

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Don/Jane Rahman In
thankfulness for our many blessings

Call to Worship
[Inspired by Psalms for Prayer & Devotion](#)

[40 Beautiful Songs](#)

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 :

Beautiful Savior LBW 518

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy,
my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling
stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the
sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

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

Centering Song [Humbled Heart - Sarah Kroger \(Acoustic\)](#)

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

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Great is thy Faithfulness LBW 733

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

(refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (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 as we prepare now to be renewed through
this holy meal in Jesus' name. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Jesus and his first followers often gathered around meals in order
to be renewed by the food they ate and the conversation they
shared. One particular meal became a lasting invitation for us to
share in the renewal that comes from receiving Christ in the bread
and the cup. On the night Jesus was handed over he joined his
friends at a table, around a meal, he took bread...do this in
remembrance of me. Pour out on your Holy Spirit on this sacred
meal O Lord, where Jesus is present and all are welcome. Christ

invites you to open your hands and receive God's grace. Come to the table where Christ is the host who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Response

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to tell, bread to share; God, Immanuel, everywhere. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Post Communion Prayer

Sustaining God, in this meal we have been renewed in body, mind and spirit. Let this new-found renewal strengthen us to be your people in the places and lives that are most in need of knowing a full measure of your love and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Hymn Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499

Come thou fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;

Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander; Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Dismissal

Go in peace renewed in your call to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!