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## PRELUDE

Robert Aaron

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8ff

For everything there is a season:

**And a time for every matter under heaven:**

A time to be born and a time to die.

**A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted.**

A time to break down, and a time to build up.

**A time to weep and a time to laugh.**

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

**A time to be silent and a time to speak.**

A time to love and a time to hate.

**A time for war and a time for peace.**

God has made everything suitable for its time.

**God has put a sense of past and future into our minds.**

God has done this, so that all should stand in awe before him.

**Whatever God does endures forever.**

## GATHERING SONG

*God Of The Ages*

STTL 754

Musical score for the gathering song "God Of The Ages". The score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:  
1. God of the a - ges, His - to - ry's Mak - er, Plan - ning our  
2. God of this morn - ing, Glad - ly Your chil - dren Wor - ship be -  
3. God of to - mor - row, Strong O - ver - com - er, Princ - es of  
4. Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing, Lord of the

path - way, Hold - ing us fast, Shap - ing in mer - cy  
 fore You, Trust - ing - ly bow. Teach us to know You  
 dark - ness Own Your com - mand. What then can harm us?  
 fu - ture, Help us we pray: Teach us to trust You,

All that con - cerns us: Fa - ther, we praise You, Lord of the past.  
 Al - ways a - mong us, Qui - et - ly sov - 'reign - Lord of our now.  
 We are Your peo - ple, Now and for - ev - er Kept by Your hand.  
 Love and o - bey You, Crown You each mo - ment Lord of to - day.

WORDS: Margaret Clarkson, 1981

MUSIC: Gaelic Melody; arr. by Lyndell Leatherman, 1978

BUNESSAN

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Therefore, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

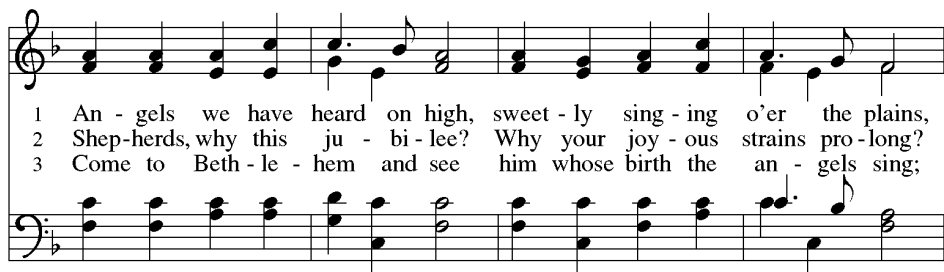
### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

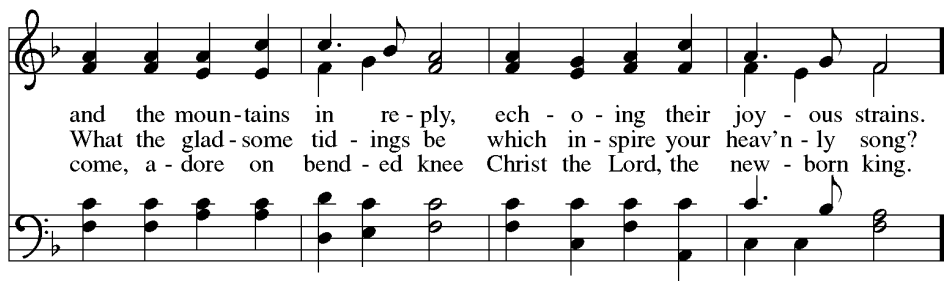
**And also with you.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE** *Angels We Have Heard On High*

ELW 289



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever -- the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## FIRST READING

Revelation 21:1–6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**<sup>2</sup>You whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL**

Luke 13:6-9

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Following the reading*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Brian Pederson

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ELW 632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

## CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence*

Lord Jesus, be merciful to and bless your Church, which is inscribed with your Cross and which bears your Name in the world. Keep it faithful in its proclamation, bold in its witness, and merciful in its deeds, so that it may help many people to name you as Savior, Lord, and God. Wherever the Church experiences persecution on account of your Name, bring strength, encouragement, and the grace and comfort of your holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We long for the day when, at your Name, all knees will bow, and all tongues confess you as Lord. Thus we pray that you teach the rulers of the nations to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before your heavenly Father. Abide with people everywhere, so that they may learn from you those things that make for peace in the world, in their communities, in their families, and in their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As this New Year begins, we ask your blessing and guidance for our lives and our world. Grant peace, health, and joy, especially to those whose lives have been shadowed by tragedy; and lead many people to trust in your saving love for them. Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Grant that the people of this congregation may bear your Name as a beacon of hope, forgiveness and blessing to all whom we meet. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Prince of Peace, guard and guide all those who stand in harm's way to defend lives and establish safety in dangerous places. We pray especially for first responders and those in our military. For your precious Name's sake, prosper all they do that serves your will; and return them home safely and soon to their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless and keep in your merciful care all those who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Especially we lift before you the needs of those we name, either out loud or silently in our hearts. *[pause for silent or spoken petitions..]* Let your face shine on them, be gracious to them, and give them your peace. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Dearest Jesus, Savior and Redeemer of the world, God-with us: We praise and thank you for taking to yourself all those who have died naming yours as the Name above all names. Comfort all who grieve, especially at this joyous time of year. Teach all of us your humble obedience to your Father's will; give us grace to call upon you in faith, hope and love; and lead us into your Kingdom of light and love, where with all those whom you have redeemed, we may delight in praising and glorifying you in the majesty you share with your Father and the Holy Spirit; and may evermore see you face to face. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**OFFERING** *The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. If you are visiting with us, please feel free to pass the offering plate, you are our guest.*

**OFFERTORY**

*Doxology*

BH 253

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray....

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 Him thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*pastor continues, concluding with*), we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -

est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we for-  
give our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION:** *is open to all. We be-  
lieve and teach that Christ is truly pre-*

*sent in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. Young children whose  
parents do not wish for them to receive Communion yet are welcome to come forward  
and receive a blessing.*

## COMMUNION SONG

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, Lamb of God.



1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that glo - rious song of old,  
 2 Still through the clo - ven skies they come with peace - ful wings un - furled,  
 3 And you, be - neath life's crush - ing load, whose forms are bend - ing low,  
 4 For lo! The days are has - t'ning on, by proph - ets seen of old,



from an - gels bend - ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
 and still their heav'n - ly mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world.  
 who toil a - long the climb - ing way with pain - ful steps and slow:  
 when with the ev - er - cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,



"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all - gra - cious king."  
 A - bove its sad and low - ly plains they bend on hov - 'ring wing,  
 look now, for glad and gold - en hours come swift - ly on the wing;  
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen - dors fling,



The world in sol - emn still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
 and ev - er o'er its ba - bel sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
 oh, rest be - side the wea - ry road and hear the an - gels sing!  
 and all the world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar call;  
 3 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,  
 4 Hail him, you heirs of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did call—

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
 hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 the God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.

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 Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
 The God in - car - nate, man di - vine—and crown him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
 the wormwood and the gall,  
 go spread your trophies at his feet  
 and crown him Lord of all.

6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
 on this terrestrial ball  
 to him all majesty ascribe  
 and crown him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
 we at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song  
 and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–5; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 6–7  
 Music: CORONATION Oliver Holden 1765–1844

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## DEPARTING PRAYER

Let us pray... We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit

**Amen.**

## DEPARTING SONG *Sent Forth By God's Blessing* ELW 547



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing, the  
2 With praise and thanks-giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing, the



peo - ple of God from his dwell - ing take leave.  
tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face.



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed the  
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em -



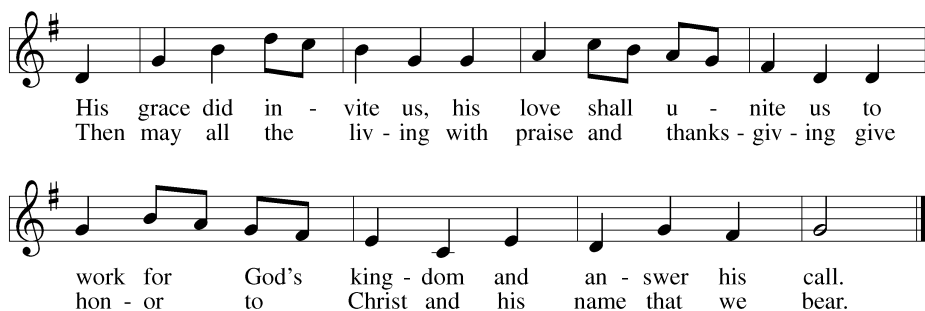
fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
brac - ing his chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of his teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, his love shall u - nite us to  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing give  
work for God's king - dom and an - swer his call.  
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
Music: THE ASH GROVE Welsh folk tune

Go in peace, serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

## NORTH BAY LUTHERAN COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** to all who worship here today. May you experience the gracious presence of God, and the peace which our Risen Lord Jesus gives to his people.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP CARDS:** If you haven't already done so, would you please fill out the welcome to worship card that was in your bulletin, and place in the offering plate. If you've completely filled out a card before, simply put your name and date on the card. We especially want to know your prayer requests, questions and comments, so we can serve the needs of our members and guests.

**STAN BISHOP FUNERAL SERVICE:** will be this Friday at NBLCC. Please check the website calendar or call the church office for the time of the service. Our prayers and sympathy goe out to Stan's family and friends.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** Begins again on January 11 @ 7:00p.m. The study is titled "*God's Reluctant Leaders. The Biblical Stories of Jonah, Gideon and Moses*" The workbooks are \$6.00 each. If you have any questions please contact Kim Olsen.

**SEMI ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** is scheduled for January 22 immediately following the worship service. The only item on the agenda is to approve the proposed 2012 operating budget. Copies of the proposed budget will be available online and in the narthex next Friday, January 6th.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**GREETERS:** The Congregation of NBLCC

**USHERS:** Gary Lorenz and John Lorenz

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Don & Patty Rogers

**READER:** Sandi Fleury

**COFFEE HOSTS:**

**COUNTERS:** Harvey Schulz and Norm Clark

**SACRISTANS:** John & Vi Schrader

**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE:** 113 - Christmas Eve  
75 + 3 Online - Christmas Day

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

<b>Sun Jan 8</b>	<b>BAPTISM OF OUR LORD</b>
<b>Sun Jan 15</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>
<b>Sun Jan 22</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>
<b>Sun Jan 29</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY</b>

*ALL SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES ARE 10:00 A.M.*

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