

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH



to Us

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:00 am

be BLESSED

Christ in the World

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Roseville Lutheran Church

Words in **BOLD** are for congregational participation, either said or sung.

Words to hymns are printed in this bulletin, but you are encouraged to open up and use the red ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) hymnal found below or in front of your seat. Hymn numbers are provided.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL INVOCATION

*God Be in My Head*

Walford Davies

OPENING HYMN

*Gather Us In (vs. 1, 2, 4)*

ELW 532

**Here in this place new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
We are the old who yearn for your face;  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven light years away;  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

## STORYTIME

*Storytime is for the entire congregation as we begin our exploration of our text for the day.  
Children are invited forward for Storytime as the congregation sings:*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

*As storytime ends, children in grades 1st-6th are invited to leave the worship center for RLC Kids time and activities in the activity center. They will rejoin families at offering time. Children in Pre-K through Kindergarten are welcomed to go to Rm 45A at the beginning of the service and stay for the entirety of the worship service.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God of small seeds and mighty plants,  
**you take our meager lives and with your love  
cause them to produce acts of loving kindness for you in this world.**  
Help us to joyfully serve you all our days,  
**knowing that you are always watching over us.**  
Prepare our hearts to receive your word  
**and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Arise, Your Light Has Come*

ELW 314

**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.**

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

ELW 510

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;  
touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.  
Word almighty, we revere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

## SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

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He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY

*On What Has Now Been Sown*

ELW 550

**On what has now been sown your blessing Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is yours alone to make it sprout and grow.  
O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, and yours alone shall be the praise!**

**To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is your own and pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive and to your word a blessing give.**

**Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here,  
May meet together thus when you and yours appear,  
And follow you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!**

OFFERING

*We gather as a people of God, in the presence of God, to offer up our thanks and praise.*

*Offering is one way in which we support and sustain our shared ministry.*

*You may text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504,  
or scan the QR code in this bulletin.*

*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.*



OFFERING MUSIC

*Canticle of the Sun*

Marty Haugen  
RLC Choir

PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
**We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
Forgive us and free us from our sin.  
Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to live for you alone,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen**

Rejoice in this good news!  
In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.  
You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.  
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.  
**Amen**

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### COMMUNION PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW p.153

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lamb of God*

ELW p. 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION ANTHEM

*At That First Eucharist*  
RLC Choir

William Monk

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

Go, confident in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for you,  
assured of the Christ's presence with and among you,  
emboldened by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you.

Go now in peace and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW 551

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name  
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;  
Where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
And, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim  
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

POSTLUDE

*Please join us for coffee fellowship  
in the Upper Lobby area today as we  
work on our Dresser Build in the Activity Center.*



# Participants

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Reader: Kathi Bergenheier

Musicians: RLC Choir, John Helgen

Video and Sound: Jeff Bowar, Scout Mason, Lucas Carlson, Jeff Johnson

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## **RLC Serve Sunday DRESSER BUILD**

**Sunday, January 28**

**In the Activity Center  
during RLC Kids time  
and between services!**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**

**10:00 - 11:00 am**

**ROOM 40**

**A<sub>2</sub>M**



**ATTENDER TO MEMBER ORIENTATION**

**[www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/a2m)**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

**INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY HELPERS NEEDED**

*It takes many helpers to make a Sunday run smoothly at RLC, and to show good hospitality to all who enter our doors. If you or members of your family are interested in helping on Sunday mornings, please contact Mary in the church office at [mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org) or 651-487-7752, or stop by the Welcome Desk this morning. We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, and readers.*



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