SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2022

↑ = Stand G: 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

Selections from a partita on PUER NOBIS ("On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," ELW 249) Lynn L. Petersen (b. 1962)

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Today's prelude concludes with a preview of Christmastide as Jenna Del Vento, who will be away for the holiday, offers a piano setting of "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Thank you for sharing your talent with us this morning, Jenna!

Introit

Isaiah 30:19, 30; Psalm 80:1

O people of Zion, behold, the LORD is near at hand to redeem the nations; and in the gladness of your heart the LORD's glorious voice shall be heard. Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock.

Welcome

†Confession and Forgiveness

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

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, Such that God now sees you through Him. Rejoice in the way of the Lord, no longer bound to yourselves but freed to live for others.

C: Amen.

↑ Gathering Hymn

All sing stanzas 1 and 3:

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, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times you gave the la in cloud, and majesty, and awe. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257

† Lighting of Two Advent Candles

 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

All sing stanza 4:

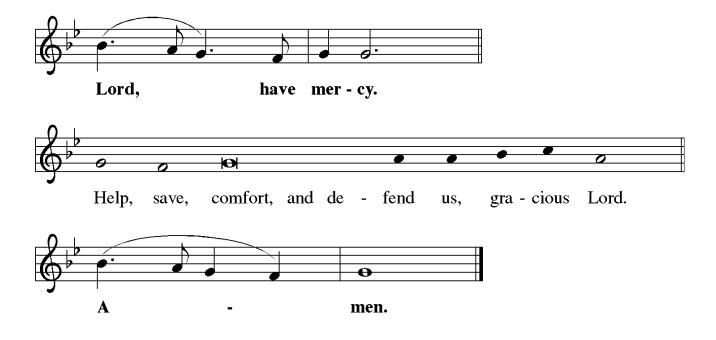
O come, O Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you O Israel.

↑ Greeting

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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel ELW 257





†Prayer of the Day

- **P**: The Lord be with you.
- **C**: And also with you.
- Let us pray.
 Lord God, inspire us to prepare the way of your Son.
 By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C**: Amen.

Children's Sermon

First Reading

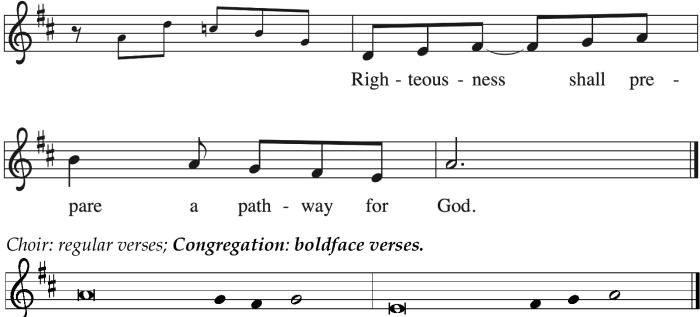
- A: Word of God, Word of life.
- **C**: Thanks be to God.

Pastor Dan

Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalmody

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



¹You have been gracious to your | land, O LORD;

you have restored the good for- | tune of Jacob.

- ²You have forgiven the iniquity | of your people and blotted out | all their sins.
- ⁸I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their | hearts to you.
- ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you, that your glory may dwell | in our land.

Refrain

- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together; righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.
- ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth, and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.
- ¹²The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity, and our land will | yield its increase.
- ¹³Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

Refrain

2 Peter 3:8-15a

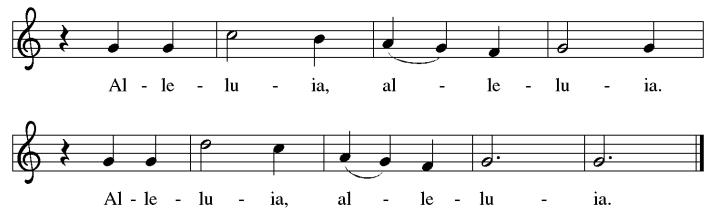
Second Reading

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation

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



Verse (Choir):

Prepare the way of the Lord. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. (Luke 3:4, 6)

† The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

- **P**: The Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- **G**: Glory to you, O Lord.

Following the reading

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

Sermon

Finding Peace in the Midst of War Pastor Dan Peterson

↑ Hymn of the Day

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry ELW 249 ↑ Apostles' Creed

G: 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.
- **C**: 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:

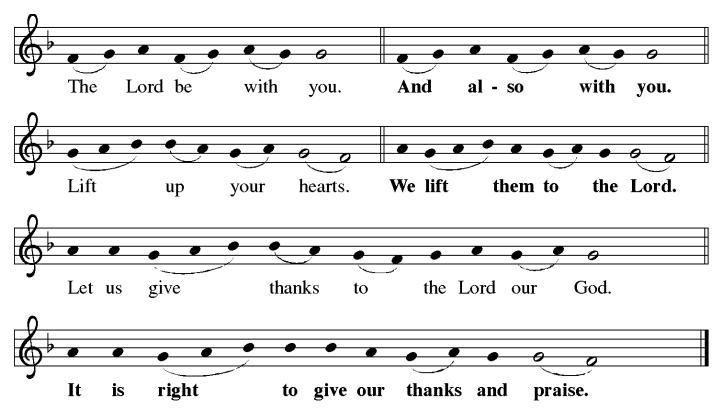
You may commune in the pews with individual elements. These are available in the narthex as you enter.

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.

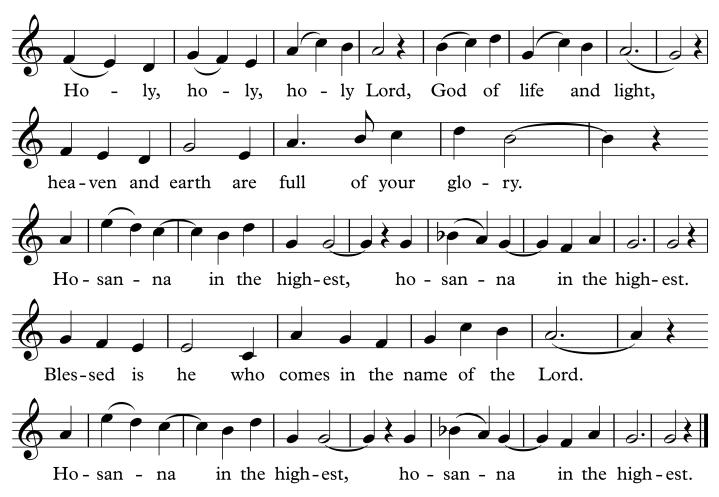


† The Great Thanksgiving

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

... praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ Sanctus



† Words of Institution

↑ Lord's Prayer

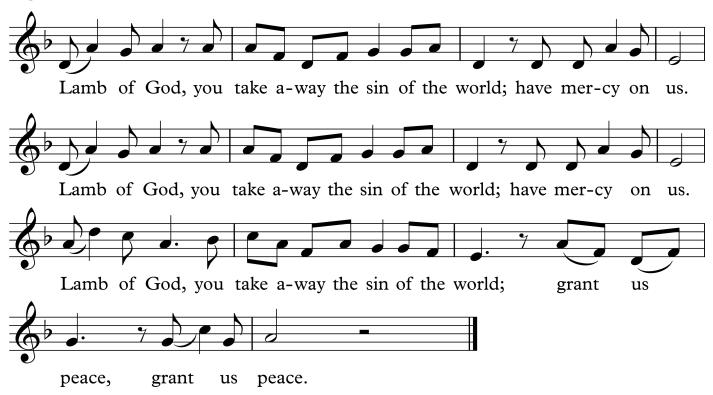
P: Lord, as we prepare ourselves for this holy culmination of our life together in Christ, let us pray as Jesus teaches:

C: 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



Anthem at the Distribution

Advent Carol Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

† 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.
- **C**: Amen.

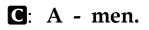
Announcements

↑ Benediction

P: May God bless you and keep you. May God make her face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

May God look upon you with favor and + grant you peace.





Sending Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

↑ Dismissal

- **A**: Go in peace. Keep awake.
- **C**: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Selections from a partita on FREU DICH SEHR ("Comfort, Comfort Now My People," ELW 256) Georg Böhm (1661–1733)

About Today's Music

A *partita* is a multi-movement piece on a melodic theme. In the context of church music, a partita is almost always a *chorale partita*, that is, a piece of music in which the chorale melody is given a series of different interpretive treatments. This morning we hear selections from two partitas on Advent hymns written by Lutheran composers. The prelude, based on the Hymn of the Day, is by Lynn L. Petersen (b. 1962), who studied education and music at Lutheran colleges as well as a jazz program at WSU. Three hundred years earlier, Lutheran composer Georg Böhm (1661–1733) composed a partita based upon another hymn often associated with today's readings, "Comfort, Comfort Now My People" (ELW 256), and almost every year I select a few movements from this popular, joyful partita to help herald Adventide.

- Cantor Kyle

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ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 10, 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 want the pastor to contact you. 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 Lori and Magdalena Phillips for hosting coffee hour.

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & FELLOWSHIP

From 9 to 10 AM, we gathered in the Conference Room to sign Christmas cards – these cards, along with poinsettias, will be delivered between Dec. 16 and 23 to members who are unable to come to services. **Interested in helping with deliveries?** Please talk to Susan Evans (or email <u>susan_evans@comcast.net</u>) to find out how; many thanks!

YOUTH – "EXTREME MAKEOVER: GNOME EDITION" Join Project Phoenix from 2 to 4 PM upstairs 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 & prizes!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING AT 4 РМ Cider, cookies, and song led by Cantor Kyle, outside under the breezeway; invite your friends and neighbors!

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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 after	r worship	
Executive Committee after	r worship	
Project Phoenix: Extreme Makee	over,	
Gnome Edition (<i>upstairs</i>)	2:00 pm	
Christmas Caroling (outside)	4:00 pm	
<u>Monday</u>		
PDQ Quilting (downstairs)	5:30 pm	
Food Addicts in Recovery (FH)	7:00 pm	
<u>Tuesday</u>		
Church Council (Zoom)	7:00 pm	
Wednesday		
Sewing & Service (<i>downstairs</i>)	10:00 Am	
Advent Worship (<i>chapel</i>)	12:00 pm	
AA Counterbalance (FH)	7:30 pm	
<u>Thursday</u>		
Choir Practice (Music Room)	7:00 pm	
<u>Saturday</u>		
Youth Cookie-Baking		
8	10:00 Am	
Alanon / Alateen (upstairs)	10:30 am	
AA Shanty Trudgers (upstairs)	7:00 pm	
Sunday, December 17 – Adven	t III	
Worship	8:00 AM	
Forum (Conf. Rm/Zoom)	9:00 AM	
	10:30 am	

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

We offer a contemplative service including prayer, a hymn, and a brief homily on a

psalm each week in Advent. Please join us in our newly-refurbished, candlelit chapel!



SHARE YOUR NATIVITY SET: We are again displaying nativity sets in the narthex for this season. If you have a crèche you'd like to share, please bring it in to add to the mantel or narthex table for all to enjoy.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16: A Cookie-Making Morning! Youth are invited to help make, bake, and decorate cookies for Compass Housing and New Horizons! Time: 10 AM to 1 PM. Location: Fellowship Hall Kitchen

SUNDAY FORUM, DEC. 17: Update on Twegashe School / CORE Tanzania

After Michael and Jeannette Banobi, QALC members, visited Michael's village in Tanzania in 2015 and found that the village school wasn't adequate to provide success for its students, they formed a non-profit to build a new school. Twegashe Primary School is now providing a high-quality, participatory education with classes taught in English to give children a better chance of success in secondary school. In April 2022 they began construction on Phase 2 of the school, with five more classrooms, a library, administration block, and additional teacher housing. This new phase will allow Twegashe School to expand through grade 7 (the last year of primary school in Tanzania) and to add a pre-K class so our students will be ready to learn when they start kindergarten. (QALC member Marc Oplinger designed the buildings for both Phase 1 and 2 and traveled to Bushasha to oversee some of the construction.) Because of Covid and travel restrictions, we had to cancel last year's scheduled presentation. In the meantime, the school has made even more progress toward their mission and the Banobis will share that good news.



CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:

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

05:30 PM Christmas Eve worship – Family-friendly service with Children's Message

11:00 PM Christmas Eve worship – *Note:* Pre-service Music begins at 10:30 PM Candlelight Eucharist with Choir and Brass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25:

10:30 AM Christmas Day worship –

Eucharist and Carols welcome Christmas morning

WAYS TO HELP OTHERS:

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

UPCOMING RIDWELL SPECIAL COLLECTIONS -

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

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

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 December *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.

THE DECEMBER QUILL IS OUT!

Pick up a copy in the narthex today, or click the NEWSLETTER button on our website.

OFFICE HOURS NOW 2 -6 PM, T-F

Barb Bash is in the office from **2** PM to 6 PM Tuesday through Friday. Barb works from home in the mornings. This schedule will last at least until the end of 2023.

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.



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. (Plants left over after Christmas morning may be taken home by donors as desired, first-come, first-served.)

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.

Number of plants	
\Box In memory of, OR	□ In honor of:
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