

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**  
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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Steve and Linda Talford in memory of Joe and Doris Myers

## 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**

### **One Bread, One Body WOV 710**

(refrain) One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we bless, and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more (refrain)

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we bless, and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (refrain) One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we bless, and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (refrain) One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we bless, and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

### **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 YouthWorks. Through this mission trip organization lives are changed and faith grows in service to others. Bless our ministry team and the community of Benton Harbor as we gather together in your name. Amen.**

### **Children's Message**

**Centering Song** [Kerrie Roberts- Rooted \(Lyric Video\)](#)

## **Welcome the Word**

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

## **Listen, God is Calling**

## **Scripture Reading**

## **Ephesians 3:16-19**

I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day**

## **Bind Us Together WOV 748**

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love

There is only God there is only one King

There is only one body that is why we can sing (refrain)

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love You are the family of God You are the promise divine

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine (refrain)

Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together Lord, bind us together Lord, bind us together in love

## **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**

Merciful God, receive our prayer

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

### 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 if 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**

### **You Are the Seed WOV 753**

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, to witness wherever you go. (Refrain) Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God, messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world." You are the flame that will lighten the dark, So resplendent with hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world to waters and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, you're the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new reign of God built on rock where justice and truth are at home. (Refrain) Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God, messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world." You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, there's no mountain can cover its might; let your light shine so that your loving works give honor and glory to God. (Refrain)

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God, messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all.

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace as partners in the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God!**