# Abundant Life

The Season of Easter at RLC





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## ONE Worship 10:00 am • Sunday, April 28, 2024 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

In the Sweet By and By How Sweet the Sound arr. Jeff Bowar arr. Chris Sharp

Welcome

OPENING HYMN

We Are All One in Christ

ELW 643 arr. John Helgen

We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people, out of many. We are all one in Christ, we are one body, all one people, out of many. There is one God, and only one Lord, there is one faith, one holy love. There is one baptism; there is one Spirit, who is God, the comforter.

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 invited to go to Rm 45A and will stay there for the remainder of the worship service.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord! How very good and pleasant it is, When God's people worship together in unity! Praise the Lord, you who stand in the house of the Lord, Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good. Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: 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!

Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain* 

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** 

ANTHEM

#### I Don't Know Why

#### Crouch/arr. Helgen RLC Choir and RLC Jazz

I don't know why Jesus loved me, I don't why he cared. I don't know why he sacrificed his life, oh, but I'm glad, I'm glad he did! Where would I be if Jesus didn't love me? Where would I be if Jesus didn't care? Where would I be if Jesus hadn't sacrificed his life? He left his mighty throne in glory to bring to us redemption's story. And then he died and he rose again just for you and me.

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Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil

ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let me heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let me heart be good soil.

SCRIPTURE

#### John 10:7-10

"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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

Message

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story because I know it's true; It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat What seems each time I tell it more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story for some have never heard The message of salvation from God's own holy word. *Refrain* 

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest. And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song, I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. *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

#### I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual/arr. Helgen RLC Choir and RLC Jazz

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PRAYERS

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

Pastor Eric Lesher

ELW 661 arr. John Helgen



BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

We have gathered together as the body of Christ and have been fed, body and spirit, with the bread of life. Encouraged, nourished and strengthened, let us share the good news of the gospel. As you leave this morning, know that you go with the blessing of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thanks be to God! Amen

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

CLOSING HYMN

#### This Little Light of Mine

arr. John Helgen

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'ry where I go, I'm gonna let it shine...

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. Shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine...

Postlude

Let Freedom Swing

John Bliss

#### \*\* PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE RLC JAZZ CONCERT TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM! \*\*

Participants

Pastor Eric Lesher Pastor Marty Wyatt Pastor Tori Kraus Jenna Baccam, Director of Children, Family, and Youth Ministry Reader: Carla Asleson Musicians: RLC Choir, Jeff Johnson RLC JAZZ – SAXOPHONE: Bill Frank, Joe Husby, Paul Husby, Les Johnson, Becca Limesand. TRUMPET: Peter Eigenfeld, Tim Johnson, Craig Mesenbring, Bob Nielsen, Mark Syman. TROMBONE: Jeff Bowar, Chris Gerhardson, Scott Henry, Brian Tempas. PIANO: John Helgen. GUITAR: John Seal. Bass: Craig Sneltjes. DRUMS: Kurt Bachmayer Video and Sound: Jeff Bowar, Casey Eakins, Lucas Carlson

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## THE MANY MEANINGS OF "LIVE!"

Eric Lesher, Interim Senior Pastor Marty Wyatt, Associate Pastor Tori Kraus, Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Engagement

Whentalkingaboutour2024themeforpRAISE, we realized that the word "live" is a homonym and could be taken multiple ways. It could be a verb, an



adverb, or an adjective. We were originally looking at highlighting our livestream services and taking "live" as an adverb, meaning at the actual time of occurrence. However, when we started talking about our theme in depth, we realized that our theme is more expansive and should actually have all three meanings. Not only a time of occurrence, but also the meanings of living, and to be alive.

#### Abundant Life

John 10:10 talks about this with Jesus saying "I came so that they may have life and have it abundantly." We normally look at this and take it to mean eternal life, and a life that can only occur hereafter. When we focus on eternal life, we often forget about the life that is present now. About the life that is happening at the actual time of occurrence. What it means to be alive and living.

What does abundant life mean for us today? What does abundant life mean for Roseville Lutheran Church? When Jesus spoke these words to his disciples, he was doing so in a time where there was great division between two parties that caused a great deal of harm to Jesus and his disciples and followers that included food shortages, slumped economic security, and decreased health opportunities. Jesus was speaking to both those present day challenges as well as pointing toward the future.

We have seen Roseville Lutheran Church at work in this abundant life. We have seen it through Faithful Hospitality, through the tutors who work with Central Park Elementary, through partnerships with local schools and organizations, through opportunities for family and intergenerational connection, through worship, and the list goes on and on. It will continue to go on and on.

#### Your Support Is Needed!

There are many ways you can join in the abundant life here at RLC during the week of pRAISE. We will have many ways to engage in community events that are highlighted throughout this special edition of the Table. We also encourage you to give generously to the pRAISE campaign. This fundraiser makes it possible for us to continue to support the programs and ministries that we cherish at RLC and in the community. You can give to the campaign online or bring a check to the church office during the week of pRAISE. Give at www.rosevillelutheran.org/praise

#### "Live!" or is that "Live?"

This 2024 pRAISE we are asking you to be a part of this abundant life with us. To participate "live" and to "live" in it. Join us either online or in-person for a **ONE Worship service on Sunday**, **April 28 at 10:00 am**; and join us throughout the week with both online and in-person events to hear more about how we are a community united by grace, loving God and our neighbors, and leaning into life abundantly, in the future, yes, but also right now. Join us for *pRAISE 2024: Live!* 

## SUNDAY, APRIL 28 ONE WORSHIP AT 10:00 AM Kick off for pRAISE RLC: Live!

We will kick off our *pRAISE RLC: Live!* campaign today, April 28, with **ONE Worship at 10:00 am**. Join us as RLC's Jazz Band leads the music at this special service. Stay after for **brunch today:** scrambled eggs, sausage links, campfire potatoes, French toast sticks, chefs choice of soup, and assorted pastries. Come back at **7:00 pm** this evening to enjoy an **RLC Jazz Concert**. This event will take place in the RLC Worship Center. Invite a friend!

## MONDAY, APRIL 29 Hymn Sing!

In addition to all the online excitement during the campaign, join us on Monday evening at **6:30 pm for a Community Hymn Sing**. RLC Director of Music John Helgen will lead us in many familiar hymns and take requests for your favorite hymns. Ice cream sundaes will follow!

## TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Volunteering Opportunities!

Volunteer with RLC Lively Landscapers from 4:00 - 7:00 pm as they come together to clean up our grounds in preparation for our Block Party on Wednesday. Contact KJ Bach at k-j-o@msn. com or the church office for more information and to sign up! And join us online as we share more stories from RLC members about their experience loving our neighbors in this community united by grace.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 Family Friendly Block Party!

Join us for our **Annual Family Friendly Block Party!** This will take place on Wednesday, May 1 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm in our south parking lot. And if it rains, we will take it inside! All are invited and encouraged to attend this **free event**. We are arranging to have food trucks (including Egg Roll Queen and El Mercado Burrito), if you want to purchase dinner, and there will be **free ice cream for all**. There will also be free family friendly activities for both adults and children, and a surprise fundraising challenge this year. Previous years have had Ice Bucket Challenges, Pie in the Face, and more. Join the fun and find out!

## THURSDAY, MAY 2

#### **Bringing it Home!**

Tune in online on Thursday as we wrap up our campaign and share our highlights. We will also be holding up ways that volunteers help us to live out our mission and vision at RLC! Thank you for giving at **www. rosevillelutheran.org/praise.** 





## THIS WEEK: April 28 - May 2, 2024 is our "pRAISE RLC: Live!" campaign

Our goal is to raise \$110,000 in 100 hours to support the mission and ministry of Roseville Lutheran Church. There will be in-person and online activities for this year's end-of-fiscal-year campaign:

- ONE Worship today, April 28, at 10:00 am, followed by brunch
- RLC Jazz will be featured in a FREE concert at 7:00 pm, Sunday, April 28
- Community Hymn Sing on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 pm
- Volunteer with the Lively Landscapers on Tuesday, April 30 from 4:00 7:00 pm
- The RLC Block Party returns on Wednesday, May 1 from 5:00 7:00 pm, with food trucks, games, and all kinds of fun and surprises!

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