

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray . . . We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, Son and ☩ Holy Spirit bless you, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN 777 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty Vs 1-4*

- 1 "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty;
drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer,
you would come to me and live."

Refrain

Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.

In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 2 "Come to me, all trav'lers weary;
come that I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I offer;
at this table be my guest." ***Refrain***
- 3 "Come to me, believers burdened;
find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer,
turn to me and seek my face." ***Refrain***
- 4 "Come to me, repentant sinners;
leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion,
turn to me, I call your name." ***Refrain***

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God.



WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WHITNALL PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH



Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost Sunday, October 11th, 2026

Pastor Michael Fazio is presiding.

We have come together today as members and guests to worship God and celebrate new life in Jesus Christ. We hope our worship will be uplifting and provide a source of hope and strength for the week ahead.

If you believe that the Lord is truly present for us in the Sacrament in body and blood for the forgiveness of sin, you are welcome to join us as we celebrate the Lord's Supper.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

As the prelude is a time of preparation, please consider quietly meditating on these words of the Psalm during this time of reflection.

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

CALL TO WORSHIP **553 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as Pastor begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the ☩ Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

THE BODY OF CHRIST, GIVEN FOR YOU. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, SHED FOR YOU.

*As we accept the Lord's gift of His body and blood, we will receive Him in our
prefilled cups containing the wafer and juice or by intinction in the fullness of
faith that God's love and grace have been poured into these holy elements.
One Body, One Mind, One Lord Jesus Christ. This is God's precious gift for you.*

COMMUNION SONG ***Lamb of God Setting 3 Page 146***

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS ***491 Come, Let Us Eat***

482 I Come With Joy

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you
in His grace.

C: Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ***208 Praise To You, O God of Mercy!***

Praise to you, O God of Mercy, Thanks be to You forever!

Raising high the weak and lowly, Thanks be to You forever!

Thanks be to you forever!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name,
and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *ELW Setting 4 Pg 153*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father; endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and at the end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN 531 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

2. Tables are laden with good thing; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. ***Refrain***
3. The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. ***Refrain***

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELW 155

*Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison
Christe Eleison, Christe Eleison, Christe Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest ELW Setting 3 Pg 139*

Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth

**All: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING *a reading from Isaiah 25:1-9*

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We remember your promise to wipe away every tear. Heal and console all who are sick or suffering . . . Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We remember your promise to swallow up death forever. We give thanks for those who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY HYMN *182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . **Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

C: Amen.

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated
at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion
of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church
and the world.
a brief silence.

A: Holy God, we remember your promise of unity on your holy mountain.
Empower the World Council of Churches and all those working across
religious difference, that the world may know your undivided love.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise of green pastures and quiet waters. Preserve
all places of natural beauty and restore our relationship with the land.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise to not abandon us amid storm and disaster.
Renew all communities facing disasters and give your courage to those
leading relief efforts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We remember your promise of a banquet open to all people. Challenge
this congregation to open wide our doors and welcome everyone to the table.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

¹ O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you; I will praise your name, for you have
done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ² For you have
made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of foreigners is a city
no more; it will never be rebuilt. ³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities
of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor, a
refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade
from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with
the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. ⁶ On this mountain
the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged
wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And he
will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering
that is spread over all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord
GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that
day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation." This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SENIOR CHOIR: Teach me, O Lord ~ Williams/Nolan

PSALM 23

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside
still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your
name’s sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear
no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint
my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING *a reading from Philippians 4:1-9*

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW 142 Setting 3*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal Life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel *according to Matthew 22:1-14*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been

invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen." This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Vs 1-4*

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!