

Second Wednesday in Lent
5:00 and 7:00 pm



Roseville Lutheran Church

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5:00 pm • Wednesday, March 4, 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 in the tender place **between curiosity and dread.**
We who wonder how to be whole, **when dreams have disappeared and part of us with them,**
where mastery, control, determination, bootstrapping, and grit, **are consigned to the realm of before (where most of the world lives),**
in the fever dream that promises infinite choices, unlimited progress, best life now.
Blessed are we in the after, forced into stories we never would have written.
Far outside of answers to questions we even know to ask. **God, show us a glimmer of possibility in this new constraint, that small truths will be given back to us.**
We are held. **We are safe.**
We are loved. **We are loved. We are loved. Amen**

SING, O HEAVENS

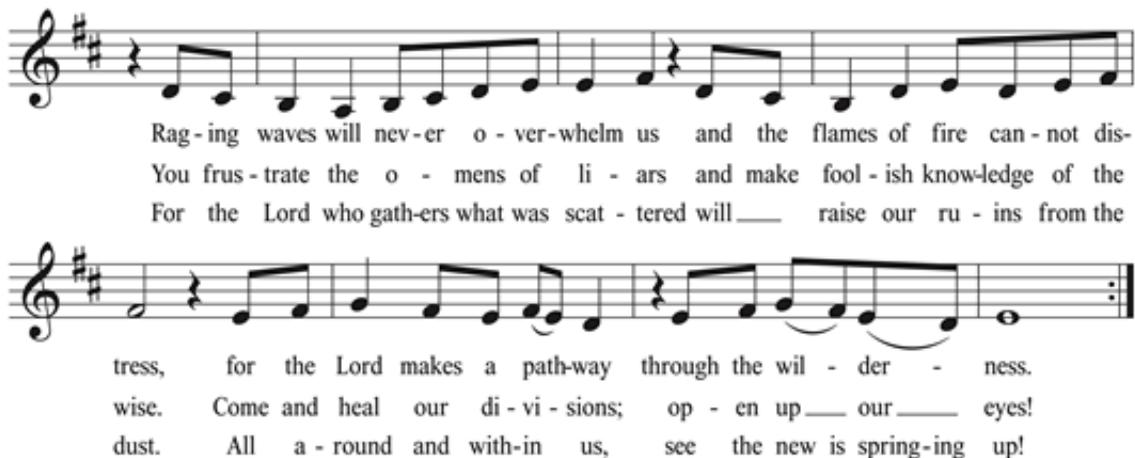
Isaiah 42, 43

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.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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

John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the

one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

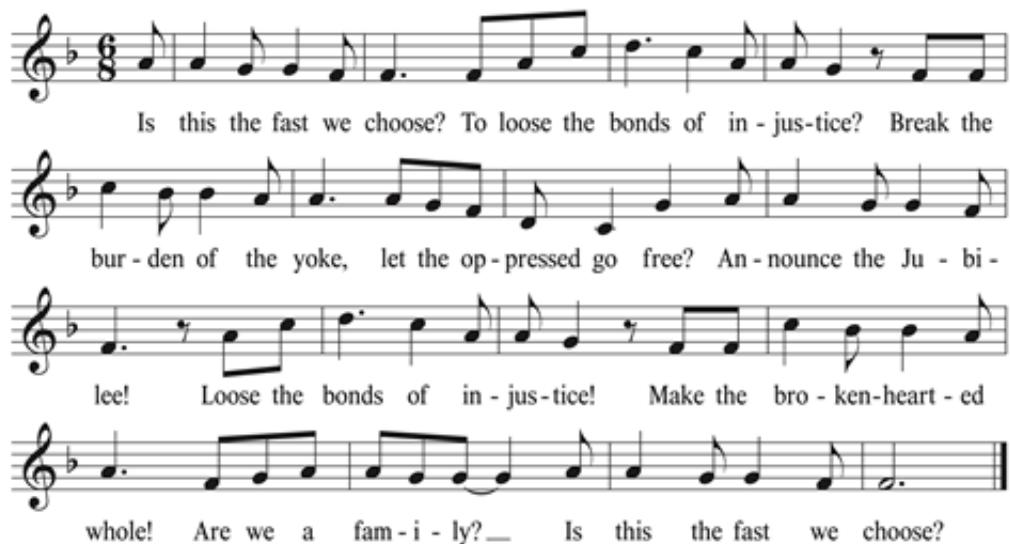
REFLECTION

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

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

All My Hope is in Jesus

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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**

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: Pam McCulloch (5:00), Tindra Olson (7:00)

Musicians: Deb Scott, Kristina Olson, Maddie Giordana, Charles Scott

Video and Sound: Jeff Bowar, Sam Larson

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Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers are back at RLC. Join us Wednesdays
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 Chicken Noodle and Tomato Tortellini!

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



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