

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
Sunday, April 14th 10:30AM
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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Litany

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!
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Thanksgiving for Baptism (Rock Creek)

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.

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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

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus WOV 698

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

I Wanna Know by iamson

https://youtu.be/Cq0fZOrsqG0?si=AzLbrpaS_ORyPqtM

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

Mark 10:13-27

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Faith)

Apostles' Creed (Rock Creek)

Prayers of Intercession

God of Grace, hear our prayer

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

Let All Things Now Living LBW 557

Dismissal

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