



*Nights of Awe & Wonder*

*Receive*

ADVENT IV

NORMANDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 21, 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

Isaiah 9:2b-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SILENCE**

**REFLECTION**

Pastor Rebecca Gamble

**CHORALE RESPONSE**

*Magnificat*

Cesare de Zacharia  
arr. Larry J. Long

## PRAYERS

**LITANY**

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**PRAYER**

Generous God,  
**you provide all that we need. We thank you that you do not give us what we want, but what you, in your wisdom, desire for us. Open us to the miracles surrounding us every moment, and teach us to expect your coming throughout each day. Pour out upon us your overflowing mercy, justice, and peace. Teach us to trust your abundance so thoroughly that we share all that we have received from you, for the healing of the world and the proclamation of your name. In the name of the Holy One who was, is, and is to come. Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Sung)

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**ANTHEM**

*O Magnum Mysterium*

Tomas Luis de Victoria

O great mystery and wondrous sacrament,  
that animals might see the birth of the Lord as he lay in a manger.  
O Blessed Virgin, who was worthy of bearing our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia.

## SENDING

**BLESSING**

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**HYMN**

*Joy to the World* (stanzas 1 and 2)

No. 267

(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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