

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



Roseville Lutheran Church

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5:00 pm • Wednesday, March 18, 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

I see you there, suffering alone, with the illness or pain that lingers **though friends do not, —or cannot.**

You, in isolation, **locked in, or locked out.**

You, the caregivers struggling in the certainty **that there is not enough strength, time or resources.**

You who counsel others in their trauma, **but suffer deeply from your own.**

You who are grieving losses, too many to name, **too complex or unbecoming to speak aloud.**

Blessed are you, dear ones, Searching for someone to understand, to see your wounds and your hope for healing. **You are seen, as you walk that hard and lonely road.**

Blessed are you because your loneliness speaks a deep truth: **you were never meant to do this alone.**

God, comfort us, guide us, that our hope for more—a **prayer which will be answered—might be protected too. 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.

God, open our eyes and hearts to see the lonely and suffering all around us. Give us the willingness to come close, and be with them right there in the hard place. Show us what's important in their world right now, and please give us the words to say, or perhaps even just the quality of silence that is most meaningful and comforting. In Jesus' name we pray.. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

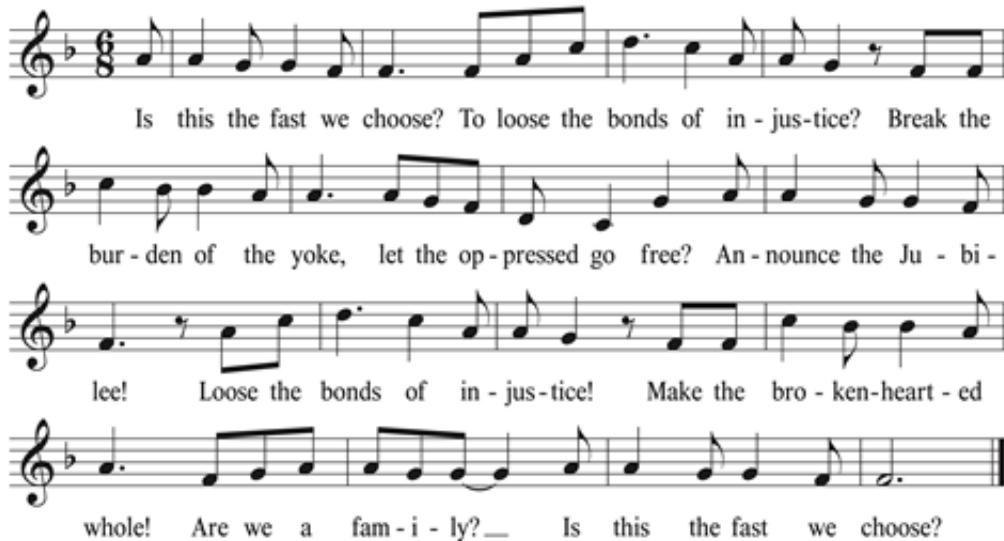
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord.

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

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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.

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 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: Rolf Olson (5:00), Melvin Geffre & Tim Mullen (7:00)

Musicians: Maddie Giordana, Eric Brenton, 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
Mar 18 and 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 Beer Cheese and Chili!

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



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