

The People Walking in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light

Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)

**9:00 AM ROSEVILLE
SUNDAY LUTHERAN
JANUARY CHURCH
12, 2025**

BAPTISM OF JESUS

9:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*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

RLC Brass

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INVOCATION

God of Our Life, All-Glorious Lord

OPENING HYMN

You Servants of God

ELW 825

**You servants of God, your master proclaim
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol,
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**Ascended on high, almighty to save,
Yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

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:*

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

As Storytime ends, children who are registered for RLC Kids are invited to leave the Worship Center for activities and education.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

KYRIE AND HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW p. 120-122

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
And for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
We give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Refrain**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. Refrain**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

ELW 509

**God's word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while times shall last your church may hold it fast
Throughout all generations.**

READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight and honored and I love you,

I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

Pastor Eric Leshner

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

GREETING

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

LITANY

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illuminate our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;
That as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
We will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
In the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;
As it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again
In a song that has no ending. Amen.**

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.

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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

Brighter than the Sun

Ray Makeever/arr. Helgen

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

PRAYERS

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

The Spirit of the triune God bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

**A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land, all threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!
Thanks be to God!**

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILY HELPERS NEEDED

It takes many helpers to make a Sunday run smoothly at RLC, and to show good hospitality to all who enter our doors. If you or members of your family are interested in helping on Sunday mornings, please contact Brittany in the church office at bflores@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752, or stop by the Welcome Desk this morning. We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, and readers.