

# First Wednesday in Lent

5:00 and 7:00 pm



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5:00 pm • Wednesday, February 25, 2026 • 7:00 pm

## EVENING PRAYER - ISAIAH: IS THIS THE FAST WE CHOOSE

PROLOGUE

Luke 4:16-20

When Jesus began his ministry, he went into the synagogue in his hometown of Nazareth on the Sabbath day.

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him, and he stood up and read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of Jubilee."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

AWAKE, AWAKE

Isaiah 52

*Refrain - All*

A - wake, a - wake, O Zi - on, a -  
wake. A - wake, O Zi - on a - wake.

*Verses - Leader*

1. How beautiful the feet of the messenger on the mountain who announces peace. *Refrain*
2. O you, who once were slaves, once were foreigners in a foreign place. *Refrain*
3. Arise, put on your strength. Your selves in splendid clothes array. *Refrain*
4. O listen, can you hear? The sentinels are singing; the Lord is near. *Refrain*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are we who see the impossibility of solving today. **It can't be done.**

God, there are lists on lists and errands on errands **and a taste, like tin in our mouths, of the unfinishedness—the imperfectability—of our lives.**

Are we counting items instead of knowing what counts? **God, help us live here, seeing the whole truth of what is.**

Blessed are we who walk toward the discomfort, bringing what gifts we have, and our sufferings too, **whether of illness or loss, grief or betrayal, confusion or powerlessness.**

Blessed are we who scoot up close so we can whisper our loves, our fears, all that feels too heavy to carry alone, **and all that we wish we could hold onto for longer.**

Show us what we love. **Show us what we never want to lose.**

And show us what we no longer need here in this beautiful, limited day, **as we place our trust and hope in you. Amen**

SING, O HEAVENS

Isaiah 42, 43

*Leader:* Remember these things, O Israel: I love you and you are mine. I've swept away your sins like the morning mist. Return to me redeemed!

All:

Sing, O heav-ens, for the Lord has done it! Shout, O depths of the  
sea! Break forth in-to sing-ing, ev-'ry moun-tain, ev-'ry tree!  
Sing, O peo-ple, for the Lord is near us, call-ing us to Ju-bi-  
lee! Re-joice in the prom-ise, we have been re-deemed!

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Rag - ing waves will nev - er o - ver - whelm us and the flames of fire can - not dis -  
 You frus - trate the o - mens of li - ars and make fool - ish know - ledge of the  
 For the Lord who gath - ers what was scat - tered will \_\_\_ raise our ru - ins from the  
 tress, for the Lord makes a path - way through the wil - der - ness.  
 wise. Come and heal our di - vi - sions; op - en up \_\_\_ our \_\_\_ eyes!  
 dust. All a - round and with - in us, see the new is spring - ing up!

#### 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**

#### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

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.'"

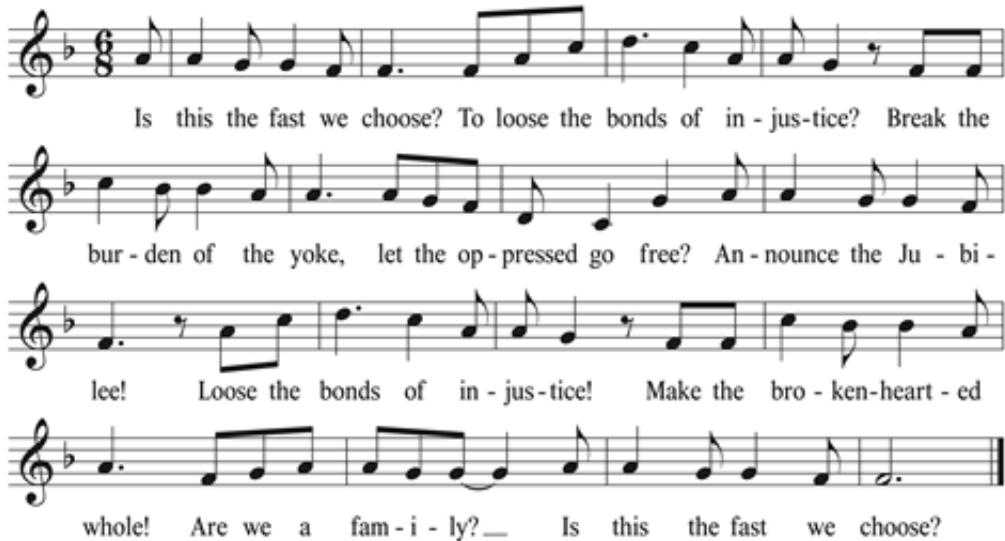
Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve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

## REFLECTION

### THE FAST WE CHOOSE

Isaiah 58

#### Refrain - All



Is this the fast we choose? To loose the bonds of in - jus-tice? Break the  
bur - den of the yoke, let the op - pressed go free? An - nounce the Ju - bi -  
lee! Loose the bonds of in - jus-tice! Make the bro - ken-heart - ed  
whole! Are we a fam - i - ly? — Is this the fast we choose?

#### Verses - Leader

1. Then let us bear the weight of each other's burdens and stand with the outcast, captive and stranger; beginning together, repairing the breaches, restoring the streets where we live. Then may our light break forth in the darkness, rising as bright as the sun at its highest. O light of the Lord, continually guide us and strengthen us along the way. *Refrain*

2. Then may springs gush forth and water dry places. O life-giving water, rush from the wilderness, flooding and filling, restoring, instilling all things with newness and life. Lifting the yoke from each other's shoulders, standing for justice with trembling boldness, beginning together, repairing the breaches, restoring the streets where we live. *Refrain*

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 included in this bulletin.*

*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.*



OFFERING MUSIC

*O Lamb of God*

Jeff Bowar, John Helgen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Prayer response: Lord in your mercy, hear 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**

PROCLAMATION

Let us proclaim the Good News.

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, and to proclaim the year of Jubilee.**

## All

You will go out in joy — and be led back in peace. The  
 moun-tains and hills be - fore you — will burst in - to song.  
 Come ev - 'ry - one who thirsts, and you will drink for free. — There's  
 a stream of liv - ing wa - ter — in the wil - der - ness.  
 Make ev - 'ry crook - ed way straight. In the wil - der - ness make a way.  
 Lay ev - 'ry high place low. — Lift up ev - 'ry plain.  
 The shep - herd is with the sheep. The shep - herd is — a lamb. The  
 lamb will gent - ly lead us — to the wa - ter of life.  
 You will go out in joy — and be led back in peace. — The  
 moun - tains and hills be - fore you — will burst in - to song.

## SENDING

Go in peace. Serve one another  
 Thanks be to God.

# *Participants*

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Readers: Arlene Skoor (5:00), Hadley Ronneberg (7:00)

Musicians: Deb Scott, Maddie Giordana, Charles Scott, John Helgen

Video and Sound: Jeff Bowar, Jeff Johnson

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Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers are back at RLC. Join us Wednesdays  
Feb 25, Mar 4, 11, 18, 25 from 5:30 until 6:45 pm in the Social Hall.

Each week will feature two different soups served along with a salad bar  
and an assortment of desserts.

***This week's soups are Turkey Wild Rice and Minestrone!***

**Cost: Adults \$10, Children 6-10 years old \$8, Children 5 and under - Free**



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