



FEBRUARY 18, 2024

9:00 AM

Wilderness

LENT AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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9:00 AM • SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

THE SEASON OF LENT AT
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

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

OPENING HYMN

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

ELW 325

**Bless now, O God, the journey which all your people make,
The path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
Then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.**

**Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;
Your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.**

**Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow,
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.**

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:*

**I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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 hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

God created in the wilderness.

The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

Jesus said, “no” to the tempter time and time again.

Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

For God is with us - before, through, and after the wilderness.

Come and let us worship God!

HYMN OF CONFESSION

Have Mercy on Us, Lord



Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer. We
Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin. Pour
Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part. Re -



come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us

ELW p.103

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

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'He will command his angels concerning you,
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.' "

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

ELW 319

**O Lord, throughout these forty days you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin, and free us from our past.**

**You strove with Satan, and you won; your faithfulness endured;
lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's eternal word.**

**Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves that we may know God's love.**

**Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,
that when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.**

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

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

John Helgen
RLC Choir

PRAYERS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation,

The psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely.

You know the prayers we bring before you today –

confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret.

Free us from these sins.

Give us strength to say “no” to that which separates us from you,

and “yes” to the things that let love grow.

Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light.

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.

BLESSING

Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism,
even when you are led into wild and hard places.
Know that God is with you.
Be assured that God guides you.

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

CLOSING HYMN

O Living Bread from Heaven (vs. 1, 4)

ELW 542

**O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'erflows!**

**Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear:
And bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
Where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers

Feb. 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20

5:00 - 6:45 pm
Wednesdays
in the Social Hall.

*TO GO orders also available!
Order online by
previous Friday.*

Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers are back at RLC. Join us Wednesdays February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20 from 5:00 until 6:45 pm in the Social Hall. Along with the soup choices there will be butter and a form of bread as well as an assortment of desserts. Salad choices will be Caesar or House (Spring Mix, Shaved Parm, Carrot, Mushroom, Tomato, Herbs) as well as a weekly Chef's creation. There will also be a self-service beverage station.

Cost: Adults - \$10.00, Children 6-10 years old - \$8.00, Children 5 and under - Free. We will accept cash or check as payment at the soup suppers. YOU DO NOT NEED to register ahead of time if you are going to attend the soup supper in person.

To Go Orders Available

You may also order (ahead of time) to pick up Soup and Salad Suppers to go! You must register and pay by the FRIDAY BEFORE the Wednesday it is served. Online registration/payment link is listed next to each week's menu at www.rosevillelutheran.org/soup. (NOTE: deadline has passed for ordering soup for Feb. 21, but you may order for the following weeks).

FEBRUARY 21

Classic Tomato Basil - Tomato soup with garlic, basil and a touch a cream. (V, GF)

New England Clam Chowder - Clams, celery, onions, roasted peppers, and tender potato finished with parsley.



WEDNESDAY LENTEN WORSHIP
5:00 AND 7:00 PM

Wilderness

5:00 PM • COMMUNION • LIVESTREAM
SOUP SUPPERS FROM 5:00 - 6:45 PM

Join us for worship on Wednesdays in Lent Feb. 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20.
We are following the theme of “Wilderness.”

5:00 pm Worship includes the celebration of Holy Communion
and will be live-streamed.

7:00 pm Worship is a somewhat shortened
version, without Communion.

SOUP SUPPERS

Our Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers will be served from 5:00 - 6:45 pm in the Social
Hall. More information and menus are at www.rosevillelutheran.org/soup.



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