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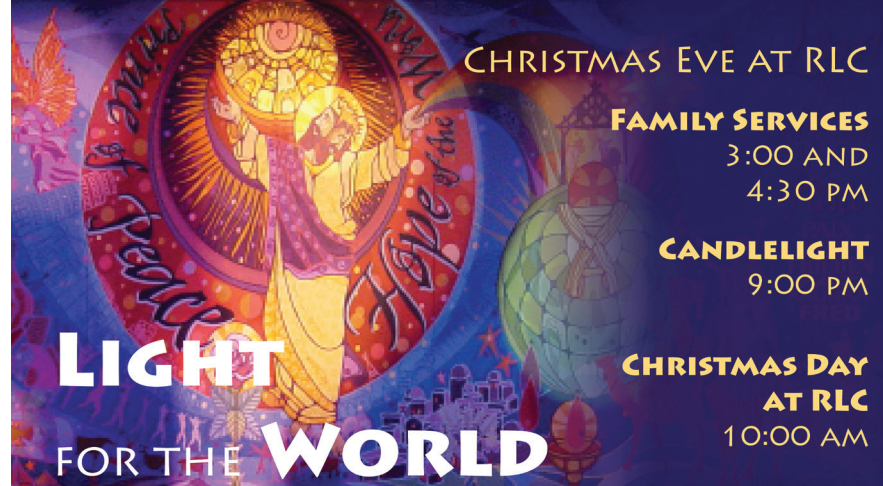
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CANDLELIGHT
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LIGHT FOR THE WORLD

• JOY •

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:00 AM
 DECEMBER 12, 2021

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH

9:00 AM WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 OPENING SONG *Rise, Shine, You People*

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF JOY

The poet, Mary Oliver, wrote: "If you suddenly and unexpectedly feel joy, don't hesitate. Give in to it...life has some possibility left... Joy is not made to be a crumb."

It seemed impossible, but the Israelites returned to their home from exile in Babylon. The prophet Isaiah offered a song of celebration. Come and rejoice! Eat and drink! Get your priorities in order! Can't you see that God is close by?

The people rejoiced, amazed to have a second chance.
The end of the story has yet to be written.

When we light the candle of Joy, we celebrate the one who has come,
is coming and will come again.
Whatever we face in life, God will make joy possible.

The third candle of Joy is lit.

 CANDLELIGHTING SONG *Joy is a Song*

Leader All L:



Joy is a song. Joy is a song. Joy is a song for all to sing.

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Joy is a song for all to sing. Light the can-dle of joy.

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Light the can-dle of joy.

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

ANTHEM *My Lord, What a Morning* Spiritual
RLC Choir

 SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

SCRIPTURE John 4:13-14

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."

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

 MESSAGE Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

 HYMN OF THE DAY *Listen, God is Calling* ELW 513

Refrain:
*Listen, listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.*

*Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news
That he came to save us and set us free. Refrain*

*Let none be forgotten throughout the world.
In the triune name of God go and baptize. Refrain*

*Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts, led by your Word. Refrain*

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 also text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504.
Year-end gifts must be received or postmarked no later than December 31st
in order to be shown on your 2021 statement of giving.
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**

 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.

 CLOSING HYMN *Joy to the World* ELW 267

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**