

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 3, 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

Psalm 25:1-3a, 4a

Unto you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you have I trusted,
let me not be confounded; neither let my enemies triumph over me;
for all they that look for you shall not be ashamed. Show me your ways,
O Lord: and teach me your paths.

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**

All sing stanza 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you O Israel.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
ELW 257

↑ Lighting of One Advent Candle

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, source of the universe.
You call all nations to walk in your light
and to seek your ways of justice and peace,
for the night is passing, and the dawn of your coming is near.
Bless us as we light the first candle of this wreath.
Awaken us
that we may be ready to greet you
when you come to us
and welcome you, in the form of your Son,
into our hearts and homes,
for he is our light and our salvation.

G: Amen.



↑ Hymn

All sing stanza 2:

**O come, O Wisdom from on high,
embracing all things far and nigh:
in strength and beauty come and stay;
teach us your will and guide our way.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you O Israel.**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
ELW 257

↑ 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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



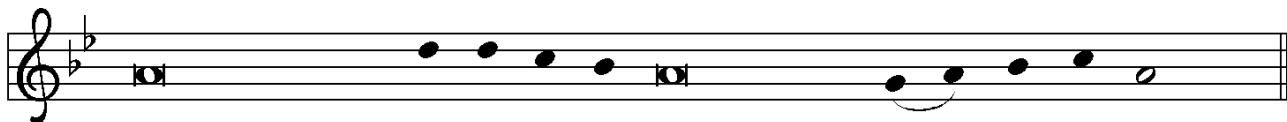
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



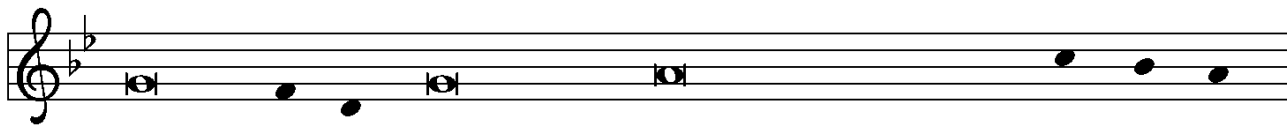
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



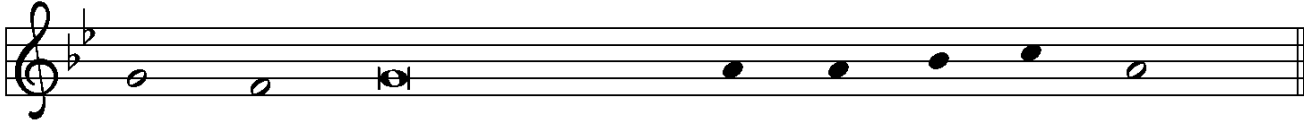
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



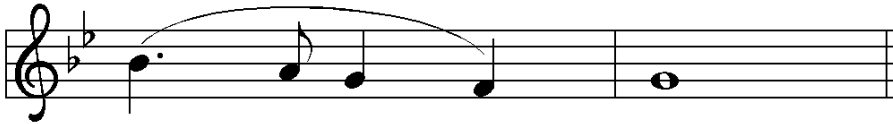
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

We await your arrival, Lord Christ.

By your merciful protection awaken us
to the threatening dangers of our self-centered ways,
and keep us blameless until the dawn of your new day,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Sermon

It's Bible Sunday!

Pastor Dan

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain: The choir introduces the refrain; all repeat. Then all repeat the refrain as indicated.

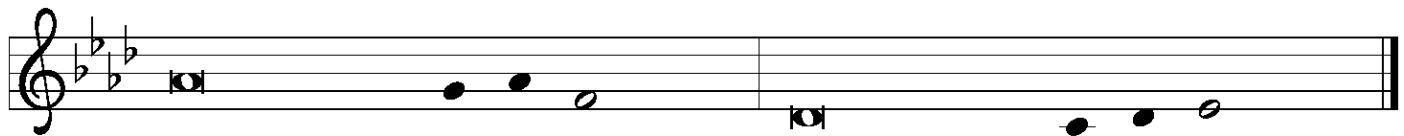


Let your face shine up - on us and



we shall be saved, and we shall be saved.

Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses.



¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and | come to help us.**

³Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

⁴**O Lord | God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? Refrain**

⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. Refrain**

¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O Lord | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. Refrain**

Second Reading

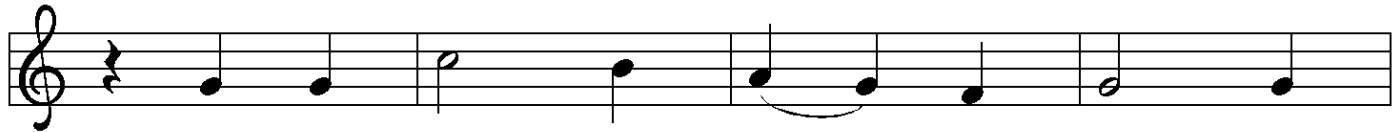
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Verse (Choir):

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. (Ps. 85:7)

↑ The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

G: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

G: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Be Strengthened
Pastor Dan Peterson

↑ Hymn of the Day

My Lord, What a Morning
ELW 438

↑ 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.



The Apostles' Creed emphasizes the full humanity of Christ (e.g., he was born, suffered, and died) in response to one of the earliest heresies, namely, the view that Christ only "appeared" to be human. Why? Detractors believed that the Spirit of God, which is good, could not dwell in a material or physical body, which is evil. When we profess the Apostles' Creed, following Jewish tradition, we insist otherwise. The world God made is good! With great joy and without contradiction, therefore, we can say with John 1:14 that "the Word became flesh and dwelled among us."

Prayers of the Church *(please be seated or kneel)*

A: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

☩: Hear our prayer.

↑ Sharing of Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

Holy Communion – All people 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, who fills all things, comes to us in a special way through the Sacrament of Bread and Wine and that by sharing in this meal, we share in Christ's real 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.

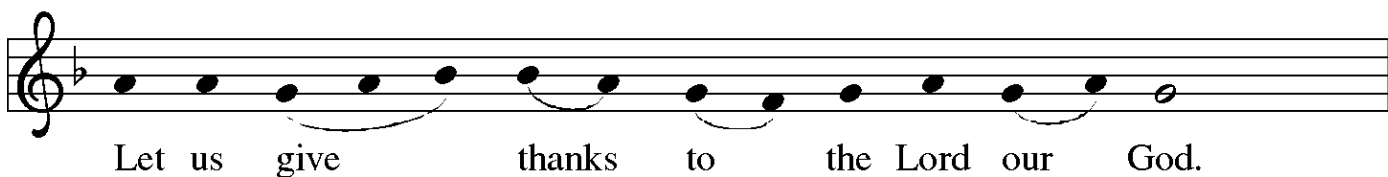
When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

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.

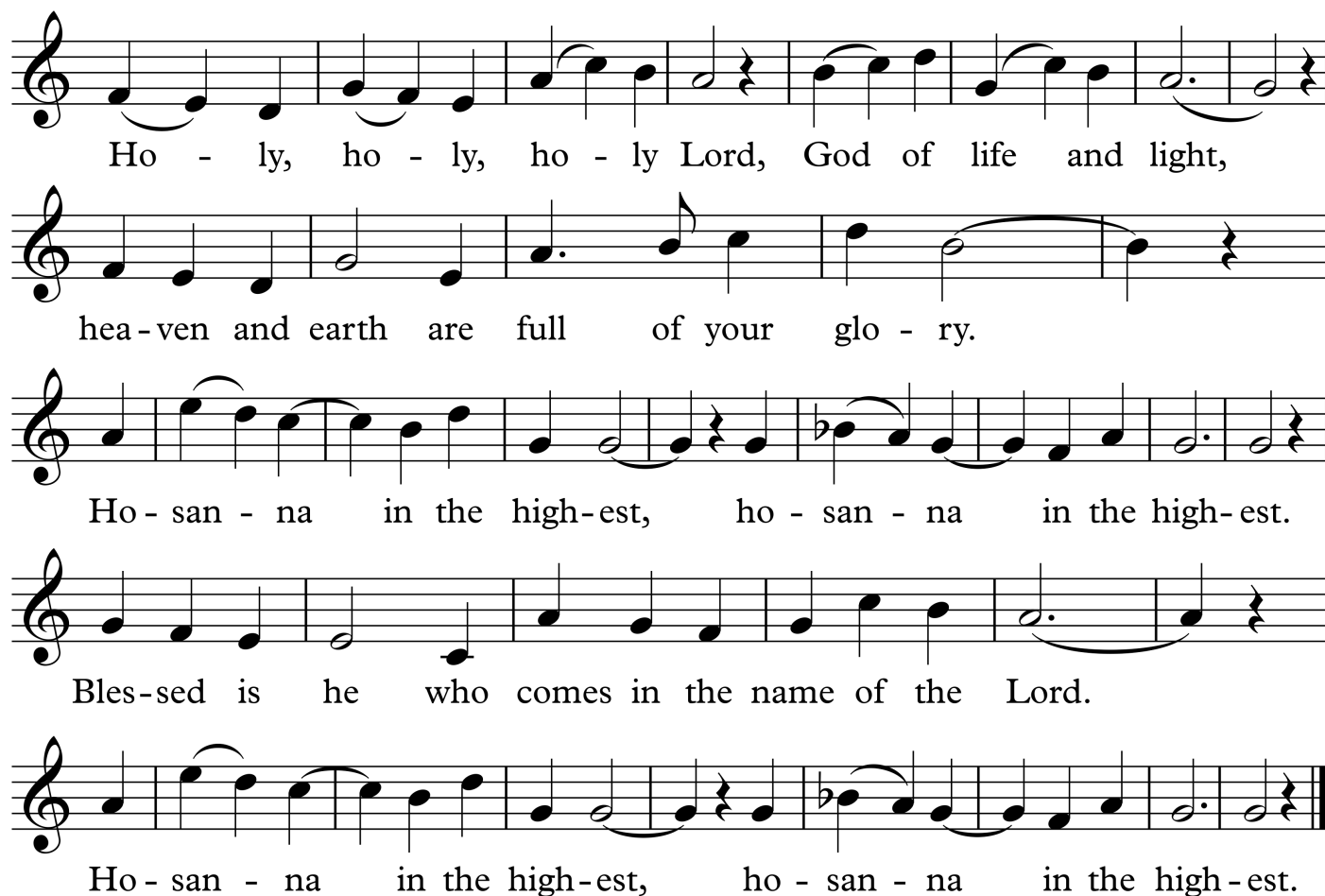
↑ The Great Thanksgiving



P: 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

☐: Lord, as we prepare ourselves for this holy culmination of our life together in Christ, let us pray as Jesus teaches:

☑: **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: Come and taste the joy of God!

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

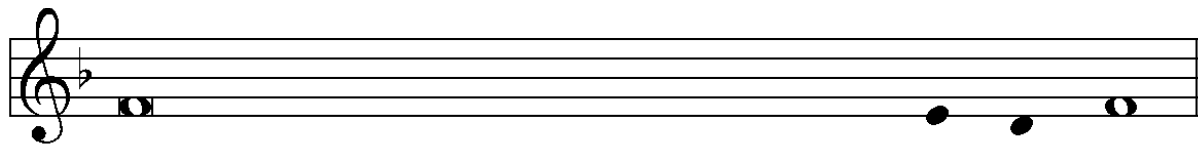
↑ Post Communion Prayer

P: Generous God,
in bread and cup you have given us
a foretaste of the feast to come.
Send us out now to proclaim
your good news of liberation and release,
brought to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

The King Shall Come
ELW 260

↑ Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Keep awake.
G: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fanfare
William Mathias (1934–1992)

About Today's Music

Today's readings from Isaiah and the Gospel of Mark can be challenging to our ears. What would it mean for God to "tear open the heavens" and come to us? What does Jesus mean when he describes "the stars will be falling from heaven" prior to the coming of the Son of Man, who sends out the angels and gathers the elect from the four winds? Today's postlude is a fanfare written by Welsh composer William Matthias (1934–1992) for the dedication of a pipe organ. Perhaps the mixture of majestic and jarring harmonies in this piece tie in especially well on a Sunday when our readings remind us of the otherworldliness of God. What do you think?

— Cantor Kyle

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 3, 2023

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 to contact the pastor. PRAY cards may be used for prayer requests. Place cards in the offering plate.

OUR WORSHIP CONTINUES after the service with fellowship. Special thanks to Ingrid Wysong for hosting coffee hour.

TODAY AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP:

Q&A SESSION WITH PASTOR DAN

Fellowship Hall; Zoom link available

Pastor Dan has been accepted as a visiting scholar to do research at Princeton Theological Seminary next fall (September 1 – November 30, 2024). Join him and Pastor Mark Griffith, who recently returned from a two-year sabbatical as the pastor of Holden Village, for conversation on what this means for our congregation and to answer whatever questions you have. Food will be provided.

FORUM @9 – LCSNW Update on the Afghan and Ukrainian Refugees

What services does Lutheran Community Services provide for refugees coming from war-torn countries such as Afghanistan and Ukraine, and how might we help their work? Join us in the Conference Room to find out.

ADVENT CELEBRATION TODAY:

Fellowship, Food & Crafts

From 9 to 10:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Welcome Advent with traditional holiday treats: lefse, krumkake, Swedish waffles and potato sausage! Ornaments to paint are also set up at craft tables for children and the young-at-heart. Come join the fun!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, December 3 – Advent Begins!

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| Worship | 8:00 AM |
| Advent Celebration (FH) | 9:00 AM |
| Forum (Conf. Rm) | 9:00 AM |
| Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Q&A w/Pastor Dan (FH) | <i>after worship</i> |

Monday

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| Food Addicts in Recovery (FH) | 7:00 PM |
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Tuesday

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| Executive Committee (Zoom) | 7:00 PM |
| QALCW Circle (Zoom) | 7:00 PM |

Wednesday

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| Sewing & Service (downstairs) | 10:00 AM |
| Advent Worship (chapel) | 12:00 PM |
| AA Counterbalance (FH) | 7:30 PM |

Thursday

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| Choir Practice (Music Room) | 7:00 PM |
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Friday

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| Youth Gift-Wrapping Party (@Compass Housing) | 5:30 PM |
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Saturday

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| Alanon / Alateen (upstairs) | 10:30 AM |
| AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs) | 7:00 PM |

Sunday, December 10 – Advent II

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| Worship | 8:00 AM |
| Cards & Fellowship (Conf. Rm) | 9:00 AM |
| Worship | 10:30 AM |
| Greening of the Church | <i>after worship</i> |
| Project Phoenix: Extreme Makeover, Gnome Edition (upstairs) | 2:00 PM |
| Christmas Caroling (outside) | 4:00 PM |

IT'S BIBLE SUNDAY!— We are delighted today to present Bibles to children and youth in our congregation in a version appropriate to their age. Many thanks to Cathi Unseth for spearheading the effort to connect with our families. Since not every family is able to be with us today, we will also provide children with a Bible at our 5:30 PM Christmas Eve worship, or with other arrangements.

NEW IN DECEMBER: REQUEST – OR OFFER – A RIDE TO CHURCH

Keenly aware that there are members of our congregation who would love to be with us for Sunday worship but lack transportation to and from church, the Visitation Team is piloting a ride-share program the entire congregation can participate in that will roll out in December. Details are in the November *Quill*.

Do you, or someone you know, need a ride to church? Call the church office by noon on the Thursday before to make the request. Each Friday, Barb will send a stand-alone email out to the congregation with the subject line “RIDES REQUESTED” listing any requests and including a link to the riders’ contact info in Sign-Up Genius.

Are you available to give a ride? This is a volunteer opportunity that requires **no commitment beyond a one-Sunday-at-a-time response**. Volunteer drivers use the emailed link to access the Sign-Up Genius page; sign up, and use the information there to contact the rider directly to make arrangements for that Sunday. If you are planning to be at church anyway and can provide a ride to someone else, please consider fulfilling a ride request.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Men’s jackets, sweaters, socks, gloves and hats are welcome. Donations will be collected in the narthex on an ongoing basis and will be delivered to Queen Anne Helpline to help our neighbors keep warm this winter.

OFFICE HOURS NOW 2 -6 PM, T-F

Barb Bash will be in the office four hours each workday. **New church office hours will be 2 PM to 6 PM Tuesday through Friday.** Barb will work from home in the mornings. This schedule will last at least until the end of 2023. Many thanks for all the prayers and support for Barb’s eldest, Tom, as they recover from their heart surgery.

Pastor Dan is available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. Feel free to contact him at pastor@queenannelutheran.org if you wish to make an appointment to see him. If an immediate response is needed, text Pastor Dan at 253.230.9695.

Kyle Haugen will be in the office Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and evening.

UPCOMING RIDWELL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – start gathering!

Bring by **December 17:** Usable (unopened) toiletries; Details are in our November *Quill*

DONATIONS NEEDED: Sewing and Service is looking for **LARGE/XLARGE MEN'S COTTON T-SHIRTS** to be “up-cycled” into diapers for LWR baby kits. Please leave donations in the narthex.

CHANGE OF DATE: The QALCW Circle will meet **this Tuesday** at 7 pm via Zoom for their December Bible Study. Please contact Barb Bach for details and the link.

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 6, 13, & 20—Noon Worship in the Chapel

Pastor Dan will offer a contemplative service including prayer, a hymn, and a brief homily on a psalm. Please join us!

EVENTS NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10:

GREENING OF THE CHURCH!

Please stay after 10:30 worship if you are able to help us decorate the Christmas trees in the sanctuary and narthex. Questions? Contact Jennifer Jones.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

Cider, cookies, and song led by Cantor Kyle; invite your friends and neighbors!
Time: 4–6 pm • Location: outside breezeway

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND FELLOWSHIP!

From 9 to 10 AM, let's gather in the Conference Room to sign Christmas cards and share treats and coffee – these cards, along with poinsettias, will be delivered the following week to member households who are unable to come to services. Interested in helping with deliveries? Contact Susan Evans.

DECEMBER YOUTH EVENTS:

FRIDAY, DEC. 8: Gift-Wrapping/Ornament-Making! Youth will meet at Compass Housing at 5:30 PM. We'll be wrapping winter items and decorating ornaments for shelter guests while blasting our favorite Christmas jams and drinking cocoa. Spread some holiday cheer! Questions? Contact Pastor Dan.

SUNDAY, DEC. 10: Extreme Makeover: Gnome Edition! Join Project Phoenix for an afternoon of competition like gnome other. Come and redesign a traditional gnome into a creation of your own making. We'll provide the gnomes, design supplies and snacks! There will be gnome trivia and prizes! Time: 2-4 pm Location: QALC, upstairs

SATURDAY, DEC. 16: A Cookie-Making Morning! Come help make, bake, and decorate cookies for Compass Housing and New Horizons! Time: 10 am to 1 pm Location: Fellowship Hall Kitchen

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:

10:30 AM 4th Sunday in Advent
worship & Hymn-Sing

05:30 PM Christmas Eve worship –
Family-friendly

11:00 PM Christmas Eve worship –
Candlelight Eucharist

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25:

10:30 AM Christmas Day worship



Poinsettias for One Another

This year, your donated poinsettias will be given as gifts to elderly, ill, or isolated members of our congregation. Some of the poinsettias will also decorate our altar this season.

If you would like to contribute one or more plants, please fill out the form below. Detach it and leave it in the offering plate or return it to the church office before Tuesday, December 19. You may also email us your information. Cost per plant is **\$12.50**. Checks should be made out to QALC and marked "poinsettias." If you are giving the poinsettias in honor or memory of someone, please print that name very clearly. Commemorations will be noted in the church bulletins for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.

Your name (please print clearly!) _____

Number of plants _____

In memory of, OR In honor of: _____

Attached is my check for \$ _____