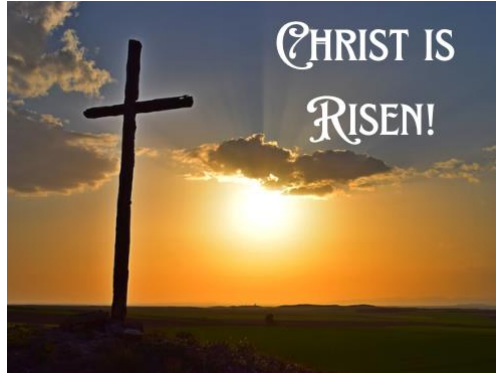


**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches  
Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30AM  
Pastor Bethany Walker**



**Today's Radio Broadcast is sponsored by Diane Knudsen in memory of  
Doug Knudsen whose birthday would have been April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**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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**Opening 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.

## **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!**

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. **We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.** You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; **You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.** Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. **You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.** In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. **You nourish us and enclose us in safety.** You call us forth and send us out. **In lush and barren places, you are with us.** You have become our salvation. **Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.** Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. **Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.** To you, our Beginning and our End, **our Shepherd and Lamb**, our Alpha and our Omega, **be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

God of mercy, **we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.** Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**First Reading****Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**Psalm****Psalm 118****Second Reading****Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**Gospel Acclamation**

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****John 20:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved,

and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Touch That Soothes and Heals ACS 939**

Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread; steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead.

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet said Jesus live as ones I died to save.

Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit one in need of care, give the homeless warmth and shelter; Christ will find a welcome there

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet  
said Jesus live as ones I died to save.

Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least. Know within  
each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased.

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet  
said Jesus live as ones I died to save.

Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal, feet that rush to  
share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal.

See the hands and feet of Jesus love arisen from the grave. Be my hand and feet  
said Jesus live as ones I died to save.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**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 Institution**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, **in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and  
this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show  
your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

## **Alleluia Sing to Jesus ELW 392**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er shall our hearts forget his promise "I am with you evermore."

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own.  
Alleluia! Born of Mary earth your footstool heaven your throne.  
As within the veil you entered robed in flesh our great high priest,  
here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne.  
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**