

Faith and Rock Creek Lutheran Churches

August 3, 2025

WRDN 1430AM / 107.3FM

Facebook Live @faithandrock creek

Pastor Bethany Walker



**Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Bob and Sandy Froystad
In thanks for our families, church community and the radio
broadcast**

Confession and Forgiveness

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✝ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision WOV 776

Be Thou my vision, oh Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by the day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Centering Song

[The Word Is So Near - Michael Card - w lyrics](#)

Welcome the Word

Listen, Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy (2x)

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-27

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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

Message

Hymn of the Day

Blessed Assurance WOV 699

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory divine.

Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (refrain)

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior, am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (refrain)

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

God of Grace, **Hear our prayer**

Peace

Offertory Response

Now the feast and celebration. All of creation sings for joy. To the God of life and love and freedom, praise and glory forevermore.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Receive the gifts of our labor and teach us **Offering Prayer**

once again to work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

**Mothering God, you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in
Jesus' name. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn

O Day Full of Grace ELW 627

O day full of grace that now we see appearing on earth's horizon,
bring light from our God that we may be abundant in joy this
season.

God, shine for us now in this dark place; your name on our hearts
emblazon.

O day full of grace, O blessed time, Our Lord on the earth arriving;
then came to the world that light sublime, great joy for us all
retrieving; for Jesus all mortals did embrace, all shame and
despair removing.

For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the cross
was hanging; and then he arose and moved the stone, that we,
unto him belonging, might join with angelic hosts to raise our
voices in endless singing.

God came to us then at Pentecost, His Spirit new life revealing,
that we might no more in death be lost, its power over us
dispelling. This flame will the mark of sin efface and bring to us
all true healing.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!