

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 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

*Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland*  
(Savior of the Nations, Come), J.S. Bach

### 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

#### ↑ **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,  
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 5:*

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**ELW 257**

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 Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to you O Israel.

↑ **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 257

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

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

**C**: And also with you.

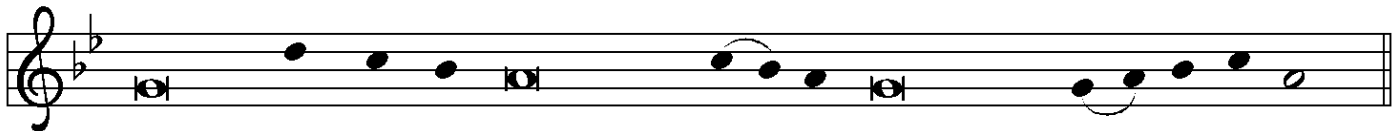
↑ Kyrie



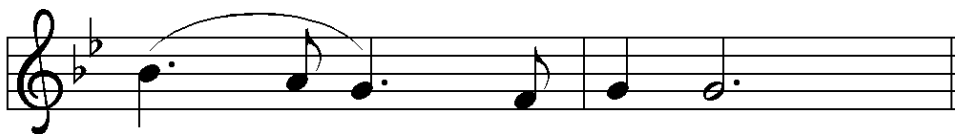
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



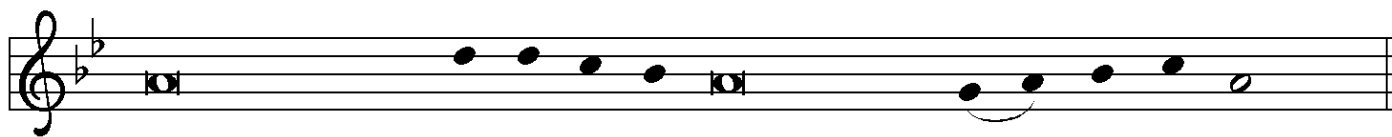
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



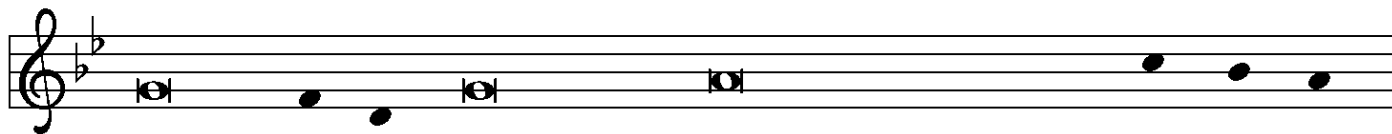
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



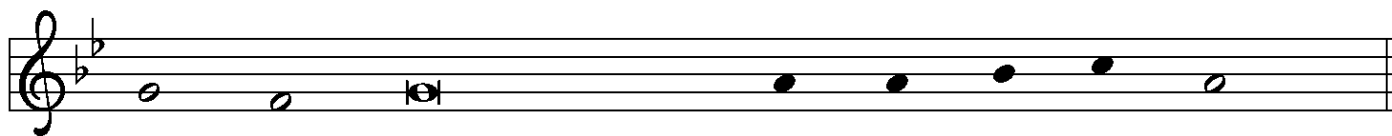
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



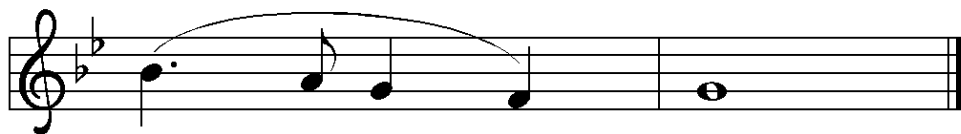
praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**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.

Stir up the will of your prophets, Lord God,  
and open our ears to hear their words,  
that, anointed by your Spirit,  
we may join John the Baptist and testify to your light;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**C**: **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**A**: Word of God, Word of life.

**C**: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

Psalm 126

*This morning the Psalm of the Day is spoken responsively by whole verse:*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**Then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## Second Reading

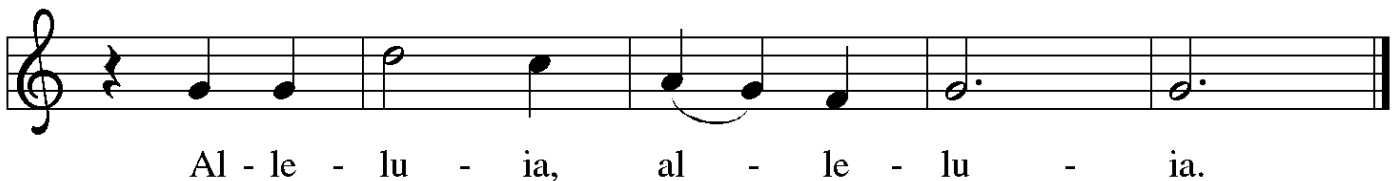
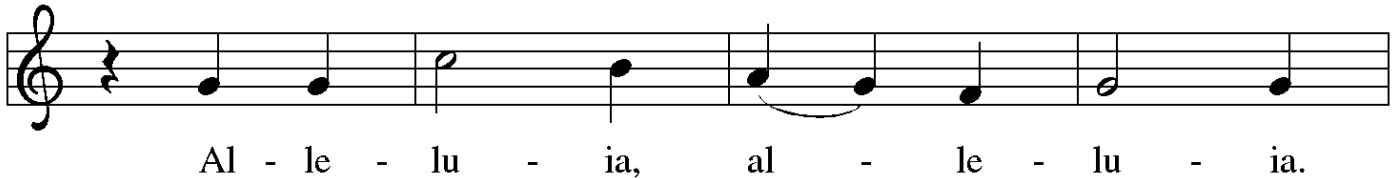
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**A**: Word of God, Word of life.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

## ↑ Gospel Acclamation

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



*Verse (Soloist):*

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

## ↑ The Holy Gospel

John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

**C**: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Following the reading*

**P**: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C**: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

*An Interview with Isaiah  
Pastor Dan Peterson*

## ↑ Hymn of the Day

*Hark, the Glad Sound  
ELW 239*

## ↑ 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.**



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.

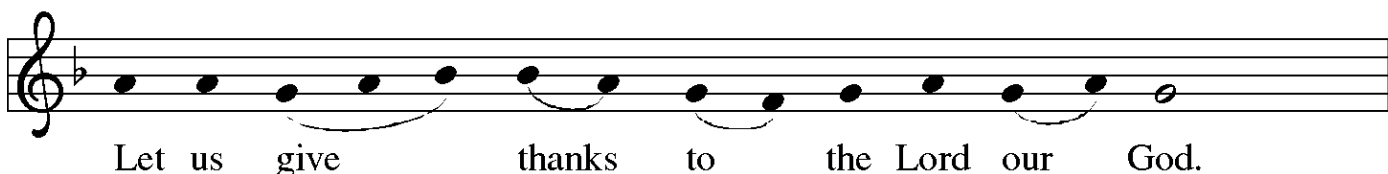
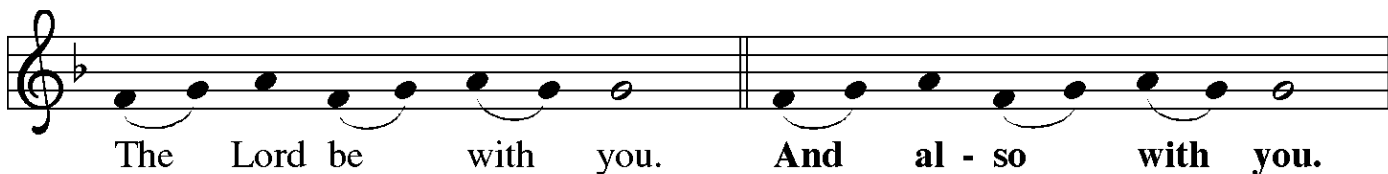
When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. The waste can go in the paper bag found in each pew.

### **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

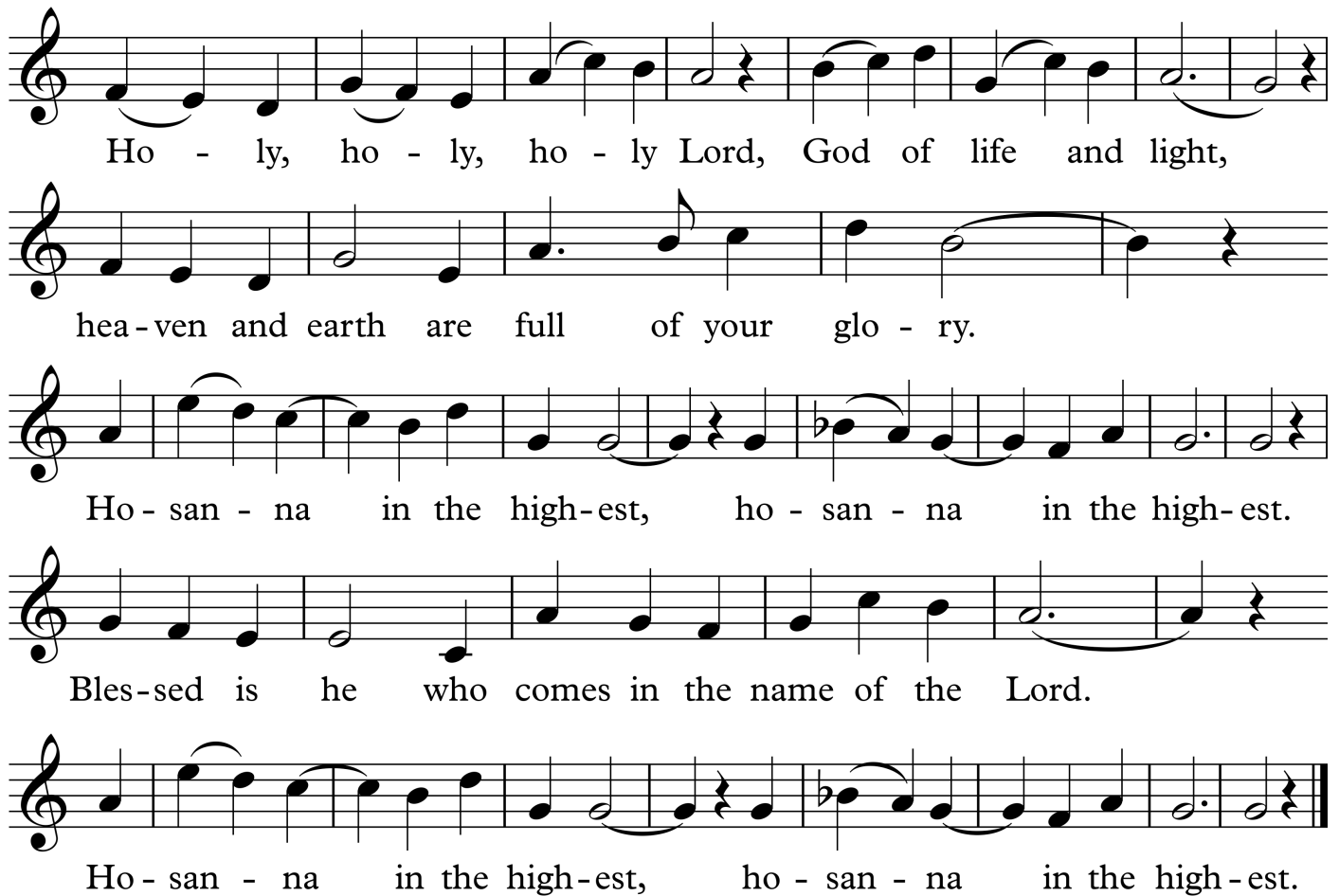


**P**: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

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



↑ Sanctus



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**: 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



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

*Lost in the Night*  
ELW 243

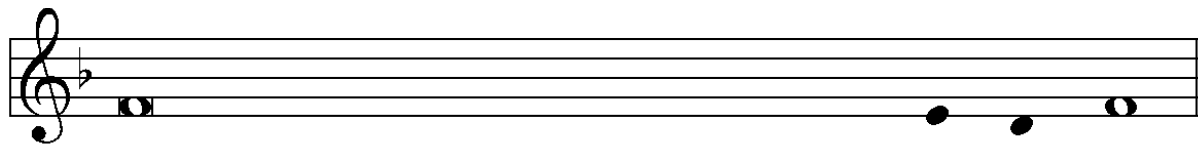
## ↑ Post Communion Prayer

**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 God's face to shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
May God look upon you with favor and † grant you peace.



**C:** A - men.

## Sending Hymn

*People, Look East*  
ELW 248

## ↑ Dismissal

**A:** Go in peace. Keep awake.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

*Gottes Sohn ist kommen* (Once He Came in Blessing)  
Johann G. Walther

## About Today's Music

Today's prelude is a setting of the Lutheran Advent hymn "Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland" (Savior of the Nations, Come ELW#263) by J.S. Bach, written when he was cantor at St. Thomas, Leipzig. The hymn itself dates from 1524 with words by Martin Luther and a tune based on a Medieval hymn by Ambrose, "Veni redemptor gentium". Bach's setting of the chorale tune is highly ornamented, while the accompaniment contains musical motifs that allude to Christ's birth, crucifixion and our redemption. Listen in the first half for a "rocking cradle" motif in the lowest voice (pedal line) signifying Christ's birth. In the second half, one can hear a repeated "sighing" motif of descending notes that signifies the burden of our sins. In the middle voices listen for the tune "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (Herzlich tut mich verlangen). (Insights thanks to David Dahl, emeritus professor of organ, PLU, from masterclasses with organist and Bach interpreter Anton Heiller.) The postlude is a chorale harmonization by J.S. Bach of "Gottes Sohn ist kommen" (Once he came in blessing, LBW #312) and a setting by his cousin, Johann G. Walther. — *Martha Freitag*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 17, 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. Today is a “no host” coffee hour; special thanks to anyone who shares treats or makes coffee.

### **FORUM TODAY AT 9 AM: 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 and additional teacher housing. This new phase will allow expansion from pre-K through grade 7 (the last year of primary school in

Tanzania). QALC member Marc Oplinger designed the buildings for both Phases and traveled to Bushasha to oversee some of the construction.

Because of Covid 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.

**THE DECEMBER *QUILL* IS OUT!** Pick up a copy in the narthex today, or click the **NEWSLETTER** button on our website.

Please pick up your **2024 OFFERING ENVELOPE PACKET** in the narthex.

**NOTE: Sewing & Service Quilting** will not meet December 20 or 27; see you in 2024!

### **THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

#### **Sunday, December 17 – Advent III**

Worship	8:00 AM
Forum ( <i>Conf. Rm/Zoom</i> )	9:00 AM
Worship	10:30 AM

#### **Monday**

Northern Lights Circle ( <i>Zoom</i> )	5:30 PM
Food Addicts in Recovery ( <i>FH</i> )	7:00 PM

#### **Wednesday**

Advent Worship ( <i>chapel</i> )	12:00 PM
AA Counterbalance ( <i>FH</i> )	7:30 PM

#### **Thursday**

Choir Practice ( <i>Music Room</i> )	7:00 PM
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#### **Saturday**

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

#### **Sunday, December 24 – Advent IV**

Worship	10:30 AM
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#### **Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve**

Worship	05:30 PM
Worship	11:00 PM

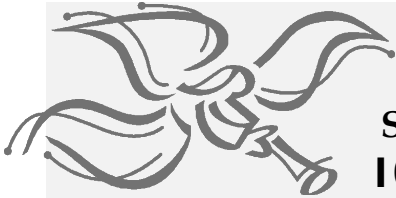
#### **Monday, December 25 – Christmas**

Worship	10:30 AM
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**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.



**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP:**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:**

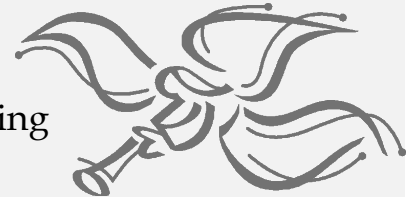
**10:30 AM** 4th Sunday in Advent  
Morning Worship & Hymn-Sing

**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



**SERVING IN WORSHIP NEXT WEEKEND — PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX TO HELP!**

**10:30 AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:**

*Greeter: Needed*

*Lector: Needed*

*Ushers: Needed*

*Coffee Host: Open*

**11:00 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:**

*Greeter: Needed*

*Lector: Cara Kavanaugh*

*Acolyte: Grace Louie*

*Ushers: Needed*

**05:30 PM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24:**

*Greeter: Needed*

*Lector: Joan Kavanaugh*

*Ushers: Needed*

**10:30 AM MONDAY DEC. 25:**

*Greeter: Needed*

*Lector: Needed*

*Ushers: Needed*

**Counters:** Bridget Boysen; *second counter TBD*

## **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.

**RIDWELL SPECIAL COLLECTION ITEMS DUE TODAY** – If you brought usable (unopened) toiletries, leave them in the designated bin in the narthex.

**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.

### **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. 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.

### **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](mailto: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.

**Note:** The office will be closed on Tuesday, December 26. Pastor Dan will not be available from Monday afternoon on 12/25 to Wednesday, 12/27.