

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
Camp Sunday
Sunday, April 7th 10:30AM
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Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Diane Knudsen in
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Litany

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**
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Thanksgiving for Baptism (Rock Creek)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace and
our Easter joy. Amen.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what
God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the
beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became
the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The
ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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Opening Hymn

Come All You People WOV 717

Come all you people come and praise the Most High

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Come now and worship the Lord

Come all you people come and praise the Savior

Come all you people come and praise the Savior

Come all you people come and praise the Savior

Come now and worship the Lord

Come all you people come and praise the Spirit

Come all you people come and praise the Spirit

Come all you people come and praise the Spirit

Come now and worship the Lord

Greeting

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you. Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Prayer of the Day

God of new beginnings, today we celebrate our partnership with Luther Park, where faith is nurtured through holy play. We give thanks for this sacred ground where campers gather and faith formation happens. Bring us into deeper relationship with this outdoor ministry and help our connection to camp point us to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song

<https://youtu.be/jh4nosFxMRU?si=JIV2pCuD-F-Roi95>

Always With Me by iamson

Welcome the Word

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name. Spread the good news o'er all the earth; Jesus has died and has risen. Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord; alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Scripture

Psalm 139:1-18

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end. I am still with you.

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

Sermon

Luther Park Executive Director Eric Klein

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Faith)

Apostles' Creed (Rock Creek)

Prayers of Intercession

God of Grace, hear our prayer

Peace

Offering

(Noisy Offering throughout the month of April will support camp)

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Use them for your glory and strengthen us in the risen Christ. Amen.

Words of Consecration **Written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian**

On this day, we celebrate the risen Christ

On this day, we celebrate resurrection in our lives

On this day, we embrace the grace which reaches from the tomb

On this day, we embrace faith by committing to love in action

On this day, we shout Alleluia!

On this day we shout, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

It is through our neighbors and creation that we see the rising of Christ, O God. We celebrate the shifting of seasons from one to the next. As the earth sheds its snow, it begins to drink in the warm rains and creation comes alive once again. And so in this spirit of brightness and life, we celebrate. We celebrate the risen Christ in our midst. We celebrate the table in which we can join together with friends and strangers. Through this meal which has stood the test of time, we covenant to love you, God. We covenant to love as Christ loved us. Through a simple meal of grain and grape, we, your children, unite. As we experience this Easter season, we ask that the warm winds of the Spirit encircle this table and accompany us on our journey. May this Spirit help us to recognize Christ present in our midst. May the Spirit open our souls in order for us to see humanity, God and creation through the eyes of Jesus.

It was Jesus who introduced this meal to his followers. Even though Jesus knew he would be betrayed and deserted by those at this table still he gathered with them.

As the night lengthened, Jesus took a simple portion of bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying take and eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drinking 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.

Today, we celebrate this earth-shaking love of Jesus – a love that sent him to the cross, a love that overcame death, a love that lives eternally with us, encouraging us to live a resurrected life. May the Holy Spirit be poured out on this bread and cup as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Prayer

Thank you, Divine Crafter of the Table, for fashioning us a holy meal that unites us with the whole body of Christ. Send us into the world resurrected, refreshed and ready to share Christ's unconditional love. Amen.

Blessing

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

.Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee LBW

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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy
rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Singing bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**