September 21, 2025 9:00 am



ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am • Sunday, September 21, 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

CHORAL INVOCATION

This Is the Day

OPENING HYMN

Son of God, Eternal Savior

ELW 655 Vs. 1-3

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race, You our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead: Fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live. Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give. Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love, and Prince of peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease. By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

We gather for worship in the name of God our Creator, In whose image we are made beloved children of God.

In the name of Christ our Savior,

Whose death and resurrection has freed us from sin and death.

In the name of the Holy Spirit,

Who transforms and empowers us for lives of discipleship and service.

For the Lord is good and God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

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

Kyrie ELW 157

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
For the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

For your people here, who have come to give you praise,
For the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.

Amen

Refrain:

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy To the God of life and love and freedom: Praise and glory for evermore!

Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, Whose blood has freed and united us To be one great people of God. *Refrain*

Power and riches, wisdom and might, All honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain

For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; To make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, 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 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 Room 45A at the beginning of the service and stay for the entirety of the worship service.

Anthem Festive Intrada Cynthia Dobrinski
Rells of Praise

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 my heart, Lord, let my heart,

Lord, let my heart be good soil. Lord, let my heart be good soil.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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

GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

Message

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store: Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door, Gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son: All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one. Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone; Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred; Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call, Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

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

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with those around us. Introduce yourself to someone new.

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.

PRAYERS

Prayer response: God of grace, receive our prayer.

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Christ's table is ready and 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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever. **Amen**.

CLOSING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God

FLW 669

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; As heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; Redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod, and, Quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Participants

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud Pastor Marty Wyatt Reader: Mona Lackore

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