

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches
3rd Sunday of Advent
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Welcome

Lighting the Advent Wreath

On this third Sunday of Advent, we light a candle for joy!

Teach us to be glad in your presence O Lord.

These days of Advent glow with possibility and promise

As we wait for your coming O Lord.

We shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

Happiness is fleeting but joy sustains those who know you O Lord.

Teach us to be glad in you and rejoice!

We shout for joy to you O Lord!

Advent Hymn

Light One Candle WOV 630

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.

Light three candles to watch for Messiah; let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.

Children's Message

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LBW 34 vs. 1, 2, 5

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, 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

Lord God, **stir up the wills of all who look to you and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; 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

James 5:7-10

⁷Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. ⁸You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. ⁹Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm in Song

**Psalm 32 Blessed
By ForeverBeSure**

Second Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

What Feast of Love WOV 701

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

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 sun come down from heaven
Oh, see and hear and sing the Word of God is given

What wine of love is offered here what holy drink from heaven
What stream of everlasting life what precious blood is given
This, this is Christ the king, the sweetest wine of heaven
Oh, taste and see and sing the Son of God is given

Sacrament of Holy Baptism and Reception of New Members

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

God of our waiting and watching, **we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace. Amen.**

First Communion (RC)

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, **in this meal you have remembered your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.**

As we wait for the day when all your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.
Amen.

Closing Song

Prepare the Royal Highway LBW 26 vs 1,3,4

Prepare the royal highway; the King of Kings is near! Let every hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story; Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet every nation its tribute too may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing; Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding; Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Dismissal Go in peace. Christ is near. **Thanks be to God!**