

# January 25, 2026

## 9:00 am



# ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 9:00 am • Sunday, January 25, 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

### CHORAL INVOCATION

*God of Our Life, All Glorious Lord*

### OPENING HYMN

*Thy Strong Word*

ELW 511Vs. 1, 2, 6

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done;  
For created light we thank thee,  
While thine ordered seasons run:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own live-giving breath:  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**God the Father, light-creator, to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten, praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**As a new year begins, a morning star arises.  
A new day dawns, a new light rises.**

**God of love, be our morning light.  
Christ, our sovereign, be our guiding star.**

**Holy Spirit, lead us on our journey.  
Loving God, by your grace we enter into a new year,**

**Abiding savior, lead us by a new road, into new lives of grace.  
With open hearts and minds we come to worship you. Alleluia. 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

*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.

Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of 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**

**Walk in the Light**

Spiritual/arr. Thomas  
RLC Choir

**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**

**Isaiah 9:1-4**

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

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. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As

he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Will You Come and Follow Me?*

ELW 798 Vs. 1, 2, 5

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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

*Do Not Fear*

Bradley Ellingboe

## PRAYERS

*Prayer response: Merciful God, receive 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

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise  
bless you now and forever.  
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. Do justice. Love mercy. Share Christ.  
Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

# *Participants*

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Children, Youth & Family: Taylor Mickley, Nick Clark

Reader: Mark Nelson

Musicians: RLC Choir, John Helgen

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