

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 31, 2023

10:30 AM



↑ = *Stand* **C**: *Congregation* **A**: *Worship Assistant* **P**: *Presiding Minister*

Hymns may be found in the red hymnals in the pews. • Large-print hymns are available in the narthex as you enter. • Quiet Bags with books and soft toys, or Doodle Bags with markers are available in the narthex for children.

Prelude

Noël Suisse: "Il est un petit l'ange"
(*Swiss Noel: "There Is a Little Angel"*)
Claude Balbastre (1724–1799)

Introit

Isaiah 52:10; Psalm 98:1

The LORD's holy arm has been bared before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

O sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things. The LORD's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

Welcome

↑ Gathering Hymn

What Child Is This
ELW, Hymn 296

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Glory to God in the Highest!

C: And on earth peace to all on whom God's favor rests!

P: Sing to the Lord a new song.

C: For God has done marvelous things.

P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

C: Burst into jubilant song with music:

↑ Hymn of Praise

Angels, We Have Heard on High
ELW, Hymn 289

↑ Prayer of the Day

P: Holy God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it.

In your mercy, let us share the divine life
of the one who came to share our humanity,
Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

G: Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Dan

First Reading

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Galatians 4:4-7

A: Word of God, Word of life.

G: Thanks be to God.

↑ Gospel Acclamation

Stanzas 1 and 2

Angels, From the Realms of Glory
ELW, Hymn 275



1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.

Refrain



Come and wor-ship, come and wor-ship, wor-ship Christ, the new-born king.

↑ **The Holy Gospel**

Luke 2:22-40

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

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

After the reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dan Peterson

↑ **Hymn of the Day**

In His Temple Now Behold Him
ELW, Hymn 417

↑ **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

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: '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.', and '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, Lord most ho - ly, God of life and God of light
heav'n and earth re - veal your glo - ry. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!
Bless - ed be the com - ing Sav - ior. Hail, ho - san - na, Lord of light!

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↑ Words of Institution

↑The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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: Glory to God in the highest!
Come to the table of peace.

Agnus Dei



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



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mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↑ Distribution Hymn

What Feast of Love
ELW, Hymn 487

↑ Post-Communion Prayer

P: God our redeemer,
you have fed us at this table
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.
As you have gathered us in joy,
send us forth as messengers of your peace.
Make us shine with the good news of your glory,
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

↑ Benediction

P: God bless you and keep you,
✚ Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit bring you peace,
now and forever.

C: Amen.

↑ Sending Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
ELW, Hymn 632

↑ Dismissal

A: Christ the Savior is born!
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Fugue in E flat major ("St. Anne")

About Today's Music

During the Christmas season we've heard three organ noels by French composer Louis-Claude Daquin (1694–1772), at our two Christmas Eve services and Christmas morning. Today, for the seventh day of Christmas, our prelude is an organ noel based on a Swiss Christmas melody set by Claude Balbastre (1724–1799), who was one of the most prominent French musicians of his time and served as organist at Notre Dame Cathedral. Today's postlude by J. S. Bach (1685–1750), one of his most famous organ fugues, echoes the melody of our Sending Hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," and has been nicknamed after the tune. However, Bach likely did not know the tune and the several notes that mimic ST. ANNE it are pure coincidence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 31 , 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.

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

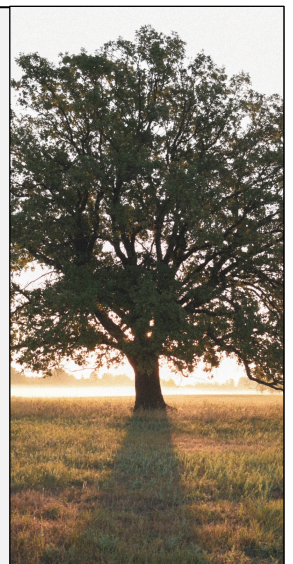
NOTE: Sewing & Service Quilting will return to meet this Wednesday morning, January 3.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6 @ 10:00 AM: SEATTLE SEEKERS

Eager to explore life's big questions? Searching for a sense of belonging?

Join us every month for meaningful discussion and connection over a light breakfast as we delve into life's big questions and the quest for meaning. Our group offers a unique blend of insights, drawing from both secular perspectives and Christian teachings to cultivate a holistic understanding of spirituality, ethics, and purpose. Whether you're a believer, skeptic, or somewhere in between, all are welcome.

This month's topic is on finding purpose.



RIDWELL SPECIAL COLLECTION – DUE TODAY: JEWELRY.

Ridwell donates jewelry to the Women’s Shelter Jewelry Project.* WSJP can accept all types of jewelry, including watches, whole or broken rings, chains, and brooches. If you brought donations today, Susan Evans will collect them; please place your jewelry items in a sealed plastic bag like a Ziploc bag. Attach earrings to a piece of paper or cardboard. No non-jewelry items or beads, please.

*See womensshelterjewelryproject.org

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Men’s jackets, sweaters, socks, gloves and hats are welcome. One large box of donations has already been delivered to Queen Anne Helpline to help our neighbors keep warm. Jim Margard will make another delivery there on Thursday, January 11.

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.

THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR

Monday

Happy New Year!

Food Addicts in Recovery (FH) 7:00 PM

Tuesday (office closed)

Wednesday

Sewing & Service (FH) 10:00 AM

AA Counterbalance (FH) 7:30 PM

Saturday

Seattle Seekers (Conf. Rm.) 10:00 AM

Alanon (*upstairs*) 10:30 AM

AA Shanty Trudgers (*upstairs*) 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 7

Worship 8:00 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Executive Committee *after worship*

OFFICE HOURS – Note: The office will be closed this Tuesday, January 2.

Barb Bash will be in the office from **2 PM to 6 PM Wednesday through Friday**. Barb works from home in the mornings, and on regular weeks is here T-F from 2 to 6 PM. This schedule will last until further notice.

Pastor Dan is available Tuesday through 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 out after today for a surgery and his subsequent recovery, and plans to return to work on Sunday, January 28. **Martha Freitag** will be our guest organist for the coming three Sunday services.

JANUARY FORUM SERIES:

WOMEN OF THE REFORMATION –

Discussions about the Protestant Reformation often highlight the role of important male figures--Luther, Calvin, Zwingli, etc. However, the tenets of the Reformation brought changes for women. These sessions will explore the roles of women in the early Protestant Church, as well as highlight the important contributions of specific women, such as Katie Luther (Katharina von Bora) and Katharina Schutz.

This three-part Forum series begins **January 21** with a presentation from **Bishop Shelley Bryan-Wee**. Two following Sunday Forums, January 28 and February 4, will be led by **Dr. Lynn Hofstad**.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – SAVE THE DATE

We will be holding our **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** on Sunday, January 28. It will be held in-person after our 10:30 worship.

The purpose of the annual meeting of the congregation is to review and celebrate the previous year's accomplishments; to elect officers and delegates for the coming year; and to hear and vote on next year's guidelines for expenditures and any other proposals requiring the majority approval of the membership.

A quorum of members is required to accomplish our tasks, and of course we hope you will be able to attend.

QUEEN ANNE LUTHERAN CHURCH FINE ARTS PRESENTS

DR. WYATT SMITH, organ



with

DR. TRACELYN GESTELAND,
mezzo-soprano

and original paintings on
exhibit by **JON SEALS**



Three art forms converge

to illuminate the church year

through art song, organ solo, and visual art.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 • 4:00 PM

QUEEN ANNE LUTHERAN CHURCH

suggested donation: \$20 GENERAL/\$15 SENIOR/STUDENT

or pay as you can

Save the date for this unique collaboration across the mediums of music and visual art! Inspired by the Lutheran chorale tradition, concert organist Wyatt Smith explores the liturgical year with two modern masterworks as the centerpiece of the program. *Liturgy LIVE!* is a collection of six pieces for organ by composer Pamela Ruiten-Feenstra based upon Lutheran chorales that span the church year. Inspired by Ruiten-Feenstra's organ compositions, visual artist Jon Seals created six paintings depicting the human condition in relation to each liturgical season—each painting will be exhibited at the concert, near the organ. Composer Craig Phillips has set poet Bethany Carlson's meditations on each season of the church year as a song cycle, entitled *Six Seasonal Songs*, which will feature Tracelyn Gesteland, mezzo-soprano.