



ADVENT BLESSING

O come, O come, Emmanuel.
Go with us now into the world.
We can begin again!
Everything is about to change.
So make everything new. Make us new.
Reveal your glory in our lives and in the rhythms of our lives,
so that nothing will get in the way of your coming.

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

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



CLOSING HYMN *The King Shall Come* ELW 260

**The King shall come when morning dawns, and light triumphant breaks;
When beauty gilds the eastern hills, and life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old, a little child to bear, and fight, and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun, that lights that morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn, when Christ, victorious rose,
And left the lonesome place of death, despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor comes, and we shall see his face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns, and light and beauty brings.
Hail! Christ the Lord! Your people pray: come quickly, King of kings.**

POSTLUDE

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A message from Interim Associate Pastor Chris Hagen

Dear Members and Friends of Roseville Lutheran Church,

I thank God for the blessed opportunity to serve Roseville Lutheran Church and I thank the many people who welcomed me as their pastor. My time as Interim Associate Pastor comes to a close at the end of November. I move to another interim call at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Bloomington.



Along with wonderful worship, teaching opportunities and other pastoral duties at RLC, I enjoyed advising the Inclusion Task Force, guiding the Constitution and Bylaws Task Force and steering the Ministry Site Profile Task Force.

But most of all, I am grateful for our time together and the affection you have shown me. The people of RLC will always be dear to me.

Pastor Chris Hagen

**Farewell Reception
for Pastor Chris Hagen**

**Sunday, Nov. 28
10:00 - 10:30 am**

*All are welcome to a "Farewell Reception"
in Pastor Hagen's honor on Sunday, November 28
between services (10:00 - 10:30 am).
Thank you, Pastor Chris, and Godspeed!*



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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

9:00 AM

NOVEMBER 28, 2021

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9:00 AM WORSHIP

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 OPENING HYMN *Prepare the Royal Highway* ELW 264

Prepare the royal highway, the King of kings is near!
Let every hill and valley a level road appear!
Then greet the king of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain:
Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

God's people, see him coming: your own eternal king!
Palm branches strew before him; spread garments; shout and sing!
God's promise will not fail you! No more shall doubt assail you! *(Refrain)*

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king!
Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring.
All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing: *(Refrain)*

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above.
His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *(Refrain)*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE

The poet, Emily Dickinson, wrote:
"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul."
The psalmist declared: "I put my hope in you all day long."

Hope is more than wishful thinking. Hope is the Spirit of God dwelling within us, reminding us we are never alone. Hope is our active commitment to be God's faithful people, whether we walk an easy path or face fiery trials.

When we light the candle of Hope, we embrace God's presence among us, yesterday and today and always.
Whatever we face in life, we will put our hope in God.

The first candle of Hope is lit.

 CANDLELIGHTING SONG *Hope is a Light*

Leader All L:



Hope is a light. Hope is a light. Hope is a light to show the way.

A: L:

Hope is a light to show the way. Light the can-dle of hope.

A:

Light the can-dle of hope.

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

*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. Please note: RLC Kids are practicing for
the Christmas program. They will be returning at the end of service during the
closing hymn. Children who are not registered for RLC Kids may return to their seats.*

ANTHEM *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning* arr. Thomas
RLC Choir

 SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let the prophets and the diviners who are among you deceive you, and do not listen to the dreams that they dream, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, says the Lord.

For thus says the Lord: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

SCRIPTURE

John 14:27

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

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

 MESSAGE

Pastor Chris Hagen

 HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Be the God of Israel

ELW 250

Blessed be the God of Israel who comes to set us free
And raises up new hope for us: a Branch from David's tree.
So have the prophets long declared that with a mighty arm
God would turn back our enemies and all who wish us harm.

With promised mercy will God still the covenant recall,
The oath once sworn to Abraham, from foes to save us all;
That we might worship without fear and offer lives of praise,
in holiness and righteousness to serve God all our days.

My child, as prophet of the Lord, you will prepare the way,
To tell God's people they are saved from sin's eternal sway.
Then shall God's mercy from on high shine forth and never cease
To drive away the gloom of death and lead us into peace.

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.
Thank you for your gifts.*

You may also text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504.

*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.
Everyone is invited to greet their neighbors at this time.*

 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**