

*Participating in  
the Promise*

*God's Gifts,  
Our Gratitude*



*RLC Annual Appeal • October 2, 9, 16*



*9:00 am – Sunday, October 2, 2022*

# The Promise of Deliverance

*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.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CHORAL INVOCATION

*Come and Fill Our Hearts*

Taize

OPENING HYMN

*We Sing to You, O God*

ELW 791

**We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth,  
Let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth.  
To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.**

**We wandered far from home out in a desert land,  
You shielded with your love our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms and sheltered us against the storm.**

**You bear us through the world, an eagle to its young;  
You rise up on your wings and bear us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air and trust in your unfailing care.**

**O God, eternal God, we hide within your wings,  
The everlasting arms to whom our praises ring.  
Your word is true, your way is just, you are the God in whom we trust.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you call us  
**Out from our homes and into the world.**  
Lord, you call us  
**To trust in you and your promises for us.**  
We gather together this day to acknowledge and give thanks for your presence with us.  
**You have promised us your keeping and your care,  
Your deliverance and your mercy.**  
Let our voices shout out in glad acclamation:  
**Great are the promises of God!**

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of your name.**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life and health and peace.**

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

## STORYTIME

## Presentation of Bibles to our Third Graders

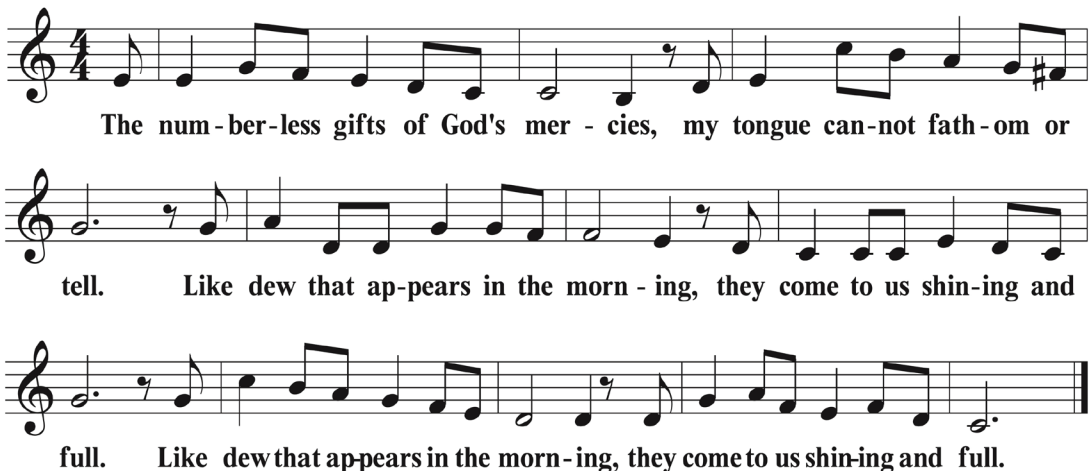
*Storytime is for the entire congregation as we began our exploration of our text for the day.  
Children are invited forward for Storytime as the congregation sings:*

**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.*

## PREPARING FOR THE WORD

## God's Mercies



The num-ber-less gifts of God's mer - cies, my tongue can-not fath-om or  
tell. Like dew that ap-pears in the morn - ing, they come to us shin-ing and  
full. Like dew that appears in the morn-ing, they come to us shin-ing and full.

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 14:5-7a, 10-14, 21-29

Spark Story Bible p. 84

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the minds of Pharaoh and his officials were changed toward the people, and they said, "What have we done, letting Israel leave our service?" So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him.

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As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone so that we can serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today, for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW 618

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
Shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs and praises, songs and praises I will raise forevermore,  
I will raise forevermore.**

## 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 text your gift: Text <amount> to 651-383-1504,  
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.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

*Bind Us Together*

Bob Gillman

## 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**

Rejoice in this good news! In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

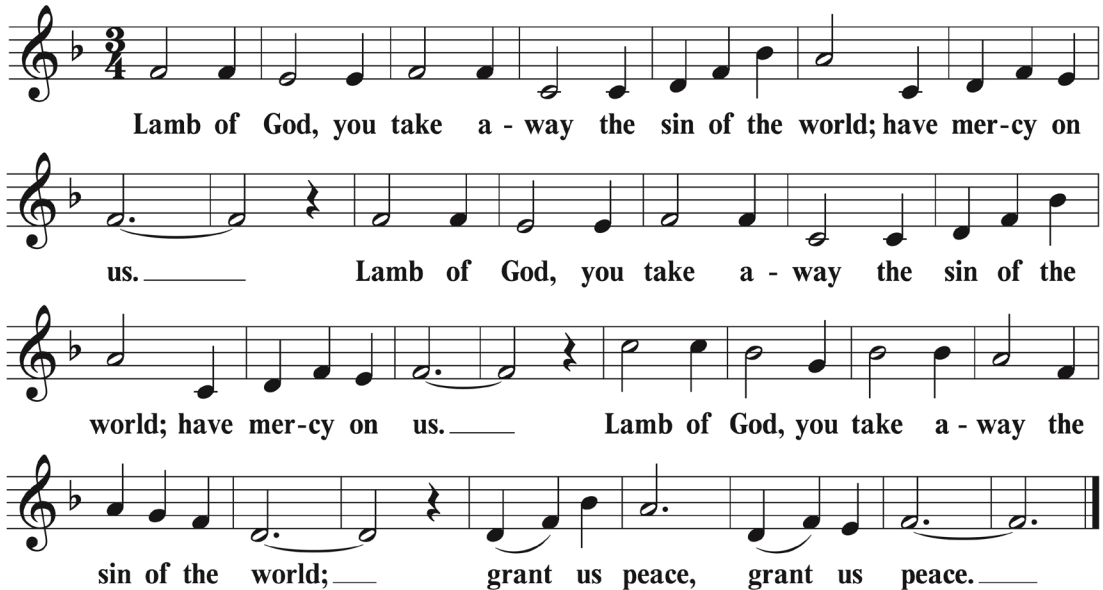
*All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. Non-communing children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing. Gluten/peanut free bread is available - please indicate this preference to the server. White grape juice is available and can be found in the cups toward the center of the tray.*

*If you are unable to come forward, we will bring the sacrament to you in your seat. Please indicate this preference as the communion minister walks down your aisle.*

## COMMUNION MUSIC

### Lamb of God

ELW 195



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. \_\_\_\_\_ Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; \_\_\_\_\_ grant us peace, grant us peace. \_\_\_\_\_

*Thee We Adore*

Ralph Johnson

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### BLESSING

Go out from here  
as workers in the kingdom of God,  
where needs are met in miraculous ways,  
and there is grace enough for all!

And may the promises of God,  
the love of Jesus Christ,  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit  
surround you and sustain you in the coming days.

So therefore, go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;  
Who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?

*Refrain*    On our way rejoicing, as we forward move,  
Hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!

Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
Unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
Unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
On our way rejoicing now and evermore. *Refrain*

## POSTLUDE

## Participants

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Marty Wyatt

Pastor Tori Remer

Rebecca Bedner, Director of Development

Reader: Mona Lackore

Musicians: RLC Choir, 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](mailto:mjohnson@rosevillelutheran.org) or 651-487-7752. We are looking for ushers, communion servers, greeters, and readers.*



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