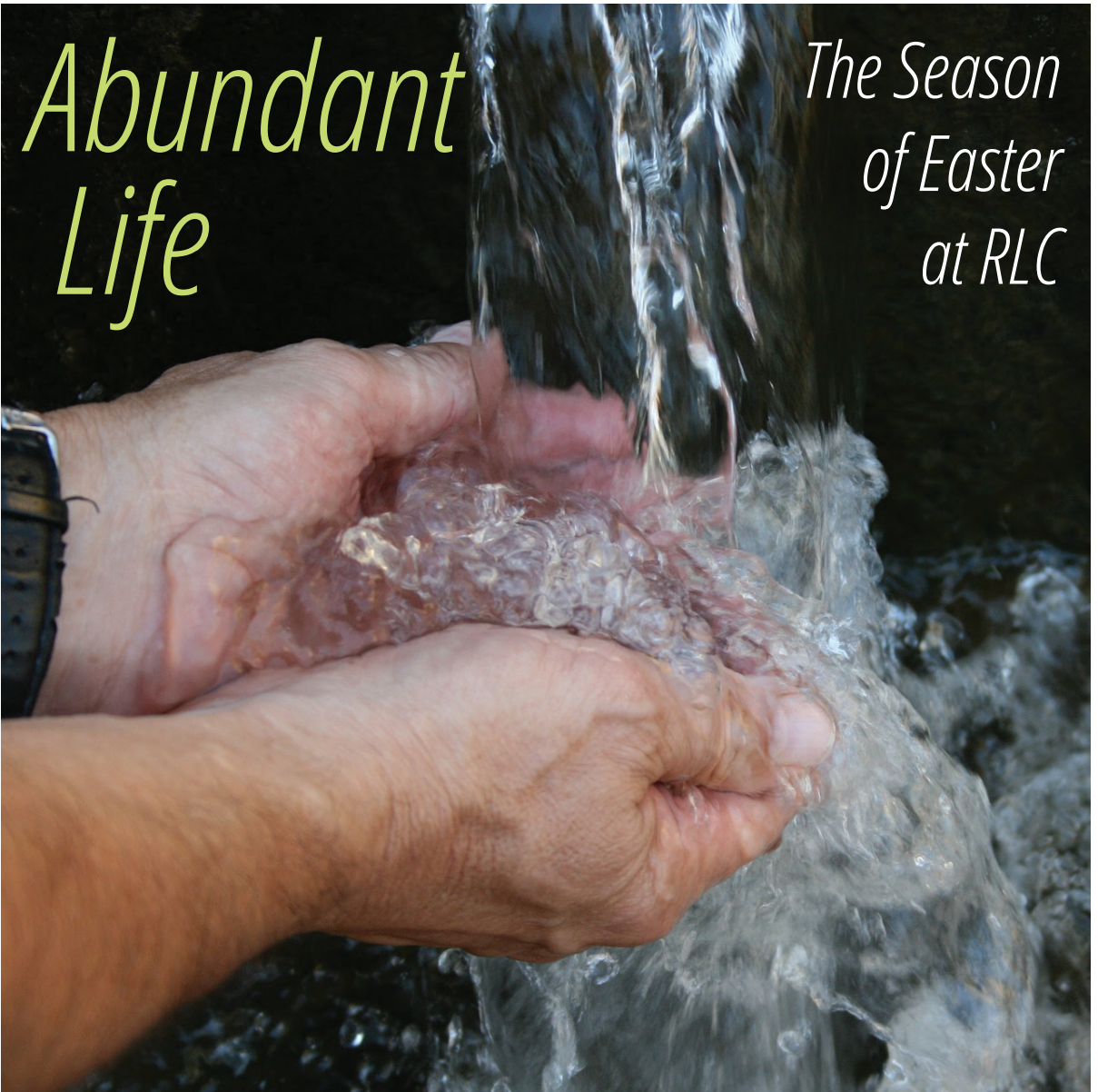


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*Words in **BOLD** are for congregational participation, either said or sung.*

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

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ELW 369

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.

We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.

We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope.
All glory to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (vs. 1, 2, 5)

ELW 380

**Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the Conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies of his people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow blessings on his church below.**

**Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!**

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (vs. 1)

ELW 364

**Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:1-14

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

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you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Eric Leshner
Interim Senior Pastor

HYMN OF THE DAY

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

ELW 385

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen this day;
Death’s mighty stone is rolled away;
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord,
The life laid down the Life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.



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.**

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need

Allison Brodin, Kendra Brodin

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

People of God,
you are sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit,
to be God's witnesses;
to proclaim the Good News and love of Christ to everyone you meet,
So go from here in the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

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

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
But saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

In ev'ry insult, rift and war,
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.

Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
And find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and ev'ry age,
Till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

POSTLUDE

Participants

Pastor Eric Leshar
Pastor Marty Wyatt
Pastor Tori Kraus

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children, Family, and Youth Ministry
Reader: Janelle and Sofia Olson

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Meet and Greet

Pastor Eric Lesher

RLC Interim Senior Pastor

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Following each service

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 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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