

# February 1, 2026

## 9:00 am



# ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

9:00 am • Sunday, February 1, 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

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

OPENING HYMN

*As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW 522

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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.

## 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.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life 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.*

**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**

**Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the Lord has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Build a Longer Table*  
(Tune: Now the Green Blade Rises)

Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
Feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.

Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
Where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.

When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

## 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

*Let Justice Flow Like a River*

Marty Haugen

## PRAYERS

*Prayer response: Merciful God, 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 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 ANTHEM

*In God's Presence*

## arr. John Helgen

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## 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

To be your presence is our mission here,  
To show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
To be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission bold,  
To feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
To be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!

To be your presence is our mission blest,  
To speak for all the broken and oppressed,  
To be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!

We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
To serve your people is our call and choice,  
And in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

## 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: John Shardlow

Musicians: RLC Choir, John Helgen

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