

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the
one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we
long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way
of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of
Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are † forgiven, and God
remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days, we celebrate with songs of praise; For Christ,
through Whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
Alone and fasting Moses saw, the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting came the steeds and chariots of flame.
So Daniel trained his mystic sight, Delivered from the lion's might;
And John, the bride groom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.
Then grant O God, that we may too, Return in fast and prayer to you
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Psalm

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. **One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.** Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, **their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.** It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.** The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.** The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.** By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. **Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.** Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Gospel

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Exodus 20:1-17

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?
(refrain) My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.
Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy
will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be, your very name
puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show
our might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (refrain)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The
hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are
tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (refrain)
Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast; God's
mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that
our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod
can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (refrain)

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 Intercession

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you**

Offering

Offering Prayer

Generous God, **you free us at the font and feed us at the table. You provide for
our every need. Receive our gifts of time, talents and treasures and transform
them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
Amen.**

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you send to us Jesus, your Son, who reaches out to heal the sick and suffering, who preaches good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opens his arms to all.

Song Before Communion

Let Us Break Bread Together

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

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence the prayer our savior gave us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

God of Promises, at your feast you have fed us with your grace, filling us with hope to sustain us on this Lenten journey. May we carry the promises we have received out into the world who needs to know your love and tender care. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(refrain)

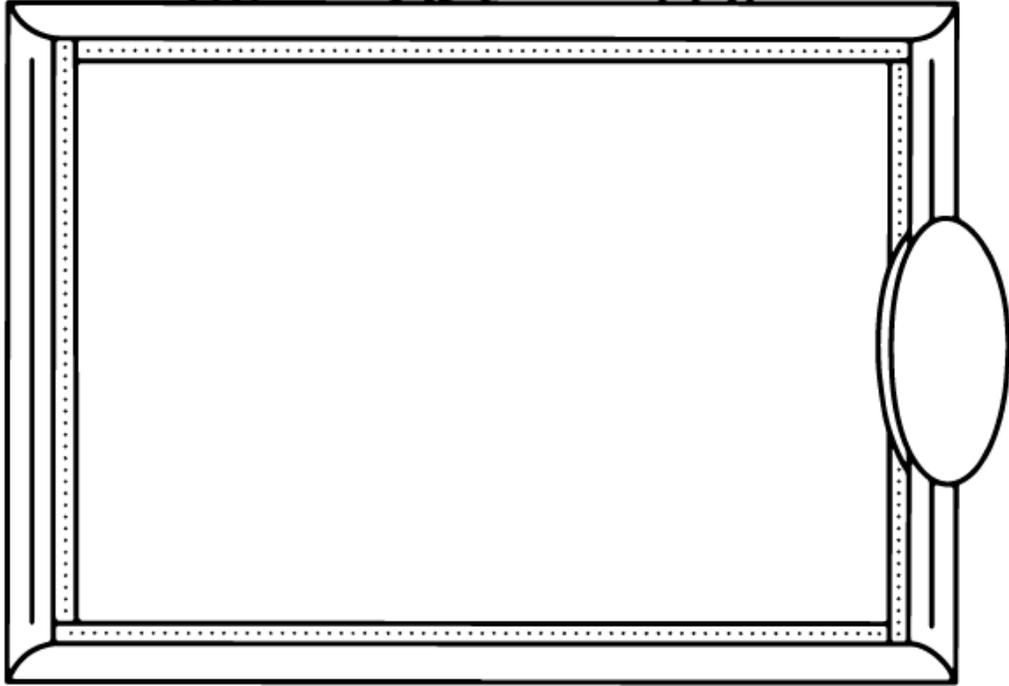
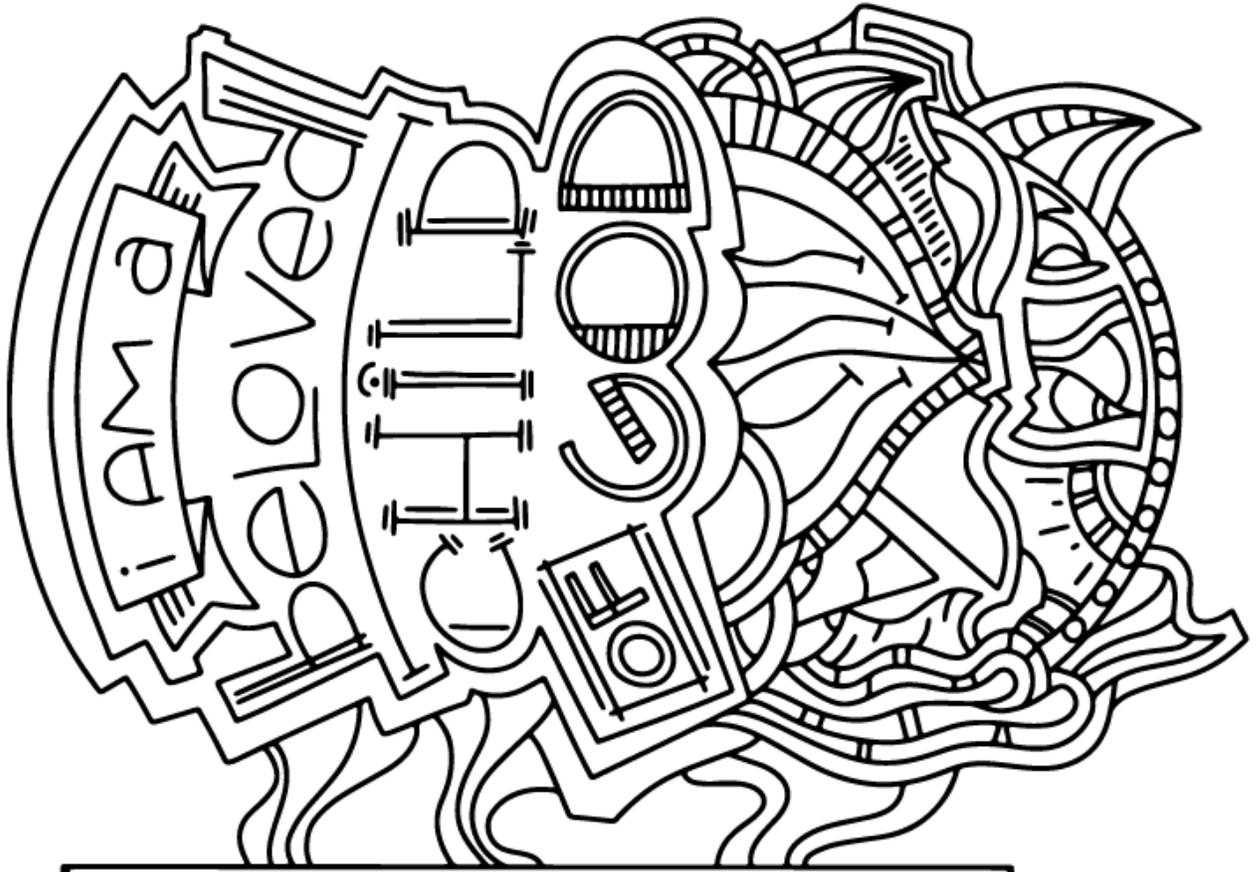
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

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Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior, am happy and blest, watching and
waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)

Blessed Assurance



You are a beloved child of God. In the picture frame above, draw your self-portrait and write your name in the nameplate below the frame. While you color the illustration on the right, think about what it means to be God's "beloved child."