

**March 22, 2026**

**9:00 am**



**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00 am • Sunday, March 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

*God Be in My Head  
Witness*

Wartburg College Choir  
Robert A. Hobby  
Jack Halloran

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 886

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

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.

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**

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 *I've Got Peace Like a River* arr. Valerie Stephenson  
Jubilate Bells

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 Psalm 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the Lord; my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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

*Through Love to Light  
Come, Ye Disconsolate  
Poor Man Lazarus*

Wartburg College Choir  
Elaine Hagenberg  
Samuel Webbe; arr. Michael Engelhardt  
arr. Jester Hairston - sung by Festeburg

John 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in him.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Marty Wyatt

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery*

ELW 334

**Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with every morn,  
still you rise with every morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;  
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.**

**God of all our fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,  
Hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as ev'ry breath,  
Love as near as ev'ry breath.**

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

*Were You There?*

arr. Hal Hopson  
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**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
 O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
 Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning;  
 And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
 Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
 Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
 Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

*Ain't-a That Good News!*

arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

*Participants*

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Children, Youth &amp; Family: Taylor Mickley, Nick Clark

Reader: Bob Bergstrom

Musicians: Bells of Praise, Jubilate Bells, Lori Haaland, John Helgen

A special welcome to the Wartburg College Choir, conducted by Dr. Lee Nelson

Sound &amp; Video: Jeff Bowar, Nick Clausen

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