

*Participating in  
the Promise*

*God's Gifts,  
Our Gratitude*

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



ROSEVILLE  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

*9:00 am – Sunday, October 16, 2022*

# The Promise of Faith and Future

*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 *Joyful, Joyful* arr. John Helgen

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *For the Fruit of All Creation* ELW 679

**For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still astound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**We are pulled in many directions.  
Many duties and tasks seek to lay claim on our lives.  
This day, in this place, let our service to God be our choice.  
This day, in this place, we open our hearts to God.  
Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.  
Praise be to God who sustains and nurtures our lives.**

**For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies;  
For the love that from our birth over and around us lies:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

**For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;  
For thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely given:  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.**

## STORYTIME

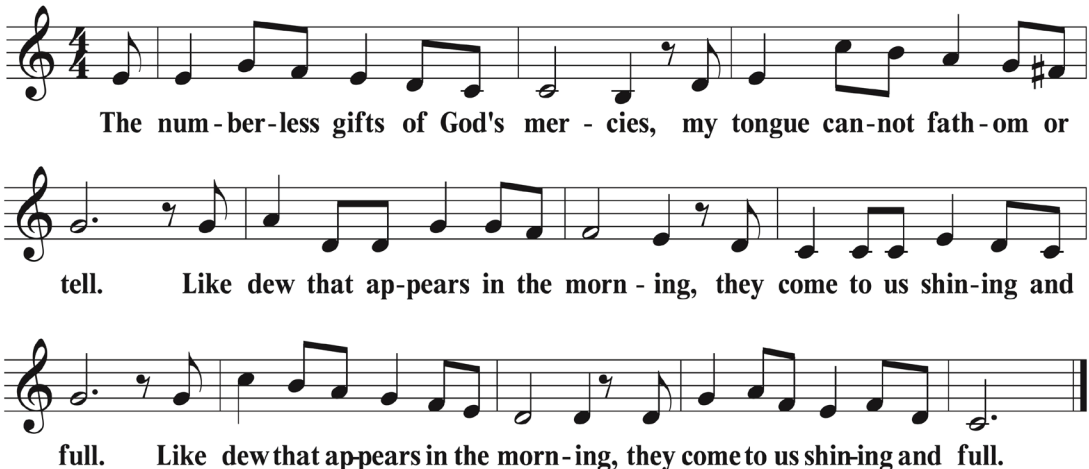
*Storytime is for the entire congregation as we began our exploration of our text for the day.  
Children are invited forward for Storytime as the congregation sings:*

**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.*

## 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 ap-pears in the morn-ing, they come to us shin-ing and full.

## SCRIPTURE

## Joshua 24:1-7, 13-15

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

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Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time.

I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

“Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

HYMN OF THE DAY

*God Loved the World (vs. 1, 2, 3)*

ELW 323

**God loved the world so that he gave  
his only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in him believe  
should everlasting life receive.**

**Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All who confide in Christ alone  
are built on this chief cornerstone.**

**If you are ill, if death draws near,  
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus rescues us from death;  
that is the firmest ground of faith.**

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.*

OFFERING MUSIC

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

arr. Cathy Moglebust  
Jubilate Bell Choir

## 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

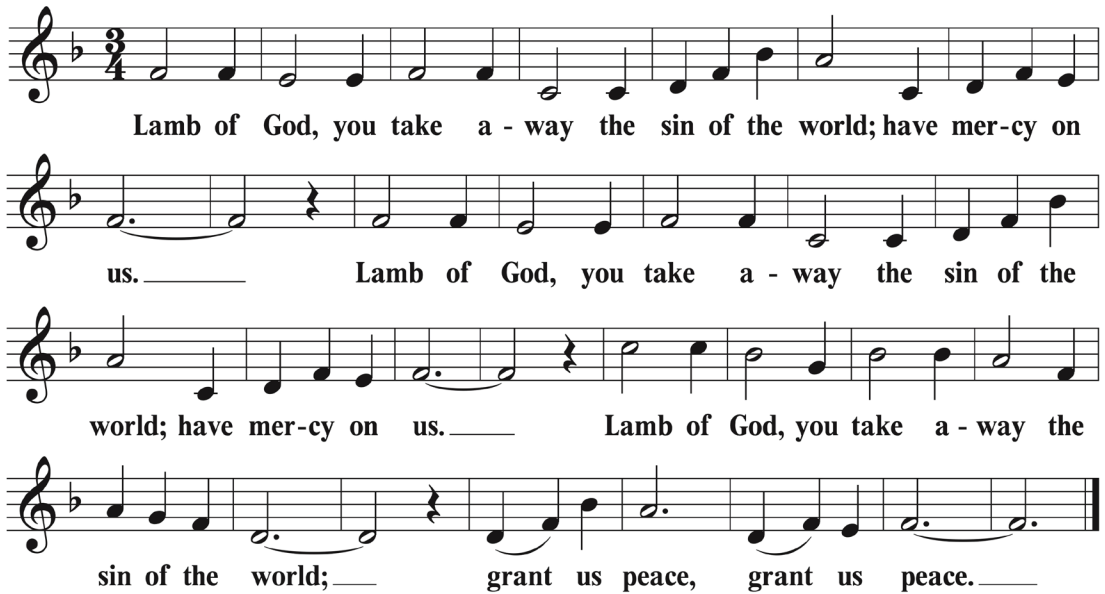
### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### 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.*

*My Shepherd's Amazing Grace*arr. Karissa Dennis  
Bells of Praise

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## BLESSING

As we leave this place and this time of worship  
we do not hide our thanks and praise.

Go! Go and speak boldly of the glorious deeds of the Lord.  
Go! Go and tell of the wondrous things God has done!

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

## CLOSING HYMN

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

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With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face -  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

POSTLUDE

*The Ash Grove  
(Sent Forth by God's Blessing)*

arr. John Helgen

## Participants

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Tori Remer

Rebecca Bedner, Director of Development

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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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