



*Nights of Awe & Wonder*

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ADVENT II

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 7, 2022

Advent Vespers

6:30pm

## PREPARATION

### WELCOME

### DIALOGUE

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Jesus Christ is the light of the world, **the light no darkness can overcome.**  
Stay with us Lord, for it is evening, **and the day is almost over.**  
Let your light scatter the darkness **and illumine your church.**

## OPENING

### BRINGING OF THE LIGHT

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### HYMN OF LIGHT (back of bulletin)

### THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

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### PSALMODY (Group One - treble voices; Group Two - bass voices)

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## WORD

### READING

Psalms 146:5-10

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SILENCE**

**REFLECTION**

Pastor Ian McConnell

**CHORALE RESPONSE**

*Magnificat*

Cesare de Zacharia  
arr. Larry J. Long

## PRAYERS

**LITANY**

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**PRAYER**

O God of freedom, **there are so many other things that we cling to and that demand our focus. We fear the disruption of change and hold fast to the very things that cause us grief. Yet your promise assures us that we find all we need in you. Be with us and all your people in this season and guide us so that we may set aside all that distracts us from you. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Sung)

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**ANTHEM**

*Little Lamb*

*David Cherwienn*

## SENDING

**BLESSING**

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**HYMN**

*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

ELW 254

(Offering plates available in narthex before and after worship)

# Joyous Light of Glory

Leader



Joy-ous light of glo - ry:

All



of the im - mor - tal Fa - ther; heav - en - ly, ho - ly,



bles - ed Je - sus Christ. We have come to the



set - ting of the sun, and we look to the eve - ning light.



We sing to God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it:



You are wor - thy of be - ing praised with pure voic - es for -



ev - er. O Son of God, O giv - er of life:



The u - ni - verse pro - claims your glo - ry.

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