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PRELUDE

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a savior would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

As the followers of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us as humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.

We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return.

Light the First Candle

ADVENT SONG *Light One Candle To Watch For The Messiah* ELW240



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune
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Let us pray...

Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem. Amen.

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.



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907

Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

¹ Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains would tremble before you!
² As when fire sets twigs ablaze
and causes water to boil,
come down to make your name known to your enemies
and cause the nations to quake before you!
³ For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.
⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.
⁵ You come to the help of those who gladly do right,
who remember your ways.
But when we continued to sin against them,
you were angry.
How then can we be saved?
⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.
⁷ No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins.
⁸ Yet you, LORD, are our Father.
We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹ Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 80:1-7,17-19

¹ Hear us, Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who
sit enthroned between the cherubim, shine forth
² **before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. Awaken your
might; come and save us.**

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:

Refrain

Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN, Swedish folk tune, 17th cent.
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Mark 13:24-37

GOSPEL

The holy gospel according to St Mark, the 13th 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 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent* ELW 490

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and trem - bling stand;
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on earth he stood,
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard on the way;
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with sleep - less eye,

pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood,
 as the Light of light, de - scend - ing from the realms of end - less day,
 veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry:

Christ our God to earth de - scend - ing comes full hom - age to de - mand.
 he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
 Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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

As we await the coming of our Lord Jesus in glory, let us approach His throne in prayer for our needs and the needs of all people.

a brief silence

Almighty God, Creator of all that was, is, and ever shall be, look upon the work of Your hands with mercy and forbearance. What You created good we have made foul. We grieve for our sin, fear Your righteous anger, and long for a world made whole and holy once more. Tear open the heavens, O King, and come down. Restore Your creation to its purpose, forgive us our iniquities, and turn away Your wrath that we might live to Your glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, You revealed Yourself in Your Son, Your majesty and might clothed in the frail flesh of a humble newborn child. In His body our sins were crucified, that we might know Your unfailing mercy and everlasting life. Keep us humble, Lord, that in our weakness Your grace may be made manifest. Help our pastor, and all who work to spread your Gospel, to be selfless servants of Your Church, that Your saving Word may be faithfully and humbly proclaimed throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Light of the Nations, You show us the way to truth and light, yet we willingly walk stumbling through the darkness. Open the eyes and ears of any who wander in darkness, that they may hear the saving Word proclaimed by Your humble servants and see to follow in Your way. Teach them to extend to others the same mercy they have received from You, so that civility and kindness fills our homes and neighborhoods. Lead those who lead us, so that they value truth and integrity, and put the needs of all whom they govern above the pursuit of power or riches. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord of Life, You ask us to choose life, and not death. In times of struggle, help us overcome doubt so that despair does not kill our spirits. Help prospective parents see in the child to come a gift, precious and irreplaceable. Preserve all who honor Your call to defend and protect the sick, the poor, and the oppressed, including members of our military, emergency medical responders and firefighters, nurses and doctors, the police and judges. Bless with Your healing Spirit those who suffer illness or injury, including those we name before You, either out loud, or silently in our hearts. *(pause.....)* And all who look to healing in Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy

hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, we remember before You our beloved dead, and ask consolation for those who mourn. Keep us united with them in faith, that we might meet with them before Your throne. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through 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

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**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 forgive 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 believe and teach that Christ is truly present 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



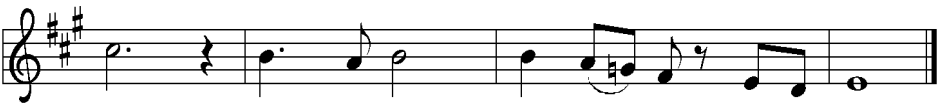
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

CONG. SONG

As The Grains Of Wheat

ELW



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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CONG. SONG

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
 and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

- 5 O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heav'nly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery. *Refrain*
- 6 O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;
 O Sun of justice, now draw near.
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*
- 7 O come, O King of nations, come,
 O Cornerstone that binds in one:
 refresh the hearts that long for you;
 restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*
- 8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
 and ransom captive Israel,
 that mourns in lonely exile here
 until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING SONG*Joy To The World*

ELW 267

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

DISMISSAL

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 7:00 P.M.: A 4 week Bible Study, *Four Parables of Jesus*, continues this Wednesday evening. A sign-up sheet and workbooks are in the narthex. Cost for the workbook is \$4.00. This week's parable, '.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER Come and join us as we gather before Bible study for prayer. It's a time to come together and pray silently or out loud. We meet in the sanctuary starting at 6:00 P.M.

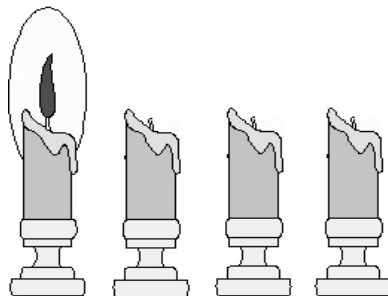
JESUS SAID, "DO YOU LOVE ME?... FEED MY SHEEP." (*John 21:16-18*)



Oh how we love Jesus, and because He first loved us, NBLCC's Outreach Ministry is gathering together volunteers to 'Feed My Sheep'. This ministry will provide prepared meals to our members and friends of the congregation in times of emergency medical and family need.

We are seeking anyone who would be willing to prepare a meal: soup, casserole, hot-dish, (yes, there is a difference), to contact Julie Nehr @ 360.830.5131, jhnehr@aol.com, or call the church office.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (*Matt. 25:40*)



TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

GREETERS: Rosie Welch and Audrey Hendricks

USHERS: Norm & Judy Clark

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Patty Dunlap and Bill Olsen

READER: Leah Pederson

COFFEE HOSTS: Dale Bockus and Arlene Burton

SACRISTANS: Colby & Susan Swanson

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 95 + 3 Online Logins

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sun Dec 4	2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sun Dec 11	3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sun Dec 18	4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT KIDZ CHURCH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
Sat Dec 24	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE 6:00 P.M.
Sun Dec 25	CHRISTMAS DAY

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

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