

**December 14, 2025**

**9:00 am**



**ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

# Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 am • Sunday, December 14, 2025

*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

*Come Now, O Prince of Peace*

ELW 247

**Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one body.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**Come now, O God of love, make us one body.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile your people.**

**Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

**Come, Hope of unity, make us one body.**  
**Come, O Lord Jesus, reconcile all nations.**

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

As we wait—expectantly—for God to break into our world, into our communities, into our lives, may we have eyes to see, soft hearts toward others, and hands open to what God has for us now, trusting that something new is going to break forth amid this Advent darkness.

Joy is sneaky in that way.  
It doesn't discriminate between  
tragic time and ordinary time.  
It's not a joy we can "choose" because  
that would often mean ignoring the reality  
of our heartbreak or circumstances.  
It just happens.  
Somehow.  
Some way.  
Showing up uninvited even in the most unlikely of situations.  
**Bless our waiting for joy, O God.**

*The third candle of joy is lit.*

**We are waiting for Jesus, Jesus brings joy;  
We are waiting for Jesus, Jesus brings joy.  
Loving Shepherd, walk beside us; stir our hearts and gently guide us;  
We are waiting for Jesus, Jesus brings joy.**

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**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through 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:*

**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.*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

ELW 257 Vs. 2

**O come, O Wisdom from on high, embracing all things far and nigh;  
In strength and beauty come and stay; teach us your will and guide our way.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, those with a skin disease are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

MESSAGE

Pastor Marty Wyatt

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Hark, a Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

ELW 246

**Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding! "Christ is near," we hear it say.  
"Cast away the works of darkness all you children of the day!"**

**Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth's bondage let us rise;  
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies.**

**See the Lamb, so long expected, comes with pardon down from heav'n.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow, one and all, to be forgiv'n;**

**So, when next he comes in glory and the world is wrapped in fear,  
He will shield us with his mercy and with words of love draw near.**

**Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son  
With the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run!**

## 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

*Make Room*

Katie Hatteberg, Marybeth Hatteberg, Deb Scott

## PRAYERS

*Prayer response:* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## 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**

## ADVENT BLESSING

May God who comes among us,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
grant you patience in waiting, peace in the darkness,  
and good news to share today and always.

**Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

*He Came Down*

ELW 253

**He came down that we might have love,  
He came down that we might have love,  
He came down that we might have love,  
Hallelujah forevermore!**

**He came down that we might have light,...**

**He came down that we might have peace,...**

**He came down that we might have joy,...**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, keep awake for Christ's coming.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

## *Participants*

Pastor Kent Claussen Gubrud

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Reader: Julie Hanson

Advent Candle: Fraizer family

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Katie Hatteberg, Maddie Giordana

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