

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches  
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Jack/Jane Weber & Nick/Theresa Strand family 59th wedding  
anniversary/in memory of Theresa's Dad Dennis Thompson  
whose birthday would have been 9/21**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Children's Message – Faith**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Even as we gather together as one in Christ's name there is division and turmoil in God's world. Let us confess how we have contributed to that discord through our words and actions, through our complacency and inaction.

### *Silence for reflection*

We confess, Holy One, we gather here knowing that we struggle to see our neighbors as your children too. We make excuses. We separate the world's people into good and bad. We blame others for things they cannot control or change. We hope someone else will do the hard work of creating diverse, inclusive community. Forgive us, and make us newly open to your command to love you and others. Teach us to love our neighbors as ourselves and look for your image in them. Amen.

Our God of mercy and grace teaches us to love through loving us even as we learning. Your sins are forgiven in the name of God our creator, Jesus our savior and the Holy Spirit our guide and advocate. Welcome to worship this day!

### **Call to Worship**

**We come eager to find the wisdom we need for our lives**  
Welcome whoever you are and however you show up in this space.  
Here we remember that we are all children of God  
**We come open to seeing one another in new ways because of the Gospel.**

Welcome to this hour where we are not rule bound but grace found.  
**We come to learn again how to love our neighbors as ourselves,**  
and  
share the bread of life with all.

Welcome to worship this day!

**It is good to be the church together in this place!**

### **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. 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.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. Longing, for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. 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. Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

## **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

God of love, teach us to ask good questions that lead us into deep, authentic relationship with our neighbors, near and far. Remind us that they, like us, are made in your image. Help us celebrate our shared humanity and delight in our differences. Let your Word speak to our hearts as we seek to love our neighbors as you do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Children's Message – Rock Creek**

### **Centering Song**

### **With All My Heart by Dale Sechrest**

[Love God, Love Your Neighbor - Dale Sechrest - lyric video \(with all my heart\)](#)

### **Welcome the Word**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away

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### **Scripture Reading**

**2 Kings 4:1-10**

Now the wife of a member of the company of prophets cried to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but a creditor has come to take my two children as slaves." Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house?" She answered, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil." He said, "Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels—and not just a few. Then go in, shut the door behind you and your children, and start pouring into all these vessels; when each is full, set it aside." So she left him and shut the door behind her and her children; they kept bringing vessels to her, and she kept pouring. When the vessels were full, she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." But he said to her, "There are no more." Then the oil stopped flowing. She came and told the man of God, and he said, "Go sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your children can live on the rest." Elisha Raises the Shunammite's Son

One day Elisha was passing through Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to have a meal. So whenever he passed that way, he would stop there for a meal. She said to her husband, "Look, I am sure that this man who regularly asses our way is a holy man of God. Let us make a small roof chamber with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that he can stay there whenever he comes to us."

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day**

#### **We Come to the Hungry Feast WOV 766**

We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a word of peace to hungry hearts unsatisfied the love of God is not denied. We come we come to the hungry feast We come to the hungry feast, hungry for a world released from hungry folk of every kind the poor in body, poor in

mind. We come we come to the hungry feast We come to the hungry feast, hungry that the hunger cease and knowing though we eat our fill the hunger will stay with us still. We come, we come to the hungry feast

## **Apostles' Creed**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Hear us O God, Your mercy is great**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Doxology**

**Offering Prayer**

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.

We bring these gifts to your table, that all might be fed.

Form us into the one body of your Beloved son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**Words of Consecration**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

**Post Communion Blessing**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Blessing

**Sending Hymn      We Are Marching in the Light of God WOV 650**

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

(2x) We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God, we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, singing, we are singing, singing, we are singing in the light of God. (2x) We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God. We are dancing, dancing, we are dancing, dancing, we are dancing in the light of God. (2x)

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God. (2x)

**Dismissal** Go in peace to love God. Love others. Repeat.  
**Thanks be to God!**