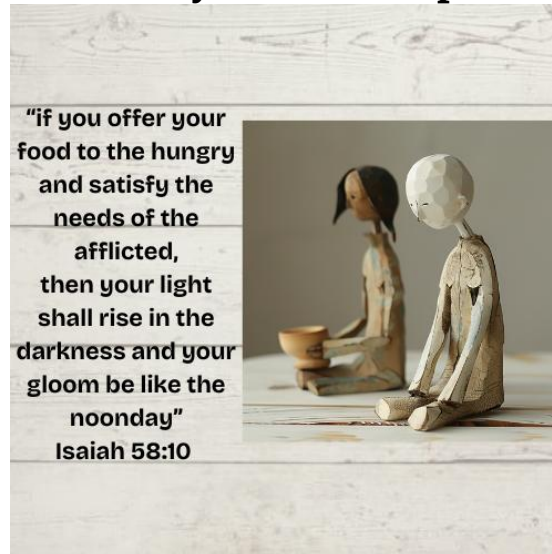


**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**  
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**Lay Led Worship**



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**Confession and Forgiveness based on Isaiah 58**

Gathered in the shared space of this sanctuary let us now turn back to God, confessing the thoughts and actions which strain that most sacred relationship

*Silence for reflection*

**God our creator, you have raised up the foundations of many generations through giving each a share of your grace. Forgive us when we forget that your grace is a gift. Though we are called to share it with others, to loose the bonds of injustice, too often we point the finger and speak evil rather than love. Help us fast from greed, hubris and mockery, yoking our lives instead to generosity, humility and mercy. Forgive us when the Sabbath is trampled by our selfish ways. Guide us to share your grace once again so that we might become repairers of the breach and restorers of the streets we live in.**

You have cried for help and God has said, Here I am. Showered by God's grace you are forgiven. God has satisfied the parched places of your soul, freeing you to share that grace with others in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us delight in the Lord! Amen.

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name... Holy God,

**we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.**

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

**We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.**

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

**We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.**

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

**Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn**

### **Amazing Grace**

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.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun  
there's no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun

## **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Generous God, as your people, we are called to be one. Keep us committed to living in community, especially when our fears threaten to falter our faith. We give you thanks for this life we share, empowered by the Holy Spirit, striving always to follow the way of Jesus. Lead us into your Word. Give us willing hearts to share our stories, our faith and our resources with any who have need. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## **Centering Song**

### **Welcome the Word**

We were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized in his death;  
that as Christ was raised victorious we might live a brand new life.  
As we hear the Word and wonder what to us it longs to say make  
us ready to receive it day by day

### **Scripture Reading**

**Isaiah 58:6-14**

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke? 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? 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.  
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am." If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your needs in parched places and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the Lord, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

**Devotion**  
**Wredberg**

**Pastor Josh**

**Hymn of the Day**  
**Soil**

**Lord Let My Heart Be Good**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood. When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When

my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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## **Nicene Creed**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Hear us O God, **Your mercy is great**

### **Peace**

### **Offering**

#### **Offertory Response**

In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread, in the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead, God has made a new beginning, from the ashes of our past; in the losing and the winning we hold fast.

#### **Offering Prayer**

God of abundant grace, **you provide for us in so many ways. Out of your faithfulness to us we return a portion of what you have so freely given. May it be shared with those who seek to know and be known by your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Announcements**

## **Blessing**

May your share of God's love lift you up  
May your share of Jesus' compassion comfort you  
May your share of the Spirit guide you toward hope  
And may you generously share that love, compassion and hope  
with others in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## **Sending Hymn**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory  
divine.

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in  
his blood. (refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day  
long; This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the  
day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst  
on my sight; angels descending bring from above, echoes of  
mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior, am happy and  
blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his  
goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)

**Dismissal** We go into the world ready to share the Good News.  
**Thanks be to God!**