

**February 22, 2026**

**9:00 am**



**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

# First Sunday in Lent

9:00 am • Sunday, February 22, 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      *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

OPENING HYMN              *God Loved the World* ELW 323

**God loved the world so that he gave his only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in him believe should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, who was made flesh and suffered death.  
All who confide in Christ alone are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus rescues us from death; that is the firmest ground of faith.**

**Be of good cheer, for God's own Son forgives the sins that you have done.  
And justified by Jesus' blood your baptism grants the highest good.**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally!**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

Turn us back to you, O Lord.  
**That we may see your face and live.**

Remove our hearts of stone.  
**Give us new hearts of flesh and life.**

Put your spirit within us.  
**That we may follow your ways and live in righteousness and mercy. 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

*O God, Your Heart Is Grieved*

ELW 602

*Leader:*

O God, Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.  
**Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev'ry evil, ev'ry woe;  
Upon your cross-forsaken Son our death is laid, and peace is won.**

*Leader:*

O Son of God, redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.  
**Your arms extend, O Christ, to save from sting of death and grasp of grave;  
Your scars before the Father move his heart to mercy at such love.**

*Leader:*

O God, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.  
**O lavish Giver, come to aid the children that your word has made.  
Now make us grow and help us pray; bring joy and comfort, come to stay.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the

devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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:*

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

*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

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

Arr. Cathy Moglebust  
Jubilate Bell Choir

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*The Word of God  
(Tune: Just As I Am)*

**The Word of God is breath and life; it comes to heal and wake and save.  
So let the Spirit touch and mend and rouse your dry bones from the grave.  
Let us rejoice, in the Lord rejoice, with heart and mind and soul and voice.  
Our every need will be supplied: God's Word forever shall abide.**

READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

*When We Are Tested*  
(Tune: Be Thou My Vision)

**When we are tested and wrestle alone,  
Famished for bread when the world offers stone,  
Nourish us, God, by your word and your way,  
Food that sustains us by night and by day.**

**When in the desert we cry for relief,  
Pleading for paths marked by certain belief,  
Lift us to love you beyond sign and test,  
Trusting your presence, our only true rest.  
When we are tempted to barter our souls,  
Trading the truth for the power to control,  
Teach us to worship and praise only you,  
Seeking your will in the work that we do.**

**When we have struggled and searched through the night,  
Sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,  
Savior, surround us with circles of care,  
Angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.**

## 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

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

arr. Brenda Austin  
Bells of Praise

## PRAYERS

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

## 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

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
bless you now and always.

**Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

ELW 320

**The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.**

**Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.**

**So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might;  
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.**

**Then, grant O God, that we may, too return in fast and prayer to you.  
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

## *Participants*

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Children, Youth & Family: Taylor Mickley, Nick Clark

Reader: Carrie Hefte Hanton

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