

The People Walking in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light

Isaiah 9:2 (NIV)

**9:00 AM ROSEVILLE
sunday LUTHERAN
January, CHURCH
26 2025**

THE PROMISE OF LIGHT

9:00 AM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW 886 Vs. 1-3, 6

**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.**

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 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.

The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to all.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
Keep us, your servants, from sin;
let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight.

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

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

*Enduring Joy
Bells of Praise*

Cynthia Dobrinski

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Listen, God Is Calling (Vs. 1)

ELW 513

<i>Leader:</i>	Listen,
<i>All:</i>	Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting, Offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.
<i>Leader:</i>	Jesus gave his mandate:
<i>All:</i>	Share the good news
<i>Leader:</i>	That he came to save us
<i>All:</i>	And set us free.

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Marty Wyatt

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

**Praise the one who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
Praise the one who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the one who drove out demons with a piercing two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

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

*Enduring Joy
Jubilate Bell Choir*

Douglas Wagner

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

May you now take strength from this liturgy with you into the world to use your gifts to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and let the oppressed go free, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
To bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
Where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed
And, all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**

**Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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.*