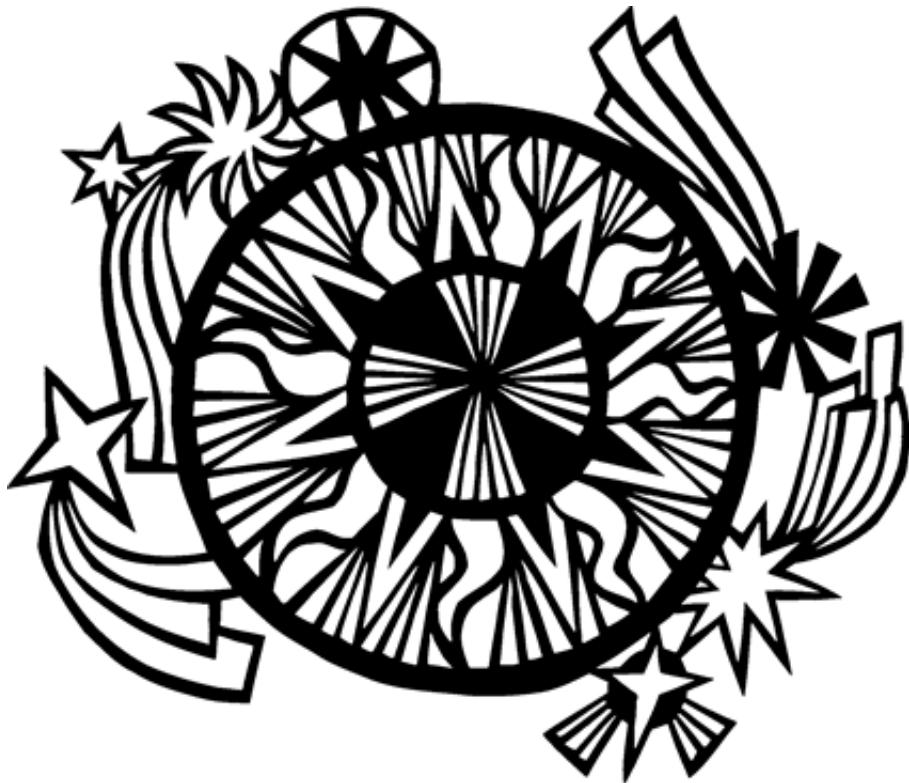


January 4, 2026

9:00 am



ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Christmas

9:00 am • Sunday, January 4, 2026

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

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW 510

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

**Word eternal, throned on high, word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, your love outpouring.**

**Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us; word of life, with one bread feed us.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
Those who lived in a land of deep darkness,
on them light has shined.
Let us celebrate the Light of the world,
for upon us the Light has shined.

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

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.

Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace, empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

PREPARING FOR THE WORD **O Word of God Incarnate****ELW 514**

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky.
We praise you for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

READING**Jeremiah 31:7-14**

For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

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

GOSPEL**John 1:10-18**

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Marty Wyatt

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let All Together Praise Our God

ELW 287 Vs. 1-3

**Let all together praise our God before the highest throne;
Today God opens heav'n again and sends the only Son,
And sends the only Son.**

**From God's right hand the Son descends, is born an infant small,
And lies in poverty, his bed a manger in a stall,
A manger in a stall.**

**O tender Child, you veil in flesh the splendor of your might;
A servant's garb now wraps the one who clothed the sky with light,
Who clothed the sky with light.**

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.



OFFERING MUSIC

PRAYERS

Prayer response: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

ELW 286

Your little ones, dear Lord, are we, and come your lowly bed to see;

Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.

With songs we hasten you to greet, and kiss the ground before your feet.

Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night that gave you birth, our soul's delight.

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us your grace accord;

True faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.

Until at last we too proclaim, with all your saints, your glorious name;

In paradise our songs renew, and praise you as the angels do.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

BLESSING

May the path that Christ walks to bring justice upon the earth,
to bring light to those who sit in darkness,
to bring out those who live in bondage,
to bring new things to all creation:
may this path run through our life.
May we be the road Christ takes.

Amen

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel! Born is the King of Israel.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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