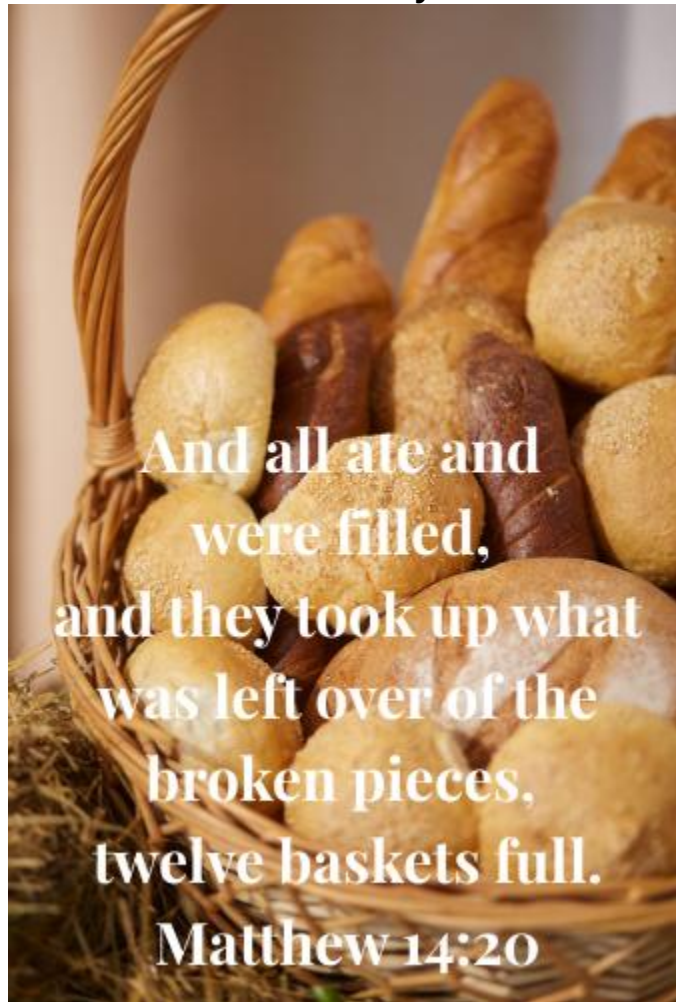


**Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches**  
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**WRDN 1430AM / 107.3FM**  
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**Pastor Bethany Walker**



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**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

**Christ Be Our Light ELW 715**

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

(refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your world alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. (refrain)

Longing, for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (refrain)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (refrain)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. (refrain)

**Thanks be to the Triune God who creates, redeems and guides us.  
Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **Greeting**

### **Prayer of the Day**

**God of Joy, in this season of resurrection and rejoicing we have much for which to give thanks. Guide us to respond generously to your faithfulness so that your church might continue to be a community where all are welcome to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

**Centering Song [The Gift I'll Give lyrics. - Lydia Ricks](#)**

### **Welcome the Word**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah.

### **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 14:13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

### **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**  
(refrain)

**As the Grains of Wheat WOV 705**

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one to become our bread so may all your people from all the ends of earth be gathered into one in you

As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst may we share the presence of your love (refrain)

Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come when all creation shares this feast with you (refrain)

### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

### **Offertory Response**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you; we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives they are yours; we are an offering. All that we have, all that

we are, all that we hope to be we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you we are an offering, we are an offering.

### **Offering Prayer**

God of Abundance, everything we have is yours. It all belongs to you. As an act of worship and a sign of trust we return this portion to your keeping. Do with it what you will. Give us only your love and grace at this table. That is enough for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Words of Consecration**

Jesus invites us to rejoice in the sacramental life. He sets a table with his body and blood and bids us to partake in its promise. Before Christ died he shared this holy meal with his disciples...The resurrected Christ reserved a place at this table for you with forgiveness and mercy on the menu. Come and receive God's goodness. May the gracious Holy Spirit be poured out upon this bread and cup as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us...

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

### **Communion Distribution**

### **Post Communion Blessing**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of New Life, in this meal we were made mindful of your mercy and grace. May these gifts encourage us to rejoice through sharing the time, talents and treasures you have given us so that the world may know that we have seen the Lord. In the name of Jesus, the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

### **Announcements**

Blessing to all Mother's Today

Congratulations and blessings to our Graduating Seniors:

Rock Creek: Facility Wallace, Garrett Biesterveld, Skout Hayden  
Faith: Caitlyn Ebson, Gracie King, Lillian Walker, Trinity Smithers

### **Blessing**

The Triune God rejoices in you!

You have been blessed to be a blessing.

May God our Creator create in you a generous heart

May Jesus our Savior inspire in you a desire to give and

May the Holy Spirit our Guide lead you to share abundantly  
in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Sending Hymn          Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee LBW 551**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy  
rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Singing bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine;

Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine.

Alleluia! Alleluia

**Dismissal Alleluia! Christ is risen.**

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Rejoice in the Resurrection. Give with a generous heart.

**Thanks be to God!**