

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches  
Easter Sunday  
Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 10:30AM  
Pastor Bethany Walker**



**Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Erin Richardson in celebration of her birthday and in honor of Easter Sunday**

**Children's Message - Resurrected Alleluias**

**Halle, Halle, Halle WOV 612**

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

Hallelujah, hallelujah. (3x)

**Opening Litany**

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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**Processional Hymn**

**Jesus Christ is Risen Today LBW 151**

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia. Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia.

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia . Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia.

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia. Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia.

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia. Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia.

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia. Our salvation have procured, Alleluia.

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia. Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia.

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia. Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia.

Praise him all you heav'nly host, Alleluia. Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia.

### **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.**

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

## Opening Hymn

## Come to the Water of Life ACS 955

All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love, all who are thirsty for love, for mercy come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty for touch, for healing come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty; all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty come, come to the Water of life

All who are thirsty for justice; all who are thirsty for peace, all who are thirsty for peace, for justice come, come to the Water of life.

## 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 the resurrection of our Lord! Morning has broken on the dawn of redemption. Reconciliation has been won. Death has been defeated. Surely nothing is impossible for you O God. The stone once blocking access to our Lord has been removed, forever. No longer can anything separate us from your love. Transformation not only is possible, through Christ's resurrection, transformation is inevitable. Rejoice, give thanks and sing! Jesus Christ is risen today! Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Centering Song

## Risen for Me by Angie Killan Music

## 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.

## Gospel

Luke 24:1-35

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? Jesus is not here but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. <sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God

and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**      **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ WOV 754**  
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

(refrain)

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around,  
loaves abound

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching  
people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express (refrain)

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives  
us love to tell, bread to share; God Immanuel everywhere (refrain)

**Prayers of Intercession**

God of Grace, **hear our prayer**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**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.

**Doxology**

**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 to the World ACS 991**

Go to the world. Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go into every place. Go live the word of God's redeeming grace. Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go struggle, bless, and pray; the nights of tears give way to joyous day. As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Go to the world. Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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