



# Promises of Land and Descendants

Throughout the history of the world, God has invited us to participate in the promises that are bestowed upon us. These promises are the thread that weave us together as a people of faith. Join us this fall season as we explore the constant, and life-giving, promises of God in a world that is ever-changing.

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

**W**FLCOME

CHORAL INVOCATION COL

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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**OPENING HYMN** 

Oh, Worship the King (vs. 1, 3, 5)

**ELW 842** 

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above. Oh, gratefully sing God's power and love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

O measureless might, ineffable love, While angels delight to hymn you above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to your praise!

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Gather around,
You are welcome here,
and you will hear Good News.
In a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices,
it is the God of encouragement who will speak to you today.
The God of Jesus Christ
So come in, relax,
Let your tiredness roll away.
Lift up your hearts, and listen.

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more

Than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here

To your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God! (Repeat)

#### **S**TORYTIME

Storytime is for the entire congregation as we began 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. Children who are not registered for RLC Kids may return to their seats.

ANTHEM

#### Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?

**RLC Choir** 

Preparing for the Word

God's Mercies



The num-ber-less gifts of God's mer - cies, my tongue can-not fath-om or



tell. Like dew that ap-pears in the morn - ing, they come to us shin-ing and



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SCRIPTURE

Genesis 12:1-9

Spark Story Bible p. 26

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

Message Pastor Marty Wyatt

HYMN OF THE DAY

The God of Abram Praise (vs. 1-4)

ELW 831

The God of Abram praise, who reigns enthroned above; Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love - "I Am the One I Am," - by earth and heav'n confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

The God of Abram praise! At your supreme command from earth I rise and seek the joys at your right hand. I all on earth forsake - its wisdom, fame, and pow'r - and you my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

The God of Abram praise! Your all-sufficient grace shall guide me all my pilgrim days in all my ways. You deign to call me friend; you call yourself my God! And you will save me to the end through Jesus' blood.

Your promise you have sworn; I on your oath depend. I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heav'n ascend. I shall behold your face; I shall your pow'r adore, and sing the wonders of your grace forevermore.

#### **O**FFERING

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 at the end of this bulletin.

RLC Kids will be returning to the Worship Center at this time.

Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.

Everyone is invited to greet their neighbors.

**PRAYERS** 

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,

We confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and free us from our sin. Send your Holy Spirit to empower us to live for you alone, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Rejoice in this good news! In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Words of Institution

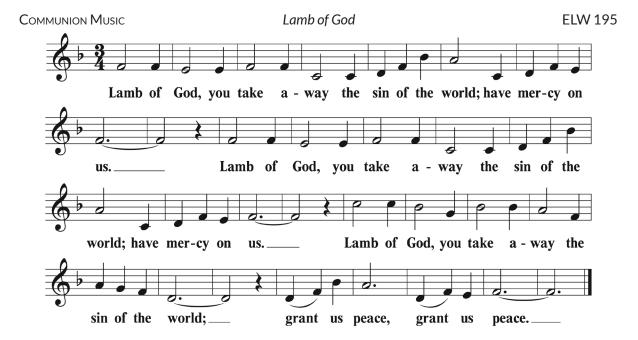
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

#### DISTIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice

is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray. If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.



#### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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So now we leave this place of worship, and while the road ahead is uncertain. and the path is constantly changing, we know that some things are as solid and sure as the ground beneath our feet, and the sky above our heads:

We know God is love.

We know Christ's light endures.

We know the Holy Spirit is there, found in the space between all things, closer to you than your next breath.

So therefore, Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the one who waits. You fixed your sight on the servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, And the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me.

And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame, and those who would for you yearn,

You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise that holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. Refrain

**POSTLUDE** 

Participants

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## Children and Families

Pick up your Offering Box in the Commons on Sunday

Use your creativity to color them and bring them back with your offerings during our Annual Appeal in October.



### **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 Mary in the church office at mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752. We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, and readers.

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