

**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship**  
**December 24, 2025**  
**Faith 4PM**  
**WRDN 6PM**  
**Rock Creek / Facebook 7PM**  
**Pastor Bethany Walker**



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**Prelude**

**Special Music**

**Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

We light one candle for peace

We light one candle for hope

We light one candle for joy

We light one candle for love

On this Christ Eve we light the candle at the center for the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior at the center of our lives.

Surrounded now be the fullness of this light that made good on its promise to shatter the darkness we gather to worship the newborn King, Jesus Christ, Immanuel, God with us.

**Opening Hymn      O Come All Ye Faithful LBW 45**

Oh, come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh, come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore him, oh, come, let us adore him,  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

The highest, most holy, light of light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
Son of the Father now in flesh appearing! Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God in the highest: Refrain

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LBW 34**

Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. (refrain)  
(refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.  
Oh, come, oh come great Lord of might, who to your tribes on Sinai's height in ancient times once gave the law in cloud, and majesty, and awe. (refrain)  
Oh, come, strong Branch of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny; from depths of hell your people save and give them victory over the grave. (refrain)  
Oh, come, blest dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by your advent here; disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. (refrain)

Oh, come, O key of David, come; and open wide our heav'nly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.  
(refrain)

## Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, on this holy night in which the good tidings of angels, shepherds and magi fill our hearts, we give you thanks for the Christ child. His very presence brings us peace, hope, love and joy in our salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Children's Message

### Centering Song [Mary's Journey – "Be Born in Me"](#)

### 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 Son come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is given.

### Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them. Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

## Hark the Herald Angels Sing LBW 60

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."

Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic hosts proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”  
Hark! The herald angels sing, “

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king!”

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise each child of earth,  
born to give us second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn king!"

## **Prayers of Intercession**

### **Peace**

### **Offering / Special Music**

### **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**

God of our days and nights, receive these gifts we return to your loving care. They are a sign of our trust in you and your great faithfulness to us. Use them for the needs of the world. You set a sacred table before us and we receive your goodness. We give you thanks that in this meal you once again become Immanuel, God with us. Amen.

### **Words of Consecration**

Jesus Christ, the name above all names, was first called Immanuel as he laid in the manger. In his life he became known to the world as the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Jesus is called Prince of Peace and Prince of Life, the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend to all who

believe in him. On the night before Jesus became the Lamb of God, he gathered for a meal with his disciples. He took bread...Jesus, the True Vine, the Resurrection and the Life, the Bright Morning Star comes to us in this meal. Lord, send your Holy Spirit upon this sacred food. Make Jesus' presence known to us in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup. Jesus, Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth, teach us to pray...

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Communion Distribution / Special Music**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

#### **Post Communion Song**

What hope and love was offered here, what holy gifts from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life, what precious joy was given?  
This, this was bread and cup, a sacred peace from heaven!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God was given!

### **The Gospel of the Incarnation**

**John 1:1-14**

#### **Hymn of Light**

#### **Silent Night, Holy Night! LBW 65**

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy Infant, so tender and  
mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight;  
Glories stream from heaven afar, heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia!  
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from your holy face, with the dawn of redeeming  
grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at your birth, Jesus, Lord, at your birth.

## Blessing

### Sending Hymn

### Joy to the World LBW 39

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive its King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing.  
and heav'n and nature sing. And heav'n, and heav'n, and nature  
sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding  
joy. repeat the sounding joy. Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.  
No more let sin and sorrow grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found.  
far as the curse is found. Far as, far as, the curse is found.  
He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations  
prove

The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love.  
and wonders of his love. And wonders, wonders of his love.

### Dismissal

Hold on to hope, find joy, live in love and go in peace. Christ is born!  
Thanks be to God!