



# The Promise of Presence

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.

**P**RELUDE

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CHORAL INVOCATION Come and Fill Our Hearts

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OPENING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

**ELW 669** 

Rise up, O saints of God! From vain ambitions turn; Christ rose triumphant that your hearts with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God! Despair engulfs earth's frame; As heirs of God's baptismal grace, the word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom's task embrace; Redress sin's cruel consequence; give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God! Creation cries in pain; Stretch forth your hand of healing now, with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod, And, quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, O saints of God!

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

As summer left,
We welcomed fall.
Let us rejoice in this season of change.
We come today with our hearts and minds open.
God is continuously creating anew.
We let go of what holds us back,
making space for transformation.

Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all his ways. Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save From guilt and darkness and the grave. Wonders of grace to God belong; Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; The King of kings with glory crown. His mercies ever shall endure When lords and kings are known no more.

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

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.

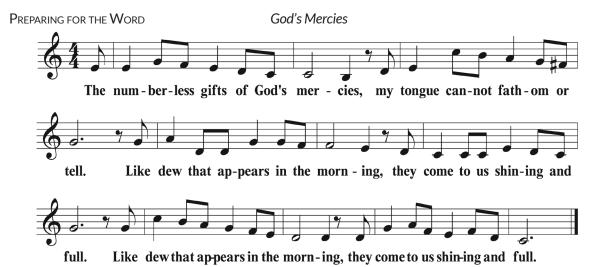
Amen

STORYTIME Blessing for Tori Remer, Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Engagement

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.



SCRIPTURE Genesis 45:1-15 Spark Story Bible p. 62

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with vourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Message Pastor Tori Remer

Hymn of the Day God Is Here ELW 526

God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts Wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; Here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, Here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; Here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore What it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt, Keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; We, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

#### 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 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.

ANTHEM

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Ippolitov-Ivanov RLC Choir

**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

Listen for the Spirit, Who guides us into being open, Who shows us how to feel on behalf of another, Who allows us to continuously be transformed.

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

#### CLOSING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

FLW 836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### ORGAN DEMONSTRATION

Join us for 10 minutes around the organ after the 9:00 and 10:30 am worship services to get an up close and personal look at our organ. We'll talk about its various parts, demonstrate how it works and answer any questions you may have. All ages are welcome!

## Participants

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman
Pastor Marty Wyatt
Pastor Tori Remer
Rebecca Bedner, Director of Development
Reader: Janice Walker
Musicians: RLC Choir, Martha Mutch, John Helgen

VIDEO AND SOUND: Nick Clausen, Jeff Bowar, Lucas Byl

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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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