

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches  
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who would have been 99 years old today**

## **Welcome**

### **Breath Prayer**

Breathe in the breath of God, breathe out your cares and concerns  
Breathe in the love of God, breathe out your doubts and despairs  
Breathe in the life of God, breathe out your fears and frustrations  
We sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all creation  
We sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs  
We sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fiber of our being

Breathe in the breath of God, breathe out your tensions and turmoil  
Breathe in the love of God, breathe out your haste and hurry  
Breathe in the life of God, breathe out your work and worry  
We sit quietly before the One who gives life and love to all creation,  
We sit in awe of the One who formed us in our mother's wombs  
We sit at peace surrounded by the One who fills every fiber of our being

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

## **Opening Hymn**

### **Have No Fear Little Flock LBW 476**

Have no fear little flock; have no fear little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom have no fear little flock.

Have good cheer little flock, have good cheer little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock.

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God.

## **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God, **judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

## First Reading

## Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God nearby, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

## Psalm

## Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.' "

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## Second Reading

## Hebrews 11:29-12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others

were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **When Peace Like a River (It is Well) LBW 346**

When peace like a river attendeth my way; when sorrows like sea billows roll,  
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul  
It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul) it is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance  
control, that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate and hath shed his own blood  
for my soul.

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul) it is well, it is well with my soul

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin, not in part, but the whole, is  
nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my  
soul.

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul) it is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as  
a scroll, the trumpet shall sound, and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well  
with my soul.

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul) it is well, it is well with my soul

## **Apostles' Creed**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

## **Peace**

## **Offering**

## **Doxology**

## **Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, **you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

Life-giving God, **through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

**Benediction**

The God of peace, Creator, Redeemer and Friend, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn****My Life Flows On In Endless Song WOV 781**

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation, I catch the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation. (refrain)

(refrain) No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. (refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

**Dismissal**

Go in peace by faith. **Thanks be to God!**