



MARCH 17, 2024

9:00 AM

# Wilderness

LENT AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

OPENING HYMN

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

ELW 339

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
Christ, yourself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:  
Through your suff'ring, death, and merit life eternal life I inherit.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**You have suffered great affliction and have borne it patiently,  
Even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.  
For you chose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.  
Thousand, thousand thanks are due, dearest Jesus, unto you.**

**Then, for all that bought my pardon, for the sorrows deep and sore,  
For the anguish in the garden, I will thank you evermore;  
Thank thee for the groaning, sighing, for the bleeding and the dying,  
For that last triumphant cry, praise you evermore on high.**

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

The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

**O God, you know.**

We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

**O God, you know.**

The gift is sure and unmistakable:

**God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls.**

Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

**And come to worship God in singing and prayer.**

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

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has

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fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**"I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger,  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."**

*Refrain:* **"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day."**

**"The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever,  
You shall live forever." *Refrain***

**"Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,  
You shall not have life within you." *Refrain***

**"I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever." *Refrain***

**Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God, who have come into the world. *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

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

arr. Michael Mazzatenta  
Jubilate Bell Choir

## 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

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 HYMN

*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 MUSIC

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

Hans Leo Hassler  
Joyful Ringers

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### BLESSING

Go out!  
Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

Go out!  
Into a world that needs the Spirit of God,  
carried on our lips and in our loving arms.

Go out!  
Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

Go out: and go on the breath of God's holy wind!

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

### CLOSING HYMN

*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand*

ELW 441

**O happy day when we shall stand amid the heav'nly throng,  
And sing with hosts from ev'ry land the new celestial song,  
The new celestial song.**

**O blessed day! When Christ shall come and show himself as Lord,  
And thousands meet in their new home which Jesus has prepared,  
Which Jesus has prepared.**

**Oh, what a mighty, rushing flood of joy and love and peace  
Will roll down over us with good and blessedness and grace,  
With blessedness and grace.**

**O Lord, your grace is ev'rything; your love has made us free  
To stand among the saints and sing the glory that we see,  
The glory that we see.**

### POSTLUDE

# PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Pastor Tori Kraus

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children, Family, and Youth Ministry

Kristina Fruge, Guest Preacher

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# HOLY WEEK AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

- PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24 AT 9:00 AND 10:30 AM
- MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28 AT 7:00 PM
- FAMILY GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 10:00 AM
- GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:00 PM

## EASTER SUNDAY

- MARCH 31 - 7:30, 9:00, AND 10:30 AM

*Wilderness*

### **PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

Palm Sunday Worship at RLC will be held at 9:00 and 10:30 am in the Worship Center. Join in shouting "Hosanna!" as we celebrate with a palm processional. 9:00 am worship will be live-streamed.

### **PASSION WALK, MARCH 24**

Pastor Tori will be leading us in a Passion Walk around the Roseville Lutheran Church area. We will meet at the Roselawn entrance of Roseville Lutheran Church on Palm Sunday, March 24 at 11:45 am, right after the second worship service. All ages are welcome!

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 28**

Maundy Worship at RLC will be held at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center on March 28, and will include the celebration of Holy Communion. This worship service will be live-streamed.

### **GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

We will have a family oriented Good Friday service in the Activity Center at 10:00 am, and a traditional service in the Worship Center at 7:00 pm. The 7:00 pm worship will be live-streamed.

### **EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31**

Join us for worship on Easter! There will be a sunrise service at 7:30 am, and we will hold Festival Worship services at 9:00 and 10:30 am. The 9:00 am worship will be live-streamed. The 7:30 and 10:30 am worship services will include the celebration of Holy Communion.



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