

**August 31, 2025**

**9:00 am**



**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am • Sunday, August 31, 2025

*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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING HYMN

*O God, Beyond All Praising*

ELW 880 Vs. 1, 3

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship in the name of God who creates.  
**We come to be together through Christ who saves.**

We are joined in community by the Spirit who calls us.  
**We are named, noticed, and known in this space and in this place  
with a grace that lasts forever. Amen**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Together, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts and lives through faith.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW 879 Vs. 1, 4, 5

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies;  
For the love that from our birth over and around us lies:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
For thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely given:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

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 go back to their seats.*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*Lord, Speak to Us*

ELW 676 Vs. 1, 3

**Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in living echoes of your tone;  
As you have sought, so let us seek your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the precious truths which you impart;  
And wing our words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.**

READING

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

GOSPEL

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case

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someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Marty Wyatt

HYMN OF THE DAY

*O God of Light*

ELW 507

**O God of light, your word, a lamp unfailing,  
Shall pierce the darkness of our earthbound way  
And show your grace, your plan for us unveiling,  
And guide our footsteps to the perfect day.**

**From days of old, through blind and willful ages,  
Though we rebelled, you gently sought again,  
And spoke through saints, apostles, prophets, sages,  
Who wrote with eager or reluctant pen.**

**Undimmed by time, those words are still revealing  
To sinful hearts your justice and your grace;  
And questing spirits, longing for your healing,  
See your compassion in the Savior's face.**

**To all the world your summons you are sending,  
Through all the earth, to ev'ry land and race,  
That myriad tongues, in one great anthem blending,  
May praise and celebrate your gift of grace.**

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
    who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
    born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
    On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
    he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
    and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
    the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen**

## 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

## PRAYERS

*Prayer response: God of grace, hear our prayer.*

## 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

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
bless you and give you peace. **Amen**

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
Shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

## Participants

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud  
Pastor Marty Wyatt  
Reader: Michael Skoor  
Musicians: John Helgen  
Video and Sound: Jeff Bowar, Nick Clausen

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# 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](mailto: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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