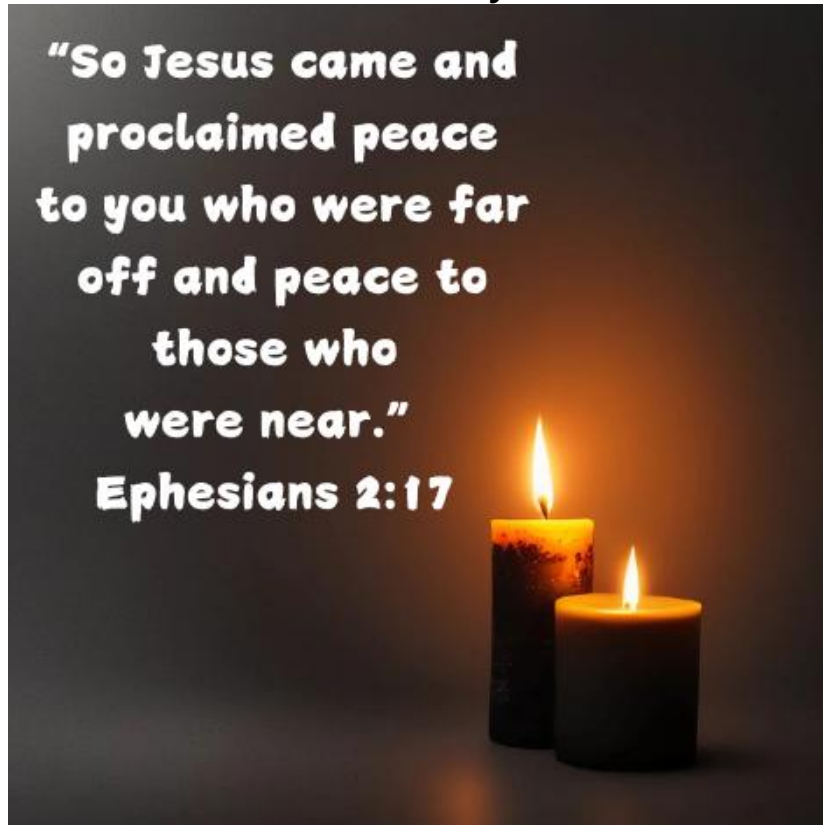


**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches  
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**Welcome and Announcements**

**Children's Message – Faith**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Written by Rev Julia Seymour for LiturgyLink

We light one candle for hope. We light one candle for peace. We are called, through the Holy Spirit, to look for the signs of God's peace in the world. Peace is not merely the absence of fighting or war. Peace is the restoration of relationships within creation and

between peoples and nations to their true order, which bring glory to their Creator.

**Holy and life-giving God, your Son, our Savior, carries the title “Prince of Peace”. You have called us to imitate Him in thought, word, and deed. Let us seek to be peacemakers in our homes, in our community, and in the world. We thank you, God, for Your peace, which passes all understanding. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

*Light One Candle WOV 630 (vs 1 & 2)*

*Light one candle to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.*

*Light two candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.*

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

#### **Based on Psalm 85**

As we await the birth of the Christ Child let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to God’s people, to God’s faithful, to those who turn now to God in their hearts.

*Silence for repentance*

**Restore us again, O God of our salvation. Revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you. Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

God’s salvation is at hand that God’s glory may dwell among us. In this season of waiting, steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. The Lord will give what is good. Your sins are forgiven in Jesus’ name. Let us now worship God with hearts turned toward peace.

**Opening Hymn I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light WOV 649**

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is  
Jesus

(Refrain)

In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both  
alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord  
Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path

And show me the way to the Father (refrain)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of  
Jesus. (refrain)

## Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

God of our waiting and watching, **soon a child will be born for us,  
your Son given to us, Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. May his  
holy peace surround us in these hope-filled days as we anticipate  
the Word becoming flesh and living among us once again.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

## Children's Message – Rock Creek

**Centering Song: Let There Be Peace on Earth by the Harlem Boys  
Choir [Let There Be Peace on Earth - Harlem Boys' Choir](#)**

### Welcome the Word

What light of truth is offered here what covenant from heaven

What hope of everlasting life what wondrous word is given

This, this is Christ the king, the Prince of Peace from heaven

Oh, see and hear and sing the Word of God is given

## Scripture Reading

**Ephesians 2:12-22**

remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body[a] through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Shine Jesus Shine WOV 651**

Lord, the light of your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness, shining.

Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us, Set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me (refrain)

(refrain)

Shine, Jesus, shine. Fill this land with the Father's glory.

Blaze, Spirit, blaze. Set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations with grace and mercy.

Send forth your word Lord, and let there be light.

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness

Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story

Shine on me, shine on me (refrain)

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Lord, in your mercy, **Receive our prayer**

**Peace**

**Offering**

### **Offertory Response**

What feast of love is offered here what banquet come from heaven

What food of everlasting life what gracious gift is given

This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven

Oh, taste and see and sing. How sweet the manna given

### **Offering Prayer**

Generous God, as we await the gift of your Son we humbly give back to you what you have entrusted to our care. Do with it what you will for the sake of a weary, waiting world. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Words of Consecration**

Communion Liturgy by Carol Holbrook Prickett

Truly Jesus showed God's love to all, for while there was no room at the inn when he was born, he made sure that there is room for all at his table, even for the one who would betray him. For on the night before Jesus was handed over to die, he gathered around a table with his friends, he took bread...Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the wine we drink may become the very body and blood of Christ who taught us to pray...

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **Communion Distribution**

## **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy One, we have met you at this table. **Nourished by your holy food, send us out as your people, filled with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope for all who still hunger. We pray in the sacred name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn**

### **Arise, Your Light Has Come WOV**

**652**

Arise, your light has come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God which shines on you today.  
Arise, your light has come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive's liberty, good tidings to the poor.  
Arise, your light has come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.  
Arise, your light has come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up  
like eagles on the wing, God's power will make us strong.

**Dismissal** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**