

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 16, 2025

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

Contrasting settings of THAXTED
(ELW 710, "Let Streams of Living Justice")

Organ: Tom Trenney (b. 1977)
Piano: Sylvia Berg Oines (b. 1953)

Introit

Psalm 31:3, 1, 2

Be my strong rock, [O God,] a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Welcome

↑ Gathering Hymn

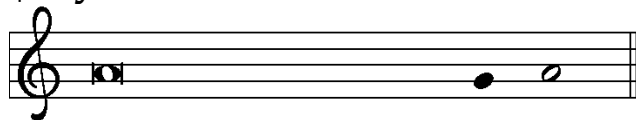
Gather Us In
ELW 532

↑ Pastoral Greeting

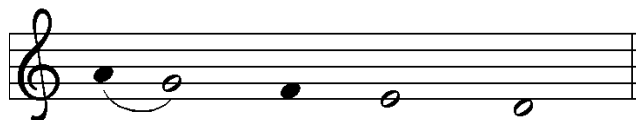
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

↑ Kyrie



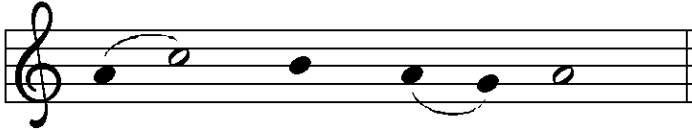
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



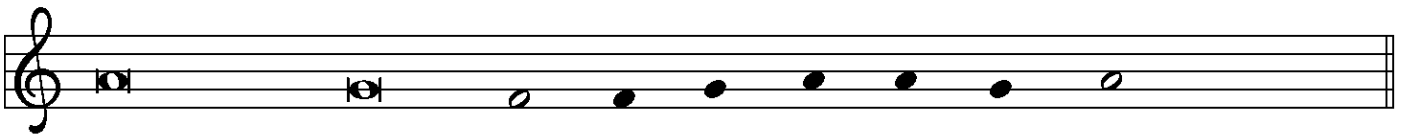
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



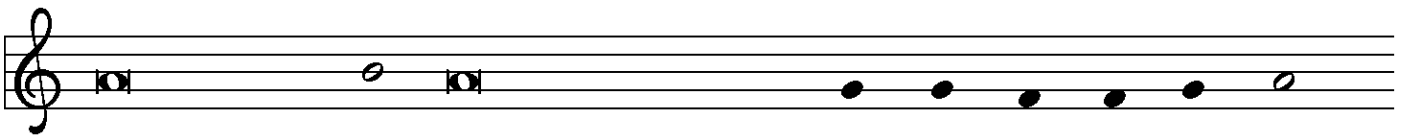
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



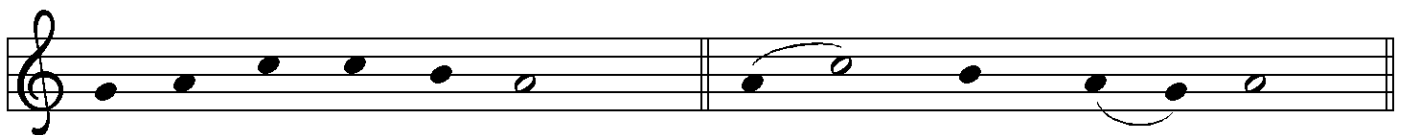
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



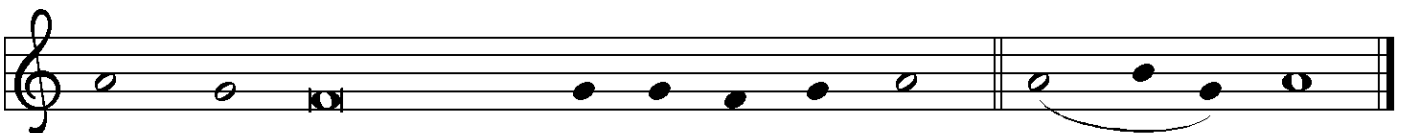
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy 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.

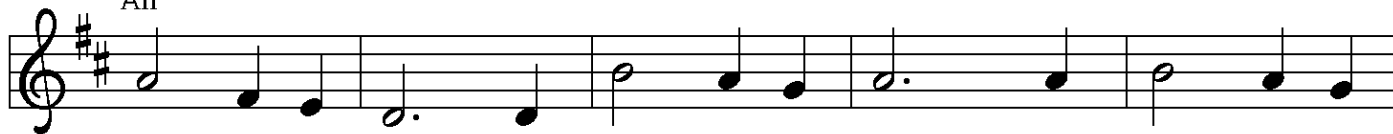
↑ Hymn of Praise

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

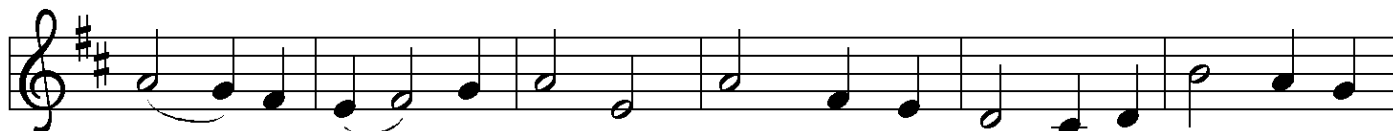
Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

↑ Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Living God, in Christ you make all things new.

Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A: Word of God, Word of life.

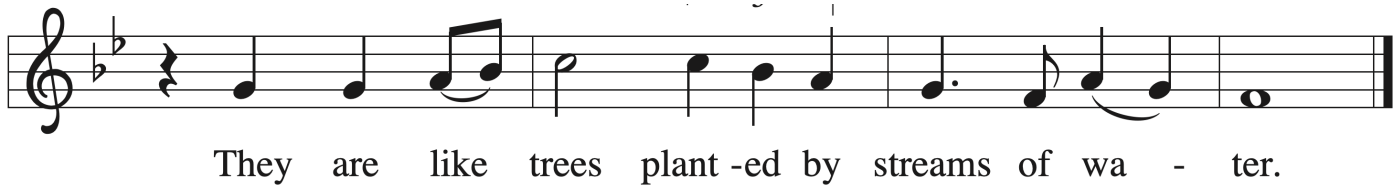
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

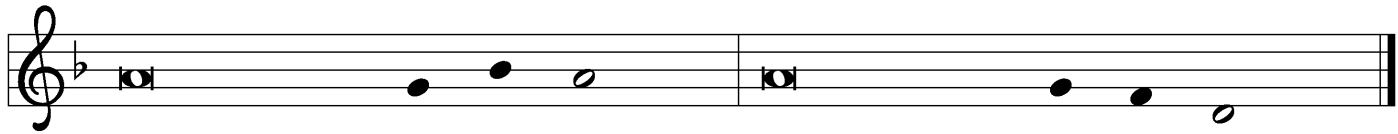
Psalm 1

To begin the psalm, the Choir sings the Refrain and all repeat. Thereafter, the Congregation sings the Refrain as indicated.

REFRAIN



Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses.



¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**

REFRAIN

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
everything they | do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so | with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

REFRAIN

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ **Gospel Acclamation**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

↑ **The Holy Gospel**

Luke 6:17-26

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

After the reading

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor John Michael Barich

↑ **Hymn of the Day**

Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

↑ 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 baptized 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 ministrations 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. Dispose of the waste in the narthex after worship.

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.

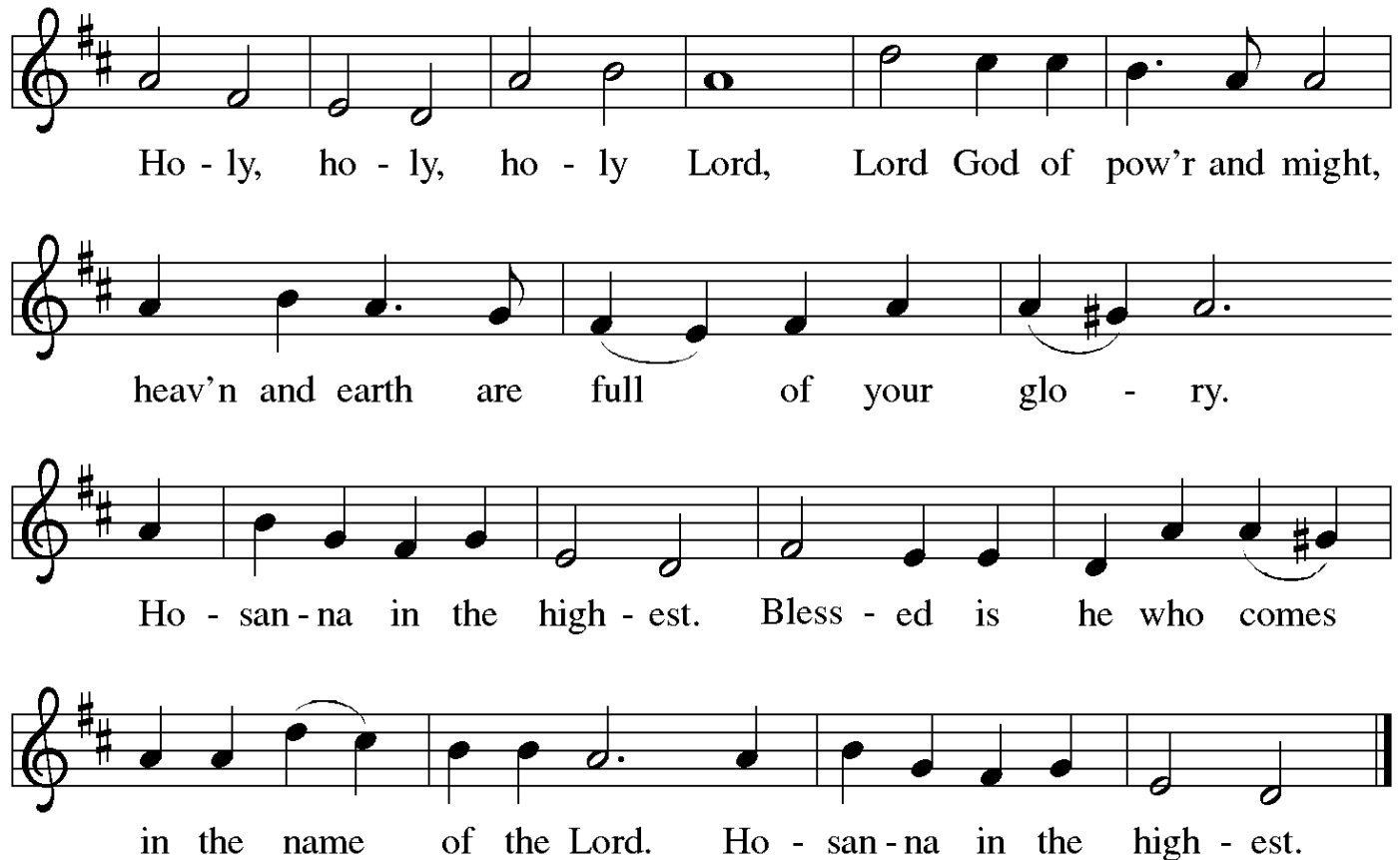
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

↑ **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: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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

There Is a Balm in Gilead

The choir sings stanza 1.

ELW 614

All join for stanzas 2 and 3; then repeat stanza 1.

You are invited to sing in harmony, if you wish.

↑ Post-Communion Prayer

P: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.
In the name of Christ we pray,

G: Amen.

Announcements

↑ **Benediction**

P: The God of love,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
today and always.

G: Amen.

↑ **Sending Hymn**

Let Streams of Living Justice

The choir sings stanza 1; all join at stanza 2.

ELW 710

↑ **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

G: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude on THAXTED
Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

About Today's Music

The Sending Hymn at the 10:30 service, "Let Streams of Living Justice" (ELW 710), is likely new to QALC. The text is by William Whitla (b. 1934), a priest in the Anglican Church of Canada and literary scholar. Like many hymnals, ELW shortens the hymn by omitting the second stanza. In a 2009 email for *Hymnal Companion to Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, Whitla writes:

I wrote the hymn in 1989 just after the events in Tiananmen Square, and when the Mothers of the Disappeared in Argentina were bringing their campaign to the consciences of the world. At the same time, the religious and racial disputes in Ireland, Israel-Palestine, the Congo and other parts of Africa, and in Canada and many other countries over First Nation or Aboriginal rights all seemed impossible to solve. Unfortunately, similar events are still replayed, and only too-similar images in the Near East, Iraq, Afghanistan, and now Somalia – not to mention the school shootings at home – recur and are now extended well beyond those earlier sad happenings. So I used some images from those events ... to tell of the bad news before the Good News of [stanzas two and three in ELW]. Subsequent events only sharpened those images, alas.

The melody for the hymn is adapted from Gustav Holst's orchestral piece *The Planets*, and is the theme for Jupiter. The tune is best-known since 1931 in Holst's adaptation for the British patriotic song, "I Vow to Thee, My Country," and subsequently has been used with several hymns (see also ELW 880). Although longer and more challenging than many tunes written with the intent of congregational singing, once learned it is often regarded as a profound melody, especially when matched to a meaningful text.

– Cantor Kyle

ANNOUNCEMENTS — FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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.

FELLOWSHIP CONTINUES after 10:30 worship with coffee hour in the narthex. We thank Don and Denny for hosting.

FEBRUARY FORUM SERIES:

RECONCILING in CHRIST



DEEPENING OUR QUEER IDENTITY

TODAY: What's Next?

Open discussion, led by Magdalena Phillips, to talk about ways in which Queen Anne Lutheran Church and we as individuals can move forward to create a welcoming community and advocate for others.

NEXT WEEK: Communion as a Resource to Resist Queer Religious Trauma

Prof. Mary Elise Lowe will introduce us to the ways that Christianity can harm and traumatize many LGBTQIA+ Christians. Then we will explore how a Lutheran understanding of the Lord's Supper as a place of community where

God is offered FOR YOU affirms queer persons and extends a welcome of mutuality and affirmation to all.

Mary Elise Lowe is Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. Her work focuses on Martin Luther's theology, LGBTQIA+ theologies, and religion and trauma. One of her recent articles is "Communion for All: A Queer, Lutheran Sacrament of Wild Welcome. Prof. Lowe's forthcoming book is *ReEngaging ELCA Social Teaching on Faith, Sexism, and Justice*. The book is co-authored with Mary J. Struefert and will be available in May of 2025. Prof. Lowe and Dr. Struefert will be teaching from their new book at Holden Village in August of 2025 (08/15 to 08/22).

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, February 16

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

Monday

Food Addicts in Recovery (<i>FH</i>)	7:00 PM
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Tuesday (office closed)

QALCW Circle (<i>Conf Rm/Zm</i>)	7:00 PM
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Wednesday

Sewing & Service (<i>downstairs</i>)	10:00 AM
Staff Meeting (<i>library</i>)	12:30 PM
AA Counterbalance (<i>FH</i>)	7:30 PM

Thursday

Memorial – Merrilee Kipfer	1:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal (<i>Music Rm</i>)	7:00 PM

Saturday

Alanon (<i>upstairs</i>)	10:30 AM
Memorial – Arlene Berry	1:00 PM
AA Shanty Trudgers (<i>upstairs</i>)	7:00 PM

Sunday, February 23

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

FORUM RESOURCES: In our library, you can pick up a resource page compiled by Svea Phillips from the Feb. 2 forum, as well as an article by Nathan Todd, last week's forum presenter. Links to both are also on our website FORUMS page.

MERRILEE KIPFER MEMORIAL

A memorial service for Merrilee Kipfer will be held here at 1 PM on Thursday, Feb. 20. A reception will follow.

ARLENE BERRY MEMORIAL

A memorial service for Arlene Berry, Amy Castle's aunt, will be held here at 1 PM on Saturday, Feb. 22. A reception will follow.

MEMORIAL RECEPTION HELP – If you would be able to contribute cookies for the two memorial receptions on Thursday and Saturday in this coming week, or could help serving coffee, please contact Candy (cbmathes@aol.com or 206-919-7330)

EVERY-MEMBER.VISITS FOR WINTER: Please set aside 30-40 minutes to welcome Pastor Dan to your home, or to meet at church or have coffee, to talk about your family, interests, and history at QALC, your feelings and dreams for this church, and anything else on your mind. God bless our work together with joy and understanding as we reconnect with one another. Days and times will vary each week. Sign up at the narthex railing or contact Pastor Dan directly to set up a time.

AUDIO-RECORDING WORSHIP – WE NEED HELP NEXT SUNDAY!

Connie Wurm is unable to record our 10:30 worship for a month of Sundays, February 2 through March 2. We would like to train one or two more people to do this. Please talk to Rich Mathes if you are able to learn how. It is not complicated.

RIDWELL SPECIAL PICKUP TODAY: Bras, new or gently-used.

Styrofoam: Because our volunteer cannot bring it to Ridwell at this time, please do not bring Styrofoam to the church in February. We'll begin collecting it again in March. Note that Styrofoam donations must fit in the bin.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Main Office: The office will be open this week Tuesday through Friday, 9–5:30. Email Barb at admin@queenannelutheran.org.

Pastor Dan Peterson is available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. To contact him, e-mail pastor@queenannelutheran.org or leave a message on the church phone, 206-284-1960. For emergency pastoral communications only, text him at 253-230-9695.

Cantor Kyle is in the office Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings. E-mail him at cantor@queenannelutheran.org.

Lynn Hofstad will be in the office on Thursday and Friday. E-mail Lynn at programming@queenannelutheran.org.

MARK YOUR MARCH CALENDARS FOR THESE EVENTS IN LENT:



ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 – Worship with imposition of ashes is offered at noon in the chapel and at 7:30 PM in the sanctuary.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 – LENTEN BREAKFAST

The Women of QALCW invite you to this annual event at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Paul Hoffman, no stranger to Queen Anne, will be the guest speaker.

Paul's first book, *Stations of the Cross*, will form the basis of our morning together. **Copies of the book are available in advance from Cathi Unseth.** Paul's time with us promises to offer fresh theology regarding Good Friday, laid alongside both traditional and contemporary artwork. We'll also enjoy informal worship with communion, a brief business meeting, and a delicious breakfast.

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – NOON worship in the Chapel

Join us in the chapel for a contemplative service of prayer, March 12 through April 9.

**WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – Collaborative Lenten Series
with Ballard First Lutheran**

All are welcome on Wednesday evenings in Lent. Our topic for this season will be "Finding Faith in the Midst of Fear."

The program will include:

- 6:00 – A simple supper
- 6:30 – Topic and discussion
- 7:15 – Brief worship

Locations for our Lenten gatherings:

- March 12 – at Ballard First Lutheran (Haavik Hall)
- March 19 – at Queen Anne Lutheran (Fellowship Hall)
- March 26 – at Ballard First Lutheran
- April 02 – at Queen Anne Lutheran
- April 09 – at Ballard First Lutheran

**Don't miss TWO
QALC Fine Arts Events in March—
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Tuesday, March 18 at 7 PM:

A joint choral concert will be held at QALC featuring the University of Puget Sound Adelpian Concert Choir and Amore, the high school ensemble of Northwest Girlchoir.

Free and open to the public.

Sunday, March 23 at 4 PM:

Cantor Kyle Haugen presents an organ recital, “Encore and More” on the Wech organ at QALC, with a suggested donation of \$15 (or pay as you can).

All are welcome. Invite friends and family!

Sunday, March 16 at 9:30 PM:

Join Joel Matter and Cantor Kyle

for Compline at St. Mark's Cathedral on Capitol Hill:

Joel sings weekly with The Compline Choir, and on March 16, Cantor Kyle joins for an informal post-Compline recital.

Come early for best seats; Compline starts at 9:30 PM and the 20-minute “Organ By Night” recital starts at approximately 10 PM.

Both are free and open to the public.

Can't make it in person? Visit www.complinechoir.org for the livestream.

(Note: KING-FM broadcasts Compline only, not the organ recital which follows.)