

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 23, 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

Settings of the African American spiritual GIVE ME JESUS
Free improvisation
Richard Billingham (b. 1934)

Introit

Psalm 13:5, 6, 1

O LORD my God, in your lovingkindness and mercy have I trusted,
and my heart is joyful in your salvation; I will sing to the LORD,
who has dealt so lovingly with me. How long, O LORD?
Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

Welcome

↑ Gathering Hymn

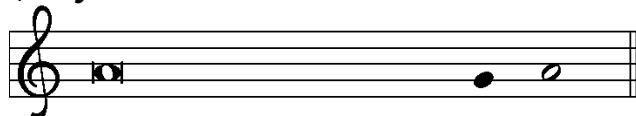
Give Me Jesus
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↑ Pastoral Greeting

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



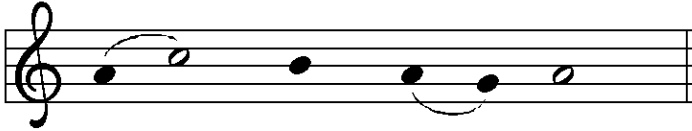
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



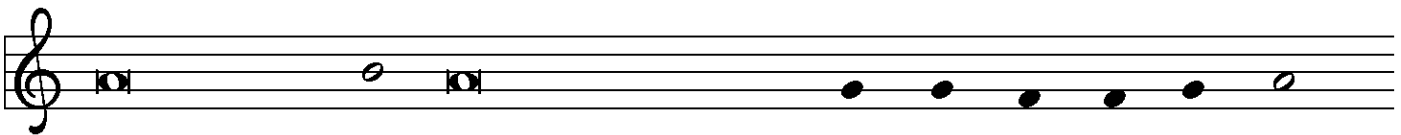
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



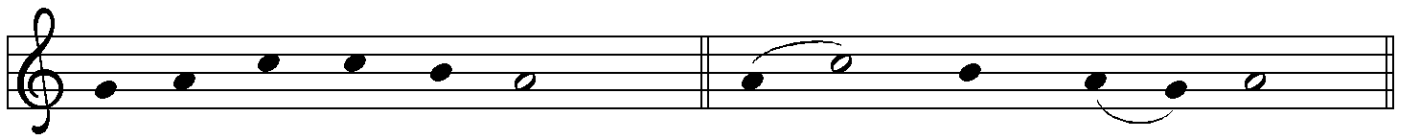
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



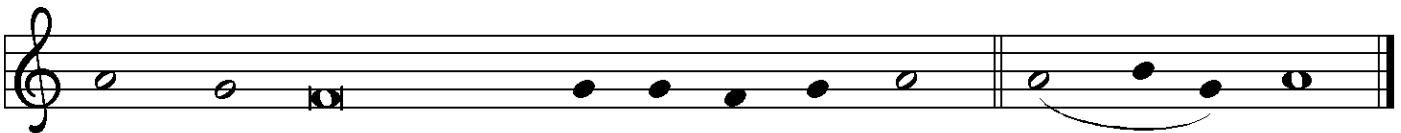
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

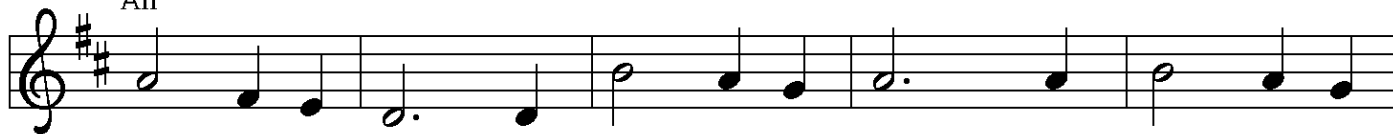
↑ Hymn of Praise

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.

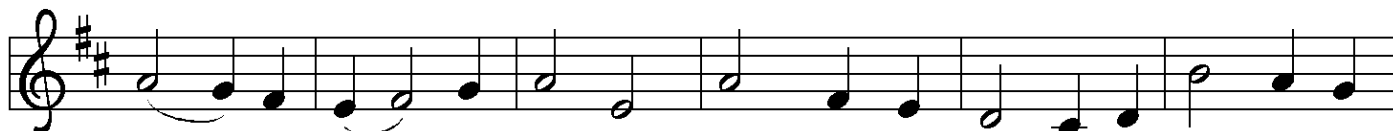
Refrain



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.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace,
that where there is hatred, we may sow love,
where there is injury, pardon,
and where there is despair, hope.
Grant that we may seek to console,
to understand,
and to love in your name,
for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

A: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

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

REFRAIN

The low - ly shall pos - sess the land; they will de -
light in a - bun - dance of peace.

Choir: regular verses; Congregation: boldface verses.

- ¹ Do not be provoked by | evildoers;
do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
- ² **For they shall soon wither | like the grass,
and like the green grass | fade away.**
- ³ Put your trust in the Lord | and do good;
dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.
- ⁴ **Take delight | in the Lord,
who shall give you your | heart's desire.**

REFRAIN

- ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust | in the Lord,
and see what | God will do.
- ⁶ **The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light
and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**
- ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers,
the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.

REFRAIN

⁹ For evildoers shall | be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.

¹⁰ **In a little while the wicked shall | be no more;**
even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.

¹¹ But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land;
they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

³⁹ **But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O Lord;**
you are their stronghold in | time of trouble.

⁴⁰ You, O Lord, will help them and | rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because in you | they seek refuge.

REFRAIN

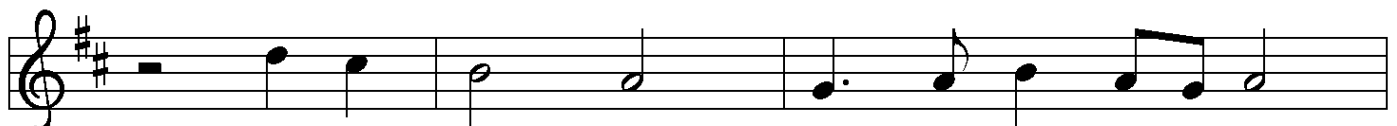
Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

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 6:27-38

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 Dan Peterson

Silence is kept for reflection.

↑ **Hymn of the Day**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Stanza 1 is sung by a leader or the choir;
all join at stanza 2.*

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↑ **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.**



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 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.

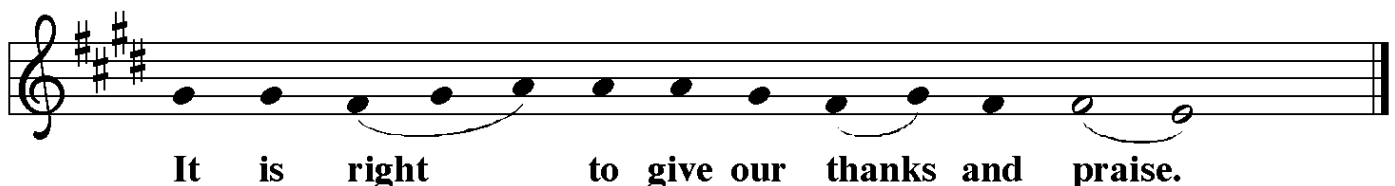
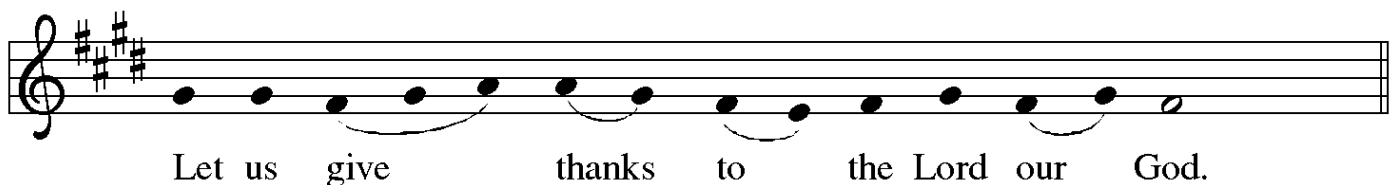
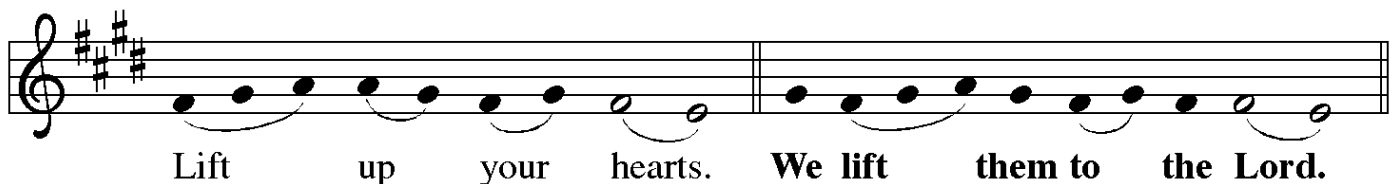
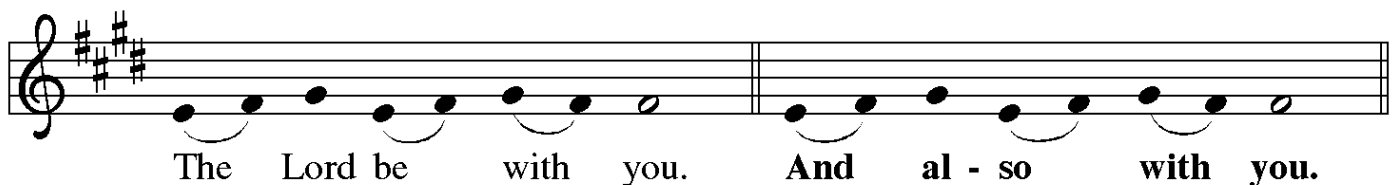
When invited to commune, peel off the bottom tab to eat the bread; peel off the top tab to drink the wine. Dispose of the waste in the narthex after worship.

By intinction:

When prompted by the ushers, come down the center aisle to kneel at the railing; please sanitize your hands.

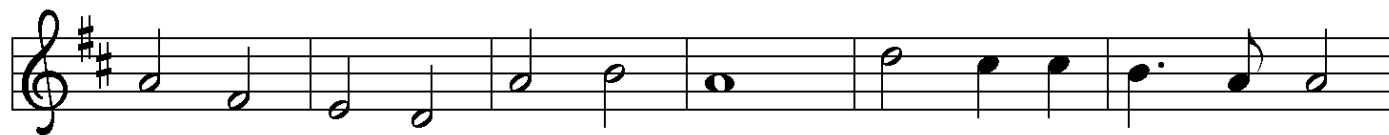
Receive a wafer in your hands. Dip it in a chalice, either wine or grape juice, before partaking. Use the outside aisle to return to your seat.

↑ The Great Thanksgiving



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 Anthem

Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness
arr. G. F. Handel (1685– 1759)
adapted by St. James Music Press

↑ 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,

C: 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**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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↑ **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

G: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Jubilate

Fela Sowande (1905–1987)

About Today's Music

Today's Hymn of the Day features a text by 19th century Anglican priest Frederick Faber (1814–1863). The 20th century melody we sing with it today was reportedly written for this text (though originally was not published with any particular hymn). Named ST. HELENA for the monastic women's community known as the Order of St. Helena hosted at Calvary Episcopal Church in Manhattan, it was composed by American organist Calvin Hampton (1938–1984), who served that congregation. Hampton was known for immense talent as organist, composer, and planner of liturgies, and his "Fridays at Midnight" organ recitals at Calvary Church from 1974 to 1983 were very popular. His original hymn tunes were also sung at these recitals.

— *Cantor Kyle*

ANNOUNCEMENTS — FEBRUARY 23, 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 Magdalena Phillips for hosting.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR are given by Lisa Ondrejcek & Darryl Pahl to the glory of God and to celebrate their daughter Ellie Pahl's marriage to Nick Dyrland today!

AUDIO-RECORDING WORSHIP:

We need help today and March 2. We'd like to train more to do this. Please talk to Rich Mathes if you're willing to learn.

THANK YOU, all who generously helped provide for and serve at our *two* memorial service receptions this past week!

FEBRUARY FORUM SERIES:

DEEPENING OUR RIC IDENTITY

TODAY'S FORUM @ 9AM:

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'll 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.

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. Streufert and will be available in May of 2025. Prof. Lowe and Dr. Streufert 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 23

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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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

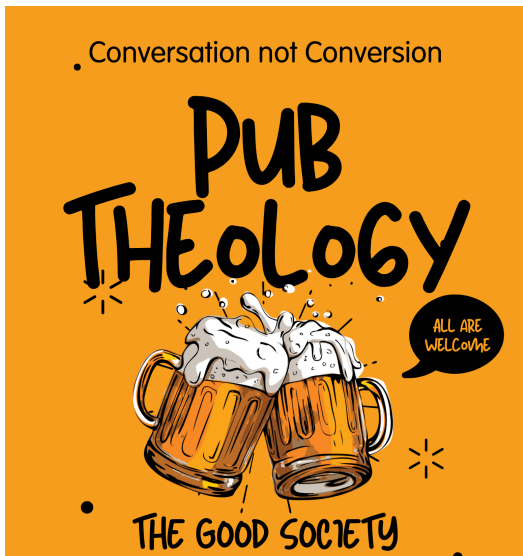
No Choir Rehearsal

Saturday

Seattle Seekers (<i>Conf. Rm</i>)	10:00 AM
Alanon (<i>upstairs</i>)	10:30 AM
AA Shanty Trudgers (<i>upstairs</i>)	7:00 PM

Sunday, March 2

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



PUB THEOLOGY:

Beer, conversation, and existential questions.

Tuesday, February 25 at 7 PM

meet at The Good Society (535 West McGraw St.)

SEATTLE SEEKERS SAT., MARCH 2 @ 10:00 AM:

Join us monthly for meaningful discussion and connection over a light breakfast as we delve into life's big questions and the quest for meaning. We draw from both secular perspectives and Christian teachings to cultivate a holistic understanding of ethics, spirituality, and purpose. Whether believer, skeptic, or in-between: you are welcome.

ATONEMENT—PT. I (A four-part Forum series)


MARCH 2 and 9: Atonement in the Hebrew Bible/ Rabbinic Judaism

with Dr. Beatrice Lawrence

The word "atonement" is a tricky one in the Hebrew Bible and subsequent Judaism. Even the Hebrew words used to describe this idea are unclear. However, it IS clear that there are concepts within the Bible and Judaism involving sin and reconciliation with other people and with God. What requires such reconciliation? Is it always possible? What are the mechanisms for addressing this? What is the nature of sin, and why does it happen? In this forum, we will use biblical and other Jewish texts to address these questions.

Beatrice Lawrence is Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Seattle University, where she also teaches courses in Jewish Studies. Though her research interests are diverse (many centered on the history of Jewish biblical interpretation), she is currently working on projects surrounding mental illness and the Hebrew Bible. She lives in Seattle with her two daughters and rescue pup.

MORE MARCH FORUMS (Find details online & in the Forum Catalog in the narthex):

MARCH 16: The Lazarus Blueprint: ONE PARISH  ONE PRISONER

A guide for churches to embrace reentry *with Rev. Dexter Kearny*

ATONEMENT—PT. II

MARCH 23 & 30: Atonement in the New Testament *with Dr. Lynn Hofstad*

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. **(Sign up in the narthex to help with the meal!)**

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – NOON worship in the Chapel

Join us 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

***Please sign up in the narthex if you can help provide supper for ~30 on 3/19 or 4/02.**

**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.)