

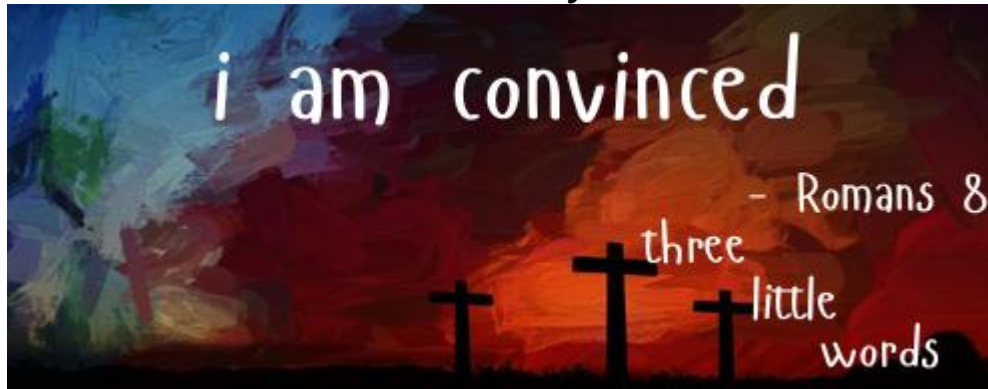
**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**

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### **Confession and Forgiveness**

As we ready our hearts for worship in this gathered community let us confess our sins which turn us away from God

*Silence for reflection*

**God is love. Despite being made in God's image we forget to reflect that love to the world. Rather than simply proclaiming the three little words, God loves you, we judge others, we find fault and we place prerequisites on your grace. Forgive us for the ways we try to keep score and keep your kingdom small. Remind us to leave our selfish ways at the foot of the cross so that we might become the hands and feet of Christ for a waiting world.**

Children of God, hear these three little words

You are forgiven

In the name of God who creates, Jesus who saves and the Holy Spirit who guides us. Amen.

**Opening Hymn**

**Christ Be Our Light ELW 715**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your world alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)

Longing, for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (refrain)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (refrain)

## Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

God throughout these forty days, **you invite us to hear from you three little words at a time. As we reflect on all you say to us through the Holy Scriptures, keep our ears and our hearts open to the message your need us to hear. Make us ready to receive it and believe it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Children's Message

Centering Song [Nothing Can Separate \(Romans 8:38 NLT\) - from Labyrinth by David Baloch](#)

### Welcome the Word

## **Scripture Reading**

**Romans 8:29-39**

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. God's Love in Christ Jesus

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**On Eagles Wing WOV 779**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord who abide in His shadow for life

Say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

(refrain) And He will raise you up on eagles' wings bear you on the breath of dawn make you to shine like the sun and hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you and famine will  
bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield (refrain)  
You need not fear the terror of the night nor the arrow that flies  
by day  
Though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come  
(refrain)

## **Apostles' Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**                      God of grace, **Receive our prayer**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response**

## **Offering Prayer**

God of life, all that we have belongs to you. We place these gifts on  
the altar in thanksgiving for the ways you faithfully care for us.  
May they bless your world. Ready us now to receive Christ's  
presence at your never-ending feast. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

## **Words of Consecration**

As we gather in the sanctuary to worship, Jesus invites us closer  
still, to this holy table where we receive the bread and the cup, a  
sacred meal he first shared with his followers just hours before he  
would go to the cross. On that night, Jesus took bread, broke it,  
gave thanks and said 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 said, take and drink, all of you. This 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. As we recall the three little words; take and eat, take and drink, which Jesus first spoke, send your Holy Spirit on this bread and cup now so it might become Christ's body and blood for all who eat and drink of it. Hear us now as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Communion Distribution**

The table is set. Dinner is ready.

Hear these three little words as your invitation to Christ's table:  
All are welcome

### **Post Communion Blessing**

#### **Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks O God, for feeding us once again at Christ's table. May we continue to hunger only for justice and peace as we wait for Christ's resurrection and the new life it will surely bring. In Jesus' name we hope and pray. Amen.

### **Blessing**

#### **Sending Hymn**

#### **Great is Thy Faithfulness WOV 771**

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)

**Announcements and Dismissal** Before you go in peace turn to someone and say these three little words: **Jesus loves you**