



COME  
LORD  
JESUS

ROSEVILLE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

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SUNDAY  
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ADVENT 4 • 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

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW 247

**Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**Come now, O God of love, make us one body.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

**Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The poet, George Herbert, wrote:  
“Love bade me welcome, but my soul drew back.”

It’s hard to take in the enormity of God’s love made flesh in Jesus Christ.  
We look at the candles and enjoy the special music of the season,  
and our minds are busy thinking of other things.

The psalmist knew it long before Jesus:  
“For with the Lord, there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.”  
God became one of us, out of love for all of us, then and now and forever.

When we light the candle of Love, we stop in awe of God’s unending love.  
**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

*The fourth candle of Love is lit.*

We live in love, — Christ's love to share, come, Lord  
 Je - sus, come. — With friends and neigh - bors ev' - ry -  
 where, 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. 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!**

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section's turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Marty Wyatt

HYMN OF THE DAY

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

ELW 294

**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;  
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

**Heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign;  
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
The Lord God almighty, Jesus Christ.**

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

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

*O Come, Divine Messiah*

Lucas Carlson and John Helgen

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.**

### COMMUNION BLESSING

#### 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!**

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer; O Sun of justice, now draw near  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O King of nations, come, O Cornerstone that binds in one;  
Refresh the hearts that long for you; restore the broken, make us new.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

POSTLUDE

## PARTICIPANTS

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Pastor Marty Wyatt

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CHRISTMAS AT ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN

CHRISTMAS EVE • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00 am – Service of Carols

3:00 pm – Family Worship

4:30 pm – Family Worship

9:00 pm – Candlelight Worship *w/Communion*

CHRISTMAS DAY • MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 am – Worship *w/Communion*

NEW YEAR'S EVE • SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 and 10:30 am – Sunday Worship

7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Jazz Concert



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