

# Walk

SEPT. 8, 2024

Sunday

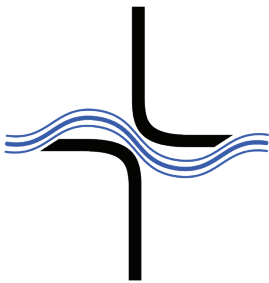
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10:00 am



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ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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

Music by RLC Brass

WELCOME

CHORAL INVOCATION

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

RLC Choir

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!**

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 are invited to return to their seats.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God;

**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise*

ELW 848

**Give to our God immortal praise!**

**Mercy and truth are all his ways.**

**Wonders of grace to God belong;**

**Repeat his mercies in your song.**

**He sent his Son with pow'r to save  
From guilt and darkness and the grave.**

**Wonders of grace to God belong;**

**Repeat his mercies in your song.**

**Give to the Lord of lords renown;  
The King of kings with glory crown.**

**His mercies ever shall endure**

**When lords and kings are known no more.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

**Amen**

*Build a longer table, not a higher wall, feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend, Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.*

*Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail; where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied, Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.*

*Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence. Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear, Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.*

*When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad, Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam. None can be excluded; all must find a home.*

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*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.**

## FIRST READING

## Isaiah 35:4-7a

*These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Isaiah 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.*

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL

## Mark 7:24-37

*In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.*

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it

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is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." And when she went home, she found the child lying on the bed and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon toward the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one, but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Eric Leshner

HYMN OF THE DAY

*God's Work, Our Hands*

(Tune: Earth and All Stars)

**God's work, our hands: working together,  
Building a future, repairing the world,  
Raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
Feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
Following Jesus to places unknown,  
Walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
Running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
Sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**God's work, our voice: singing together,  
Praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
Praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
Claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Sharing the good news of your gospel.**

**God is at work in and around us:  
Seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
Gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
Sharing the good news of your gospel.**

## 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.*

## ANTHEM

### *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power*

Andraé Crouch/arr. Bolks  
RLC Choir

*The blood that Jesus shed for me, way back on Calvary,  
The blood that gives me strength from day to day:  
It will never lose its power.*

*It reaches to the highest mountain, it flows to the lowest valley.*

*It soothes my doubts and calms my fears, and it dries all my tears.*

## 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**

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
+ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

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

The Church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,  
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry  
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant Church arise, a caring Church that longs to be  
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,  
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:  
To care for all, without reserve, and to spread his liberating Word.

POSTLUDE

Music by RLC Brass

## PARTICIPANTS

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The Vision of RLC is to be a “Community United by Grace.” One way we extend that grace is to each other by greeting one another by name. It is much easier to do when **everyone is wearing a nametag!** Please remember to get yours every Sunday near the Welcome Desk in the Commons. This way we can greet friends, old and new, and extend warmth and hospitality with out worrying if we forget someone’s name, even if we recognize their face!

# Welcome Weekend

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 8**

**10:00 am ONE Worship  
Blessing of the Backpacks  
Time of Food and Fellowship**

**We are happy to have you here for our Welcome Weekend!**

*We have ONE Worship at 10:00 am as we celebrate another program year and all the things that fall brings.*

*Today includes a Blessing of the Backpacks during worship, and a time for food and fellowship following worship that you won't want to miss.*

*Take a moment to introduce yourself to neighbors and friends this morning!*



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