

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**

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**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jean Hermann In memory of husband Jerry**

### **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**

**Let All Things Now Living LBW 557**

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving**

**To God the creator triumphantly raise.**

**Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,**

**Who still guides us on to the end of our days.**

God's banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.  
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished  
As forward we travel from light into light.  
His law he enforces, the stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"  
Let Us Break Bread Together LBW 212  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me

## **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.

## Children's Message

Centering Song      [HE LIVES AGAIN – children's Easter song by Angie Killian & Joelle Einerson](#)

## 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

1 Timothy 6:11b-19

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Come to the Water of Life ACS 955**

All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love, all who are thirsty for love, for mercy come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty for touch, for healing come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty; all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty come, come to the Water of life

All who are thirsty for justice; all who are thirsty for peace, all who are thirsty for peace, for justice come, come to the Water of life.

## **Nicene Creed**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

**God of grace, Receive our prayer**

## **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. As we prepare to receive your grace at this table we humbly name how much we need it. Thank you for loving us through this sacred meal. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Words of Consecration**

As we gather around this ever-expanding table where God's grace is so freely shared we remember that this holy meal was first shared by Jesus with his beloved disciples. On the night of his betrayal Jesus sat with his friends around a table, he took bread...who taught us to pray

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

### **Communion Distribution**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of a bigger table, you have set a place for each of us at this holy meal. May Christ's bread and cup give us the strength and courage to share your boundless love with all who hunger for your mercy. Let us practice a faith that is always willing to pull up another chair for anyone who seeks unconditional welcome. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **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**

### **Go to the World ACS 991**

Go to the world. Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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