



MARCH 3, 2024

10:00 AM

ONE WORSHIP

# Wilderness

LENT AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE SEASON OF LENT AT  
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*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

*Innovation*

Ryan Meeboer  
RLC Brass

WELCOME

CHORAL INVOCATION

*Luther's Morning Prayer*

Carl Schalk

*I thank you, Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.  
You kept me safely through the night and brought me to the morning light.  
Be with me through this day, I pray, and keep me safe from Satan's sway,  
That all I think or do or say please only you, my Strength and Stay.  
Into your hands I now commend my body and soul until life's end.  
Your angel keep me safe from harm until I rest in Jesus' arm. Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

*You Servants of God*

ELW 825

**You servants of God, your master proclaim and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol, his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**Ascended on high, almighty to save, yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing with angels above, and thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

We've come to worship God,  
**who makes streams flow from rock,**  
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,  
**who sends the rain from heaven**  
**and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.**  
Come, let's worship our life-giving God,  
**who pours out living water on all who thirst.**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!**

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 are invited to be seated with their families.*

ANTHEM

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord*Craig Courtney  
RLC Choir

*One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which he died.  
One voice, one song we lift in praise to him who was and is and shall be evermore.  
There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.  
One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.  
Thou we be many people, diverse with various gifts,  
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,  
That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*

ELW 509

**God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while times shall last your church may hold it fast throughout all generations.**

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-15, 27-30

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who

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drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

ELW 733

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain:* **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.** *Refrain*

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!** *Refrain*

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

*You Say*

by Lauren Daigle

Katie Hatteberg, Jim Sturgis, Kendra Brodin, Lucas Carlson

*I keep fightin' voices in my mind that say I'm not enough,  
Every single lie that tells me I will never measure up.  
Am I more than just the sum of every high and every low?  
Remind me once again just who I am, because I need to know.*

*You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing,  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak,  
And you say I am held when I am falling short,  
And when I don't belong, oh, you say I am yours;  
And I believe, oh, I believe, what you say of me. I believe.*

*The only thing that matters now is everything you think of me;  
In you, I find my worth, in you I find my identity.*

*Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at your feet,  
You'll have every failure, God, you'll have every victory.*

PRAYERS

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation,  
**When it comes to our faith, we know we could learn from the Samaritan woman who ran through the streets singing your name.**

**Forgive us for times we remain silent about what our faith means to us.  
Forgive us for the times when we choose comfort over bravery.  
Forgive us for the times we shut people out, missing opportunities to walk with you.**

**Teach us to be brave like the Samaritan woman,  
and saturate our thirst for that which leaves us thirsty.**

**With hope and gratitude we confess. With hope and gratitude we pray.  
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

### 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

*In the Singing*

Carlton Young  
RLC Choir

*In the singing, in the silence, in the hands expectant, open, In the blessing, in the breaking, in your presence at this table,  
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace; Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.*

*In the question, in the answer, in the moment of acceptance,  
In the heart's cry, in the healing, in the circle of your people.*

*Mike Dolan, co-chair of 2015 Senior Pastor Call Committee*

Pastor Lauren, you began your call at Roseville Lutheran on December 1, 2015. As a co-chair of the Senior Pastor Call Committee at that time we entrusted this process to the work of the Holy Spirit, and it was with the Holy Spirit's blessing that you were welcomed and installed at Roseville Lutheran Church in early 2016.

*Val Velde - President of the Church Council*

You were invited into this pulpit. In this spot you have proclaimed the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ hundreds of times throughout these past eight years. This pulpit has not belonged to you. The saving message of Christ is not something one can possess, but only bear witness to. You have been a faithful occupant of this church's pulpit and messenger of the good news of God's love in Christ. As you leave this pulpit, we thank God for your preaching ministry.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Rebecca Field - Past Council President*

At this font you have presided at the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Through the cleansing waters of baptism, we welcome new members into the family of Christ. The gift of new life in Christ belongs to God. The church is the custodian of this rite of welcome, and you introduced this congregation to many new siblings in the faith. You have presided as confirmands affirmed their baptismal promises. As you leave this font, we thank you for your ministry surrounding baptismal promises.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Linda Eldred, Altar Guild*

At this altar you presided at the Sacrament of Holy Communion. You have reminded us of the story of Jesus' beginning of this meal. This meal is the Lord's, and this congregation has been provider of this meal to all who seek to be fed with the living presence of Christ. You have presided over this meal so that it could be served in a thoughtful and orderly fashion. As you leave this table, we thank you for presiding at the Sacrament of Holy communion.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Rolf Olson, Visitation Pastor*

Standing in front of this congregation you have led services where we thanked God for people who had died. You led us in the midst of grief while we expressed gratitude for God's gift of life. You proclaimed the Good News of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and encouraged the community with the comfort of the gospel. As you leave this sanctuary, we thank you for being with us in our times of loss.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Noelle and Sofia Olson, RLC Kids*

During your time at Roseville Lutheran Church you have welcomed children of all ages up to the front of the Worship Center for Storytime. This has been a time of laughter, learning, and love. Thank you for welcoming children into worship and into the life of this community.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Georgia Nygaard, 2015 Senior Pastor Call Committee*

It is indeed possible we will see you again, but you will no longer be Pastor of Roseville Lutheran Church. We ask you to honor that and help us to honor that boundary. You will continue to be a sibling in Christ's family and we will cherish that relationship. Thank you for journeying with us these years.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Lauren, you have accepted the position of Transition Lead Pastor at Bethel Lutheran in Madison, Wisconsin. And you have said yes to that new calling. We want to acknowledge that it is not only that church calling you and you saying yes. We are sending you. You have been in our midst for eight years. You have part of this church family, sharing your gifts for the sake of Christ's mission in our community. We are proud to send you with our blessing.

People of God, members of Roseville Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Lauren from service as your pastor?

**We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.**

Pastor Lauren do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with Roseville Lutheran Church?

***I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.***

#### PRAYERS OF SENDING

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service.

We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Lauren among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will.

Help Pastor Lauren, her family, and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As they have been a blessing to this community, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

#### BLESSING

*Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light*

Jan Richardson

Blessed are you who bear the light in unbearable times,  
who testify to its endurance amid the unendurable,  
who bear witness to its persistence when everything seems in shadow and grief.

Blessed are you in whom the light lives, in whom the brightness blazes – your heart a chapel,  
an altar where in the deepest night can be seen the fire that shines forth in you  
in unaccountable faith, in stubborn hope,  
in love that illumines every broken thing it finds.

Go now in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r,  
 Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;  
 Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal, lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
 Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.  
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.

## PARTICIPANTS

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Pastor Tori Kraus

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