

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**  
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## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman**

When the song of the angels is stilled. When the star in the sky is gone. When the kings and princes are home. When the shepherds are back with their flock. The work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart. May it be so as God's justice rolls down like water upon us.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. So, as the gathered people of God, let us now make our confession:

*Silence for reflection*

**God you say to us cease to do evil; yet we benefit from systems of injustice. God you say to us learn to do good; yet we are lured by the things of this world that seek to discriminate. God you say to us seek justice yet we turn our eyes away from the suffering we don't want to look at. God you say to us rescue the oppressed yet we continue to draw lines in the sand. God you say**

**to us defend the orphan and plead for the widow yet people are still hungry and homeless. Forgive our complacency O Lord and replace it with good courage. Teach us your ways. Break our hearts for what breaks yours.**

Hear this good news. God is faithful. God is just. God forgives us all our sins so that we are made ready to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Opening Hymn**

### **You Satisfy the Hungry Heart WOV**

**711**

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat  
Come give to us, O Saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat

With joyful lips, we sing to you our praise and gratitude  
That you should count us worthy Lord to share this Heavenly food (refrain)

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?  
Does not one cup, one loaf declare our Oneness in the Lord? (refrain)

You give yourself to us O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in  
your name in truth and charity. (refrain)

### **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**Our God who is holy and just, we come asking you to bless us as we strive to make this world a better place for all. Bless our small efforts with greater promise than we can imagine. Teach us to step up for people like Lazarus rather than to step over them. Bless our determination with new strength and courage that bends toward justice. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

### **Centering Song Song**

### **The Justice**

**Written by Selorm Tamakloe and Kaign Christy  
Sung by International Justice Mission**

**Ghana**

<https://youtu.be/IASdERt3-m0?si=mjUa-N56hqMPpsB2>

## Welcome the Word

This, this is Christ the King the Son come down from heaven  
Oh, see and hear and sing the Word of God is given

## Scripture Reading

**Luke 16:19-**

**31** Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

**Lord of Justice**

(Refrain) Lord of Justice, Lord of Life, help us to do what you know is right,  
oh oh oh, Lord of Justice, Lord of Life, guide us through the day and night

To the stranger may we give welcome. To the hungry may we give bread.  
To the naked may we give clothing. To the homeless, a place to lay their  
head.

(refrain)

To the wounded may we give healing. To the voiceless may we give words.  
To the captives may we give freedom. To the tortured release from all the  
hurt.

(refrain)

For the silenced may we now speak up. May we stand up for those who fall.  
For the broken may we boldly show up. May we step up to show your love for  
all. (refrain)

**Baptism – Rock Creek**

**Apostles' Creed – Faith**

**Prayers of the People**

**God of grace, receive our prayer**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of  
celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your  
grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

**Words of Consecration**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our source of hope and love, at this table you have fed us with your  
salvation, a foretaste of the feast to come. Make us ready to share your  
saving love with a waiting world. Amen.

**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 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.

**Dismissal** We go in peace to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. **Thanks be to God!**