

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches

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Welcome

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Children's Message

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**Lighting the Advent Wreath**

On this second Sunday of Advent, we light a candle to help us remember.

**To help us remember that salvation is ours now because of God's love made flesh.** Though mountains appear too high to climb and valleys too low to cross, the light of Christ points out the path. **Though our faith seems rough and pathways to belief crooked, this candle reminds us that God always finds us in these dark and deserted places.** And so, we prepare, even in our wildernesses, for God's arrival. **Blessed are those who believe that all flesh will see the salvation of God.**

**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.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever. Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.

Let us confront our sins and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

God of new beginnings,

**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.**

**We have strayed from your paths. We prepare for war instead of peace.**

**We dishonor one another and your creation.**

**Purify us with your refining fire and set us again on your way of love,**

**that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance, and welcome your coming among us. Amen.**

People of God, a new thing is growing in our midst, a tender branch, a living sign.

By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder. You have put on ✝ Christ,  
and your sins have been washed away. Rejoice in the way of the Lord. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn****Comfort, Comfort Now My People LBW 29**

Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace! So says our God. Comfort, those  
who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim  
that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over, God will reign  
in peace forever.

For the herald's voice is crying in the desert far and near, calling us to true  
repentance, since the reign of God is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now  
prepare for God a way. Valleys, rise to greet the Savior; hills, bow down in humble  
favor.

Straight shall be what long was crooked, and the rougher places plain. Let your hearts be true and humble, as befits God's holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now on earth is shed abroad, and all flesh shall see the token that God's word is never broken.

## **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; 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**

**Romans 15:4-13**

<sup>4</sup>Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup>For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup>and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; <sup>10</sup>and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; <sup>11</sup>and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; <sup>12</sup>and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup>May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

### **Psalm in Song**

**Psalm 42 As the Deer  
Jason Silver**

## **Second Reading**

**Isaiah 11:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel LBW 34 vs. 1, 3, 4**

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, 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)

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

### **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.**

**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****Hark, the Glad Sound LBW 35**

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long; let every heart prepare a throne and every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release, in Satan's bondage held. The gates of brass before him burst, the iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, the bleeding soul to cure, and with the treasures of his grace to enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim, and heaven's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

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