

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
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Call to Worship [Prayer & Faith | Psalm 86 You Hear Me When I Pray | Worship Song](#)

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 :
(refrain)

One Bread, One Body WOV 710

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we
bless, and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body
in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more (refrain)
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (refrain)
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all
(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

[Your Kindness \(Official Music Video\) | Celtic Worship](#)

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

1 Kings 17:8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to
Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have
commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to
Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was
there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little

water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day (refrain)

As the Grains of Wheat WOV 705

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst may we share the presence of your love (refrain)

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you (refrain)

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 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise WOV 801

Thine the amen, thine the praise alleluia angels raise, thine the everlasting head, thine the breaking of the bread, thine the glory, thine the story, thine the harvest then the cup, thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.

Thine the life eternally, thine the promise let there be, thine the vision, thine the tree all the earth on bended knee, gone the nailing, gone the railing, gone the pleading, gone the cry, gone the sighing, gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly, thine the yes, thine the table we the guest, thine the mercy all from thee, thine the glory yet to be, then the ringing and the singing then the end of all the war, thine the living, thine the loving evermore, evermore.

Thine the kingdom, thine the prize, thine the wonderful surprise, thine the banquet then the praise then the justice of thy ways, thine the glory, thine the story then the welcome to the least then the wonder all increasing at thy feast, at thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light, thine the
river,
thine the tree then the Lamb eternally, then the holy, holy, holy

celebration jubilee, thine the splendor, thine the brightness only
thee,
only thee.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!