



COME
LORD
JESUS

ROSEVILLE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

9:00 AM
SUNDAY
DEC. 3, 2023

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ADVENT 2 • 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

CHORAL INVOCATION

Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Love

RLC Choir

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW 250

**Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.**

**With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise
In holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.**

**My child, as prophet of the Lord you will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

The poet, Wendell Berry, wrote: "When despair for the world grows in me...I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water."

The 23rd Psalm declares, "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside the still waters; he restores my soul."

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When everything feels hopeless, when we feel our energy drained and all is lost,
God comforts us in the valley. God comforts us with the holy breath of peace.

When we light the candle of Peace, we breathe in the One who restores us.
Come, Lord Jesus, come!

The second candle of Peace is lit.

CANDLE LIGHTING SONG

Come, Lord Jesus, Come

We long for peace, O ho - ly Child, come, Lord
Je - sus, come. That all the world be re - con -
ciled, come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord
Je - sus, come, come, Lord Je - sus come.
Come, Lord, Je - sus, come, come, Lord Je - sus, come.

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.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Prepare the Royal Highway

**Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!**

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
A voice cries out:
"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord;
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.
Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."
A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All flesh is grass;
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers; the flower fades,
[[when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers; the flower fades,]]
but the word of our God will stand forever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
See, the Lord God comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms
and carry them in his bosom
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Comfort, Comfort Now My People

ELW 256

**“Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!” So says our God.
 Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow’s load.
 To God’s people now proclaim that God’s pardon waits for them!
 Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever.**

**For the herald’s voice is crying in the desert far and near,
 calling us to true repentance, since the reign of God is here.
 Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way.
 Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble favor.**

**Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain.
 Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God’s holy reign.
 For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad,
 and all flesh shall see the token that God’s word is never broken.**

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 Are Holy*Per Harling
RLC Choir

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**

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.**

Bread of Life from Heaven

Briehl and Haugen
RLC Choir

ADVENT BLESSING

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Go with us now into the world.
We can begin again!
Everything is about to change.
So make everything new. Make us new.
Reveal your glory in our lives and in the rhythms of our lives,
so that nothing will get in the way of your coming.

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

CLOSING HYMN

People Look East

ELW 348

**People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Guest, is on the way.**

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Rose, is on the way.**

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Star, is on the way.**

**Angels, announce with shouts of mirth him who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.**

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

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Pastor Marty Wyatt
Pastor Tori Kraus

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Advent Candle: Abbott family

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LORD JESUS

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL CONCERT
7:30 PM • SATURDAY, DEC. 16



CHRISTMASTIME AT RLC

CHRISTMAS EVE - Sunday, December 24

10:00 am • Service of Carols

3:00 and 4:30 pm • Family Service of Blessing

9:00 pm • Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS DAY - Monday, December 25

10:00 am • Service with Holy Communion



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