



# Christmas Eve

Candlelight

Roseville Lutheran Church

9:00 pm • Saturday, December 24, 2022

ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH • LET THERE BE NIGHT  
DEC. 24, 2022 • 9:00 PM

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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

Martha Mutch, Organ

HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ELW 283

**O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him, born the king of angels:**

*Refrain:* **O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

**The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!** *Refrain*

**Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest:** *Refrain*

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:** *Refrain*

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the night of wonder.

**This is the night of anticipation.**

This is the night of mystery and magic and marvelous joy.

**This is the night of celebration.**

Come and let us worship  
**the baby born, Emmanuel;**  
the baby born for you and me;  
**the baby born this night for all.**

**Come and let us worship God.**

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Creator God,  
**We rejoice at the birth of your son!**  
**With Mary, Joseph, and the wise men,**  
**we delight in the celebration of Jesus' glorious arrival.**  
**Amen**

MUSIC

*All Is Ready Now*

Jay Beech/arr. Helgen  
RLC Choir

*Quietly into the stable where the Savior, sleeping, lies,  
We can go, for all are welcome: shepherd, angel, poor and wise.  
What we have we bring and offer, earthly gifts for child divine,  
Giving that which we were given, fruits of harvest, bread and wine.*

*'Cross the threshold of creation, Jesus comes to dwell with us,  
As he was in the beginning, evermore God's gift of love.  
Now he calls us to the table, gift of love to bleed and die;  
Manger here becomes an altar, stable Lamb is sacrificed.*

*Now enthroned as king of heaven, blazing glory like the sun;  
In his hands are pow'r and justice, on his lips are peace and love.  
As our gifts are turned to ashes, falling down in awe we bow,  
Empty-handed, we adore him. "Come, for all is ready now."*

READING

Isaiah 35:1-2, 9-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad;  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly  
and rejoice with joy and shouting.  
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.  
They shall see the glory of the Lord,  
the majesty of our God.

No lion shall be there,  
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there,  
but the redeemed shall walk there.  
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

**Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as seers of old have sung,  
It came, a flow'r so bright, amid the cold of winter,  
When half-spent was the night.**

**Isaiah had foretold it, the rose I have in mind;  
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.  
To show God's love aright, she bore to us a Savior,  
When half-spent was the night.**

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

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

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark street shineth the everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!**

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:8-14

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

**Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn king!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies.  
With angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel!  
Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn king!”**

**Hail the heav’n born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lay his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth, born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing “Glory to the newborn king!”**

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:15-20

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

## SERVICE OF CANDLE LIGHTING

*Please use caution, tipping only unlit candles. Adults should assist small children.*

## HYMN

*Silent Night*

ELW 281

**Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
‘Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.**

**Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav’nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!**

**Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.**



## CHRISTMAS 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.*

*Children are invited to bring their offering up to the front of the Worship Center.*

## MUSIC

### *Christ Our Emmanuel*

John Rutter  
RLC Choir

*Far away, far away shines a light, leading us, guiding us on thro' the night;  
Clear in the sky and brighter than the dawn, pointing our way to where a child is born.*

*Can it be here we will find him? In a simple stable, can it be Messiah we behold?*

*Softly enter, this is he; worship him, honor him, bow your knee.*

*Son of God, yet child of man. In excelsis gloria!*

*Lullaby, lullaby, Jesus sleep! Angels over you watch will keep.*

*Mary will sing a tender lullaby, joining the song of angel choirs on high.*

*Morning will come, he will awaken,*

*He will be forsaken, left to die alone upon the tree.*

*Lullaby, lullaby, holy child born of Mary, undefiled.*

*Suffering, dying, death defying, Christ our Emmanuel.*

## PRAYERS

### 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

### 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.*

Your little ones, dear Lord, are we, and come your lowly bed to see;  
Enlighten ev'ry soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.

With songs we hasten you to greet, and kiss the ground before your feet.  
Oh, blessed hour, oh, sweetest night That gave you birth, our soul's delight.

Oh, draw us wholly to you, Lord, and to us your grace accord;  
True faith and love to us impart, that we may hold you in our heart.

Until at last we too proclaim, with all your saints, your glorious name;  
In paradise our songs renew, and praise you as the angels do.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## 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.

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

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

## CHRISTMAS BLESSING

We wait in the darkness,  
Expectantly, longingly, anxiously, thoughtfully.

We wait in the darkness.  
As did Mary.  
As did Joseph.  
As did the shepherds.  
As did the magi.

We wait in the darkness for the sound of the saviors cry.  
**Amen**

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be which inspire your heav'nly song? *Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King. *Refrain*

# Participants

Pastor Lauren J. Wrightsman

Pastor Tori Remer

Readers: Julie Hanson, Abigail Sturgis, Bob Bergstrom

Musicians: RLC Choir, Jessica Henry, Becky Lund  
Scott Henry, Jeff Bowar, Martha Mutch, John Helgen

VIDEO AND SOUND: Nick Clausen, Jeff Bowar

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*Sermon includes excerpts read from various books by Barbara Brown Taylor*



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# 2022 RLC Christmas Garden

*The following have contributed poinsettias to the RLC Christmas Garden as a way of expressing joy, love, and thanksgiving for blessings or in remembrance of a loved one. The Christmas Garden will be on display throughout the Christmas season. You are welcome to take a poinsettia home following the Sunday, January 1, 2023 worship.*

## in Honor

### GIVEN BY

Ken and Bonnie Wenzel  
Bob and Marj Bergstrom  
Ken and Darla Czech  
Tim and Julie Hanson

David Larson  
Lon and Mary Erickson  
Donn and Linda Satrom

Anne Aten  
(son),  
Karen Lindquist  
Darlene Diesch  
Karen Frilseth  
Stacy and Paul Nealy

Tom and Joyce Johnston  
Ardis Zantek  
Bill and Sue Metzger  
Rich and Julie Wendland  
Sharon and Al Swiglo

### IN HONOR OF

Brett and Gregg Wenzel  
Our 25th Anniversary  
Hannah, Naish, Blair  
Our grandchildren, Olivia, Caleb, Milo and  
Maxwell  
Military Veterans  
Chris, Christy, Nate, Logan, Elizabeth and Justin  
Our grandchildren, Anna, Judah, Ariel and  
Matthew  
Michelle Rothery (daughter), Jonathan Aten  
Leah Aten (daughter)  
My family  
Loved ones  
Ellen Frilseth  
Our family and the countless blessings  
we've been given  
Grandkids Hannah, Ty and Ada  
RLC Pastors and Staff  
Metzger/Ronning Families  
Family and Friends  
Family

# in Memory

## GIVEN BY

Ken and Bonnie Wenzel  
Tim and Julie Hanson

David Larson  
Bob, Sue, Kimmy and John Charbonneau  
Joe and Cindy Walz  
Ione Lemke  
Janine Hughes  
Kirsten and Peter Eckberg

Linda Lorenz and Terry Smith  
Donn and Linda Satrom  
Corinne DeLaitsch

Debbie, Dan, Ryan, Marie and  
Lauren Frigaard

Darlene Diesch  
June Rott  
Marianne Mohagen  
Ellen Frilseth  
Cheri and Jim Steinmueller Family  
Tom and Joyce Johnston  
Joe and Jan O'Brien  
Kate Libra  
Carol Sorenson  
Janet and Bruce Robb  
Bill and Sue Metzger  
Nancy Lueder

## IN MEMORY OF

Parents  
Madelyn and Vince Hanson, Shirley Schurtz, and  
Richard Schurtz

Gordon and Ruth Larson  
Lois and Elmer Warnest  
Carl Walz (son), Don Rott (father)  
Ed Lemke  
Bert Hughes, Sam Hughes  
Olaf and Aleda Kaasa, Pearl and Curt Eckberg,  
Marion and Evie Lundquist

Mary E. Smith, Louise Revering, Nick Lee  
Kule Satrom, Paul Kurtis  
George E. DeLaitsch (husband) and  
George W. DeLaitsch (son)  
Avis Frigaard, Robert Frigaard and  
David Frigaard

Loved ones  
Don Rott and Carl Walz  
Roger Mohagen  
Paul Frilseth, Mark Frilseth, and Brian Frilseth  
Lu Warn  
Tom and Janice Heffron  
Pat O'Brien (Joe's Mother)  
Dennis Libra and Tom Bettendorf  
Roger Sorenson  
Loved ones  
Our parents  
Robert Hanson and Warren Lueder



# Christmas Day

Roseville Lutheran Church  
**ONE Worship at 10:00 am**  
 Sunday, December 25, 2022

This year Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Sundays. Each of these services will be held at 10:00 am in the Worship Center and both will include the



# New Year's Day

Roseville Lutheran Church  
**ONE Worship at 10:00 am**  
 Sunday, January 1, 2023

celebration of Holy Communion. There will be no RLC Kids on these two Sundays.

Regular worship schedule resumes Sunday, Jan. 8 with worship and RLC Kids at 9:00 and 10:30 am.



## New Year's Eve Concert

7:00 pm, Dec. 31 **FREE!**  
 RLC Jazz Invite a Friend!

You can ring in the New Year at RLC! Join the RLC Jazz band for its New Year's Eve concert at 7:00 pm on **December 31**. Our 17 piece big band plays a variety of classic and modern music from the big band era to the present, and features a number of our talented vocalists. This year we will be joined by special guest artists the "First Inversion" Jazz Quartet. Plan now to kick off the new year with RLC Jazz. This is a great opportunity to invite friends to RLC for this **FREE** concert.



## January is Restaurant Month at RLC!

Sign up now for:  
 Jan. 8 • Baldamar brunch (Mary and Jeff Johnson)  
 Jan. 10 • La Tapatia ( Mary and Kevin Peterson)  
 Jan. 13 • Psycho Suzies (Paul and Stacy Nealy)  
 Jan. 14 • La Tapatia (Tanner and Pastor Marty Wyatt)  
 Jan. 15 • Hope Breakfast Bar (Laurel and Dave Hofeldt)  
 Jan. 19 • Osaki's Japanese Steak House (KJ and Bob Bach)  
 Jan. 25 • Good Earth Lunch (Rebecca Bedner)

Sign up and join members of our congregation for a meal in January. We have a list of days, times, hosts, and restaurants to choose from. Your RLC hosts will meet you at the restaurant and dine with you. The purpose of this is simple: continue our connection with members in our community. Sign up now...first gathering is **January 8!** Go to **www.rosevillelutheran.org/restaurant-month** or check in with Diane or Mary at the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.

### RLC Budget Update

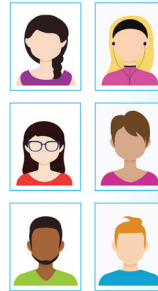
#### 2022-23 Operations (Nov. 30)

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offering	388,246	542,977	<b>-154,732</b>
Other receipts	40,899	48,787	-7,889
Total Receipts	429,144	591,765	-162,620
Expenses	632,208	702,200	-68,992
Net	-204,064	-110,436	-93,628

95% of RLC ministries are funded through individual gifts. Like many churches, we are experiencing the impact on giving due to the pandemic and inflation and have a significant deficit in our giving. As of Nov. 30, our offerings are under budget by \$154,732 (28.5%). Staff and leadership have kept expenses 10% below our approved budget through cuts in our staffing and other ministry areas. Please consider making an additional gift, and/or an increase in your regular giving. Year-end gifts must be received or

postmarked no later than Dec. 31 to be shown on your 2022 statement of giving. Give at: **www.rosevillelutheran.org/givenow**. Thank you.

**Young Adult Service and Get Together** On Thursday, Jan. 5 at 6:00 pm, we will be providing a time to gather for people who are post-high school and younger than 35, maybe those back from college break or those looking to connect at Roseville with others of a similar age. We will have a meal after the service with time to talk and get to know each other. If you have any questions or are a young adult interested in helping out with the worship service, please contact Pastor Tori, [tremer@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:tremer@rosevillelutheran.org)



## RLC Young Adults

Service and  
Get Together



6:00 pm, Thursday, January 5  
Contact: [tremer@rosevillelutheran.org](mailto:tremer@rosevillelutheran.org)

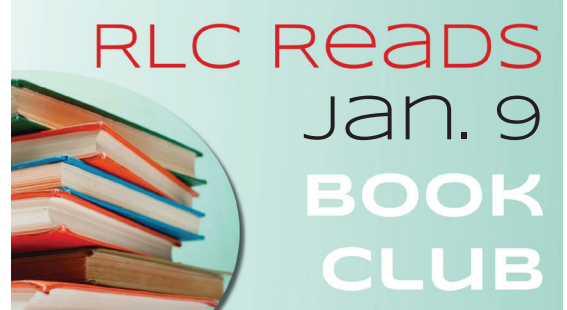
We are excited to welcome Jenna Baccam as our part time Director of Children and Family Ministry at RLC. Jenna brings an understanding of the needs of children, a creative and engaging spirit, as well as her love for ministry and says, "I am looking forward to becoming a part of this community and working to make RLC kids a joyful and inviting place to be." Plan now to greet Jenna on **Sunday, Jan. 8** at both the 9:00 and 10:30 am worship services. Welcome, Jenna!

**INTRODUCING  
JENNA BACCAM**  
DIRECTOR OF  
CHILDREN AND  
FAMILY MINISTRY

CONGREGATIONAL  
WELCOME  
9:00 AND 10:30 AM  
SUNDAY, JAN. 8, 2023



RLC Reads has picked a great group of books and YOU are welcome to join in the monthly discussion on Mondays at 7:00 PM in the Upper Lobby area by the church office. **Jan. 9 - *The Lincoln Highway*** by Amor Towles. This novel, set in the U.S. in 1954, was chosen by several notable critics as the 2021 Book of the Year, featuring unforgettable characters on an unexpected cross-country journey. More info at [www.rosevillelutheran.org/rlc-reads](http://www.rosevillelutheran.org/rlc-reads) Please email Bob a week before at [rcbergstrom@comcast.net](mailto:rcbergstrom@comcast.net).



We are planning a 30 minute mid-week **Service of Hope and Joy** once a month featuring familiar hymns, scripture readings, a short story or meditation, and communion. This worship is open to all, and will be dementia-friendly, geared toward those with short attention spans, and those unable to sit for a long time. The sights, sounds, and experience of worship are vital to us all. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship together. Join us in the RLC Worship Center at **11:00 am** on Wednesdays, **Jan. 11** and **Feb. 8**.



## Service of Hope and Joy

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