

The communion elements of bread and juice are provided for you in single-serve cups.  
During this time of communion hear the words, "The body of Christ, broken for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you" and know that you, too, are welcomed  
into communion with Christ and all the saints.

COMMUNION SONG      *Lamb of God*      ELW p. 154

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**  
**grant us peace, grant us peace.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

 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      *Once in Royal David's City*      ELW 269

Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and meek and lowly, lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own redeeming love;  
For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above;  
and he leads his children on to the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him; but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high;  
There his children gather round, bright like stars, with glory crowned.

POSTLUDE

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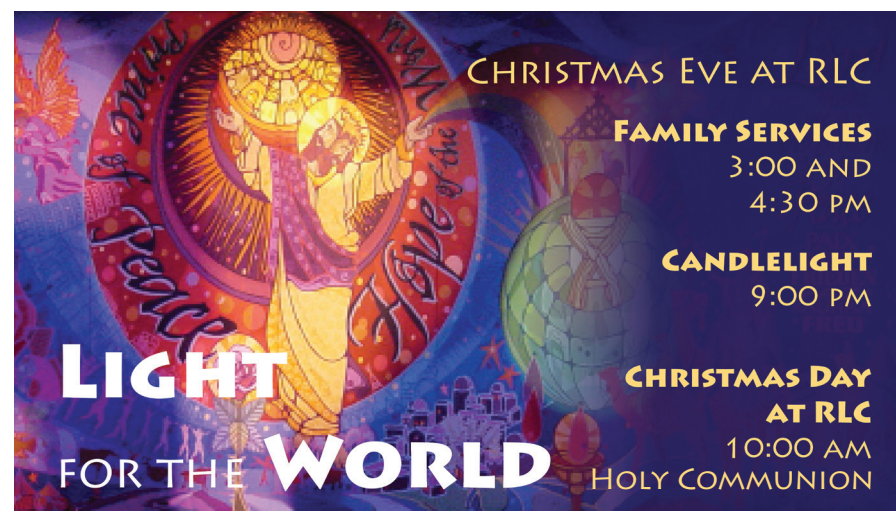
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

**9:00 AM (ONLY) WORSHIP**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022

**9:00 AND 10:30 AM WORSHIP**



# LIGHT FOR THE WORLD



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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

 OPENING HYMN     *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*     ELW 242  
vs. 1, 2, 4

**Awake! Awake and greet the new morn,  
for angels herald its dawning.  
Sing out your joy, for Jesus is born,  
behold! the Child of our longing.  
Come as a baby weak and poor, to bring all hearts together,  
To open wide the heavenly door, and lives now inside us forever.**

To us, to all in sorrow and fear,  
Emmanuel comes a-singing,  
Whose humble song is quiet and near,  
yet fills the earth with its ringing.  
Music to heal the broken soul and hymns of loving kindness,  
The thunder of the anthems roll to shatter all hate and injustice.

Rejoice, rejoice, take heart in the night,  
though cold the winter and cheerless,  
the rising sun shall crown you with light,  
be strong and loving and fearless;  
Love be our song and love our prayer, and love, our endless story,  
May God fill every day we share, and bring us at last into glory.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF LOVE

The poet, George Herbert, wrote:  
“Love bade me welcome, but my soul drew back.”

It’s hard to take in the enormity  
of God’s love made flesh in Jesus Christ.  
We look at the candles and enjoy the special music of the season,  
and our minds are busy thinking of other things.

The psalmist knew it long before Jesus:  
“For with the Lord, there is steadfast love,  
and with him is great power to redeem.”  
God became one of us, out of love for all of us,  
then and now and forever.

When we light the candle of Love,  
we stop in awe of God’s unending love.  
**Whatever we face in life, God’s steadfast love surrounds us.**

*The fourth candle of Love is lit.*

 CANDLELIGHTING SONG     *Love Is a Gift*

*Leader*     *All*     *L:*

Love is a gift.     Love is a gift.     Love is a gift our hearts can give.

*A:*     *L:*

Love is a gift our hearts can give.     Light the can-dle of love.

*A:*

Light the can-dle of love.

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. Children who are  
not registered for RLC Kids may return to their seats.*

ANTHEM     *Of the Father’s Love*     arr. John Helgen

 SCRIPTURE     John 1:1-5, 14-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.  
And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

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

 MESSAGE     Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

 HYMN OF THE DAY     *Love Has Come*     ELW 292

**Love has come, a light in the darkness!  
Love explodes in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it;  
Hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high.**

*continues ->*

**Love is born! Come share in the wonder;  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of his mother;  
What is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers;  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.**

**Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us;  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas;  
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

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.*

*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 at this time.*

 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**

GREAT THANKGIVING

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**