

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches

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Lay Led Worship



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Pastor Bethany and Nate in Celebration of their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Call to Worship

Taste and See that He is Good based on Psalm 34 by the Psalms Project

<https://youtu.be/K3RjFXQAkDY?si=YXxmVgNK6hrS1Qc>

Thanksgiving for Baptism

We rejoice in the waters of baptism where God claims us...God names us beloved and calls us by a new name, child of God

We rejoice in the waters of baptism where Jesus meets us in newness of life...Jesus washes away our sin, covering us in grace and mercy

We rejoice in the waters of baptism which are filled with the Holy Spirit...the Spirit awakens our hearts to justice and our lives to love.

Rejoicing in the gift of these sacramental waters we are filled with gratitude.

Thanks be to the Triune God who creates, redeems and guides us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

Beautiful Savior LBW 518

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy,
my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling
stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the
angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

God of Joy, in this season of resurrection and rejoicing we have
much for which to give thanks. Guide us to respond generously to
your faithfulness so that your church might continue to be a
community where all are welcome to hear the Good News of Jesus
Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song

Wonder by Hillsong

https://youtu.be/mmpYHQ9qOeA?si=KPDCRqtJxgc_m6Bz

Welcome the Word

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah, hallelujah.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 34:1-19

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant, so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried and was heard by the Lord and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want. The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. Which of you desires life and covets many days to enjoy good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry. The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and rescues them from all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.

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

Message

Rediscovering Wonder by Rob Bell

https://youtu.be/dF-V_tNSHw?si=PPTD7VSZ-9rttZqU

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance WOV 699

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)

(refrain) This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

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)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire lay leader, musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your creative power fills the universe. Bring favorable weather, nurture plants and animals, protect us from natural disasters, and guide us to care for all you have made.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your justice is exercised in society by those in authority. Instill in political leaders, business leaders, school administrators, and all who care for others a desire for peace and equity.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and bring healing to those we pray for now by name...*(pause for names to be lifted up by the congregation)* Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment (*other transitions may be named*), and accompany us in our prayers during these times.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives they are yours; we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering, we are an offering.

Offering Prayer

God of Abundance, everything we have is yours. It all belongs to you. As an act of worship and a sign of trust we return this portion to your keeping. Do with it what you will. Give us only your love and grace. That is enough for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Blessing

The Triune God rejoices in you!

You have been blessed to be a blessing.

May God our Creator create in you a generous heart

May Jesus our Savior inspire in you a desire to give and

May the Holy Spirit our Guide lead you to share abundantly
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Jesus Loves Me ELW 595

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong. (refrain)

(refrain) Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me, he who died, heaven's gates to open wide; he will wash away my sin, let his little children come in. (refrain)

Jesus loves me, he will stay close beside me all the way; when at last
I come to die, he will take me home on high (refrain)

Dismissal Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Give with a generous heart.

Thanks be to God!