

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Diane Knudsen
In honor of Rylee Weber 13th birthday and in honor of wedding anniversary

Welcome and Announcements

Litany of Thanksgiving

God you have called and equipped us for ministry beyond these four walls.
As we gather here to worship we give thanks for our partners who share in
the mission of spreading your Good News

The Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

**Synod means walking together, which describes our interdependent
ministry relationship as we support mission partners and heed the call to be
a church engaged in all the world.**

Thanks be to God for our synod partners

Luther Park Bible Camp

**Luther Park Bible Camp is a place where faith is nurtured through holy play
as people of all ages explore and experience the life changing love of God**

Thanks be to God for our Bible Camp partner

Community Unity Vacation Bible School

**Community Unity VBS is an ecumenical collaboration that crosses
denominational lines with the goal of providing a dynamic week of fun for
children centered around our shared love of Jesus Christ.**

Thanks be to God for our community VBS partners

YouthWorks

YouthWorks leads Christ-centered mission trips which empower every teenager to know God and be like Jesus in the ways they love and serve others.

**Thanks be to God for our mission trip partner
God we ask your blessing on each of these ministries as they reach a world
in need this summer. All thanks be to God for our ministry partners! Amen.**

**Opening Hymn
705**

As the Grains of Wheat WOV

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you. As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst, may we share the presence of your love. As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you. Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you. As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread; so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you.

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

Our God of varied ministries, when we, empowered by your Holy Spirit, collaborate with our ministry partners good things happen in your name. Today we celebrate our partnership with the congregations who make up Community Unity VBS. Through this ministry you help us share Christ's love, which knows no boundaries, with so many children. May our theme of diving into friendship with God come to life through song, play, prayer, crafts and Bible study as we gather in your name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song You Got a Friend in Me by The Crosby Family [You've Got a Friend In Me - LIVE Performance by 4-year-old Claire Ryann and Dad](#)

**Welcome the Word
Calling**

Listen, God is

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

Scripture Reading

1 John 3:16-23

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us, for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of the People
prayer**

Merciful God, receive our

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy. Bread is broken the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breath again, pass the Word around, loaved
abound

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Offering Prayer

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time and our possessions; signs of your gracious love.

Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Consecration

**Written by Beth Merrill Neel
on her blog [Hold Fast to What](#)**

is Good

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a privilege, and joy to praise you, O God, because you made Life: the universe, and this earth, and the flowers we love to water in the summer, and the berries we eat like candy. You made the dogs we walk in the morning, and the cats who sit on our laps even when it's hot. You made us in many shapes and sizes but all in your image. We praise you for creation this day and with great thanks we join our voices with the heavenly host as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are blessed, O God, as is Jesus our Christ, who invited all of us carrying heavy burdens to come to him. He bore our burdens; he healed us; and he saved us. He invites us to this table where he gathered with friends, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave to his disciples saying take and eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. And now, O God, we pray for your Spirit. We pray that your Spirit will descend upon our hearts and on these gifts of bread and cup, to transform them from their daily use into a sacred meal. By your Spirit may our hunger and thirst be satisfied, and may we be nourished to go out into the world to bear the burdens of others. For so much, we offer grateful hearts as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us....

The Lord's Prayer Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, bread of life, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out into the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee LBW 551

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away; Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day! All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Singing bird and flowing fountain. Call us to rejoice in Thee. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine; Teach us how to love each others, Life us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

Go in peace as partners in the Gospel.
Thanks be to God!