

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
Affirmation of Baptism
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Opening Litany

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

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

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

Canticle of the Turning ELW 723

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)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of promises, you meet us in the sacramental life, at the font and at the table. We are your chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare your mercy we experience through Jesus Christ. As we gather to worship you, we are washed and fed by your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song

All in All by The Asidors

<https://youtu.be/Y1GhRT8O8ok?si=wREtZcxevkUTLJv9>

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 Reading

Romans 12:1-18

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many,

are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly;^[b] do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you
on; You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now
belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your
hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk
'till rising sun. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer
young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what
I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your
weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more

surprise. I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

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Peace

Offering

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

Go My Children With My Blessing WOV 721

Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.
In my love's baptismal river. I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his
glory. Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled
you. Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **Thanks be to God!**