our Christmas services. **Please note that our Christmas Day service will move to 10 AM** so she can preside that day. We hope you can join us for these holiday services:

Christmas Eve: Sat., Dec. 24 at 5:30 PM
Family service with children’s sermon

Christmas Eve: Sat., Dec. 24 at 11:00 PM
Candlelight service with pipe organ and brass quintet

Christmas Day: Sun., Dec. 25 at 10:00 AM
Rejoice with us, for Christ is born!
(note: *our regular 8 and 10:30 services will not be held this Sunday*)

New Year’s Day, Sun., Jan. 1, at 10:30 AM
One service only. We will return to our regular worship schedule after that.

OFFERINGS: Please pick up your offering envelope booklet for the coming year from the narthex table.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR	
<u>Sunday, December 18</u>	
<i>Advent IV</i>	
Worship	8:00 AM
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<u>Monday</u>	
Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00 PM
<u>Wednesday</u>	
AA Counterbalance (FH)	8:00 PM
<u>Thursday</u>	
Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)	7:00 PM
<u>Saturday, December 24</u>	
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
Alanon Women (upstairs)	10:30 AM
Christmas Eve Worship	5:30 PM
AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	7:00 PM
Christmas Eve Worship	11:00 PM
<i>Pre-service music begins</i> 10:40 PM	
<u>Sunday, December 25</u>	
<i>Christmas Day</i>	
Christmas Worship (<i>note time</i>)	10:00 AM