

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by John/Jean Lippert in memory of Rex Hoover

Call to Worship
[Zach and Jessica Fox](#)

[Psalm 126 \(featuring Paul](#)

Confession and Forgiveness **Based on Hebrews 12 and Psalm 51**
In this season of rest and renewal let us come before God to name the sin that clings so closely, laying it all down at Jesus' feet
Silence is kept for reflection.

Standing in the Sonlight, we confess that we sometimes forget the great cloud of witnesses that surround us, whose faith teaches us about your grace and mercy. In this race of life set before us we trip over our pride, our selfishness and our discontent. We carry the weight of shame and strive for things that do not last. Forgive us O God. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, illuminated by Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Do not grow weary in your souls or lose heart. For God has heard your confession and your sins are forgiven in the name of the

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God's steadfast love and abundant mercy are yours this day. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Christ Be Our Light ELW 715

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see. (refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your world alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)

Longing, for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (refrain)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (refrain)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of New Life, in this season of summer, in this time of sabbath, renew in us a spirit of discipleship and teach us to rest in your love for us and all creation. Open our hearts once again to your Word and your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song

[Lauren Daigle – Living Sacrifice | Powerful Worship Anthem Inspired by !\[\]\(9c2e8d1b5bd77cb5c9f83b7a9cff79fd_img.jpg\) 2026](#)

Welcome the Word

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-5

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

You Are Holy ELW 525

You are holy, you are whole. You are always evermore than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you Lord. Sing hosanna, in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Let us talents and tongues employ reaching out with a shout of joy,
Break is broken the wine is poured Christ is spoken and seen and
heard, Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word
around, loaves abound!

Offering Prayer

God our Provider, we find comfort in the ways you sustain us with
the daily bread we need. Trusting in your continual provision we
return a portion of what you have entrusted to our care. Use it as
you will to renew others as we prepare now to be renewed through
this holy meal in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Jesus and his first followers often gathered around meals in order
to be renewed by the food they ate and the conversation they
shared. One particular meal became a lasting invitation for us to
share in the renewal that comes from receiving Christ in the bread
and the cup. On the night Jesus was handed over he joined his
friends at a table, around a meal, he took bread...do this in
remembrance of me. Pour out on your Holy Spirit on this sacred
meal O Lord, where Jesus is present and all are welcome. Christ
invites you to open your hands and receive God's grace. Come to the
table where Christ is the host who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Response

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share; God, Immanuel, everywhere. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Post Communion Prayer

Sustaining God, in this meal we have been renewed in body, mind and spirit. Let this new-found renewal strengthen us to be your people in the places and lives that are most in need of knowing a full measure of your love and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Praise to the Lord the Almighty LBW 543

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation

O my soul praise him for he is your health and salvation

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near joining in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who over all things is wondrously reigning
and as on wings of an eagle uplifting sustaining

Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord who will prosper your work and defend you

Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you

Ponder anew what the almighty can do if with his love he befriend you

Praise to the Lord oh let all that is in me adore him

All that has life and breath come now with praises before him

Let the amen sound from his people again gladly forever adore him

Dismissal

Go in peace renewed in your call to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!