

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
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Lay Led Worship



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Eric/Jenny Hayden In honor of Ben & Julia Weber's 1st Anniversary

Call to Worship [Psalm 138 - Lord, on the Day I Called For Help, You Answered Me - Francesca LaRosa \(Lyric Video\)](#)

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 :

Amazing Grace LBW 448

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found was blind but now I see

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear and grace, my fears
relieved

How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far and grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

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

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 8:18-25, 31-39

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the
creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children
of God, 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own
will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the

creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? 36 As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

37 No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Centering Song and Message ["Still Yours" and "Belovedness," Sarah Kroger Joins Our Story Our Song](#)

Hymn of the Day

How Great Thou Art LBW 532

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder

Thy power throughout the universe displayed (refrain)

(refrain)

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art (2x)

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze (refrain)

But when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin (refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art (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 with your mercy and grace in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

Sending 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.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God!