

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



Roseville Lutheran Church

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5:00 pm • Wednesday, March 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 feel the wound of fresh loss. **Or of a loss... no matter how fresh... that still makes our voices crack all these years later.**

We who are stuck in the impossibility of it. Frozen in disbelief. **How can this be? It wasn't supposed to be this way.**

Blessed are we, fumbling around for easy answers or quick truths to try to make this go down easier. **We who are dissatisfied with the shallow theology and trite platitudes.**

Blessed are we, who, instead, demand a blessing. **Because we have wrestled with God and are here. Wounded. Broken. Changed.**

Blessed are we, who keep our relationships and friendships and jobs afloat, **and who stock the pantry...because... what choice do we have but to move forward with a life we didn't choose**

with a loss we thought we couldn't live without? **One small step. One small act of hope at a time. 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



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, bless the memories we hold of those who have died, and release in us the fullness of being able to love them as they were and as they are in the mystery beyond our sight. Bless all the people in pain who share this present time and space with us, whose lives are an unwritten book, just like ours, Come write your words of love in our lives in ways that heal our part and stir up hope for our future. In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen**

SCRIPTURE

John 11:17- 45

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.

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

Jesus, You Gave It All

Craig Gower

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: Linda Nelson (5:00), Eden Frazier (7:00)

Musicians: Maddie Giordana, Kristina Olson, Eric Brenton, John Helgen

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Lenten Soup and Salad Suppers are back at RLC. Join us Wednesday
Mar 25 from 5:30 until 6:45 pm in the Social Hall.

This week's soups are all of the soups from the season!



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