

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches  
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### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who makes all things new,  
whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Holy One, source of our renewal,

**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have not practiced your righteousness.**

**Our hearts have turned away from you.**

**For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us,**

**that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of ✝ Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn**

## **Here in this Place (Gather Us In) WOV 718**

Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings, Brought here to you in the light of  
this day. Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, Gather us in, the blind and the lame  
Call to us now and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name

We are the young, our lives are a mystery, We are the old who yearn for your  
face. We have been sung throughout all of history. Called to be light to the whole  
human race. Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, Gather us in, the proud and  
the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the  
song

Not in the dark of buildings confining. Not in some heaven light years away  
Here in this place the new light is shining. Now is the kingdom, now is the day  
Gather us in and hold us forever. Gather us in and make us your own  
Gather us in, all peoples together. Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Lord God, **with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you.**  
**By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and**  
**power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

<sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the  
ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw  
near to God. <sup>3</sup>“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but

you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and

oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike  
with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on

high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down

the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? <sup>8</sup>Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm**

**Psalm 112**  
**by Poor Bishop Hooper**

**New Testament Reading**

**1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. <sup>2</sup>For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. <sup>3</sup>And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup>My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup>so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. <sup>6</sup>Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. <sup>7</sup>But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—<sup>10</sup>these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup>For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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## **Gospel Acclamation**

Listen, listen, God is calling through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

## **Gospel**

**Matthew 5:13-20**

[Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks WOV 671**

(Refrain) Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation (refrain)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen (refrain)

We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever (refrain)

God has proclaimed the just reward; life for all people, alleluia (refrain)

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior (refrain)

## **Apostles' Creed**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

## **Peace**

## **Offering**

### **Doxology**

#### **Offering Prayer**

Liberating God, **you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

### **Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, **we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. Amen.**

### **Blessing**

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.

### **Sending Hymn**

### **Rise, Shine You People LBW 393**

Rise, shine you people Christ the Lord has entered our human story God in him is centered. He comes to us by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded. See how he sends the powers of evil reeling, he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven Come, celebrate your banners high unfurling; your songs and prayer against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory. Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us. Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation. His new creation.

**Dismissal** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

