



What an Epiphany!

God's Love Revealed Through Christ



ROSEVILLE
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Son of God

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

OPENING HYMN

Bright and Glorious Is the Sky
vs. 1, 2, 5, 6

ELW 301

**Bright and glorious is the sky, radiant are the heavens high
Where the golden stars were shining and their rays to earth inclining
Beckon us to heav'n above, beckon us to heav'n above.**

**On that holy Christmas night through the darkness beamed a light;
All the stars above were paling, all their luster slowly failing
As the wondrous star drew nigh, as the wondrous star drew nigh.**

**Guided by the star, they found him whose praise the ages sound,
We too have a star to guide us which forever will provide us
With the light to find our Lord, with the light to find our Lord.**

**As a star, as bright as day, that will never lead astray
With its message so appealing, is the word of God revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life, Christ, the way, the truth, the life.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

The heavens open. The Spirit descends.

Jesus emerges from the water.

And a voice echoes through the blue expanse.

“This is my child, the Beloved, with whom I am well-pleased.”

Jesus is named. Claimed.

We come to the water. We remember we are named. Claimed.

What a thing to be named. Claimed.

Let us worship the one who names and claims us still.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW 314

**Arise, your light has come! The Spirit’s call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive’s liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing, God’s pow’r will make us strong.**

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: WELCOME AND BLESSING OF JENNA BACCAM, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

*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.*

ANTHEM

Make a Joyful Noise

Kenneth Kosche
Women's Ensemble

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

ELW 510

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you; word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 3:1-17

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Brightest and Best

ELW 303

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.**

**Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and monarch and savior of all.**

**What shall we give him, in costly devotion?
Shall we bring incense and off'rings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?**

**Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.**

**Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid.
Star of the east, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant redeemer is laid.**

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.*

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

OFFERING MUSIC

Walk in the Light

arr. Andre Thomas
Women's Ensemble

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

We have come together in worship and praise,
for Christ is the Savior of all.
May we come to know him better
and then make him known to others,
especially by the way we live.

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

CLOSING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (vs. 1, 2, 3)

ELW 308

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright!
You shine with God's own truth and light, aglow with grace and mercy!
Of Jacob's line, King David's son,
Our Lord and Savior, you have won our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, all victorious, rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, precious diamond, light divine,
And deep within our hearts now shine; there light a flame undying!
In your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree, your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily earth's deep sadness may perplex us and distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

**Lord, when you look on us in love,
At once there falls from God above a ray of purest pleasure.
Your word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For you teach us
God's own love through has reached us.**

POSTLUDE

Participants

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Pastor Tori Remer

Jenna Baccam, Director of Children and Family Ministries

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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 Mary in the church office at mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org or 651-487-7752, or stop by the Welcome Desk this morning. We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, and readers.



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