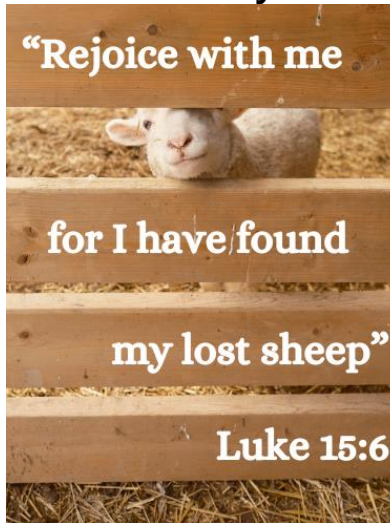


**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Litany

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
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Opening Hymn

Baptized in Water WOV 693

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit cleansed by the blood of Christ our king; heirs of salvation, trusting his promise, faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ our king; one with his rising, freed and forgiven thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our king; born of one Father, we are his children, joyfully now God's praise we sing.

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

Holy Lord, we gather in this place of worship with a sense of expectation. Surprise us, O God, with a new revelation of your grace. Surprise us with a story that will open new doors in our hearts and raise new questions in our minds. Surprise us with a deeper sense of faith. Surprise us with the resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's Message

Centering Song
Love

Little Things with Great
by the Porter's
Gate

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

Luke 14:28-33 & 15:1-7

Jesus said to those gathered, "for which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still

far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.”

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 borning cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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
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Written by Rev. Michelle L.

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
WOV 781

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation, I
catch the sweet though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
(refrain)

(refrain) No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock
I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I
keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It
finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? (refrain)

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior
liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the
night he giveth. (refrain)

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever
springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from
singing? (refrain)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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