




# *Welcome to Worship at Whitnall Park Lutheran Church*




*Sunday October 25th, 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. Please sign our Guest Register and introduce yourself as you leave worship today.

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 invited 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.

*Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** ***645 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Vs 1***

1 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever and our confidence alone.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister 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.*

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.**



**SENDING HYMN** ***654 The Church's One Foundation***

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, share the Good News!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION SONG** ***Lamb of God ELW Setting 3 Pg 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** ***477 I Received The Living God***
***483 Here is Bread***
***492 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup***

**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!**

**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; sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

**BLESSING**

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

**C: 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** ***505 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe,
with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight:
on earth there is no equal.

2 If we in our own strength confide, our striving turns to losing;
the righteous one fights by our side, the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who this may be: Christ Jesus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.
No other God we claim! None else can win the battle.

3 Though all the world with devils fill and threaten to devour us,
we tremble not, we trust God's will: they cannot overpow'r us.
Though Satan rant and rage, in fiercest war engage,
this tyrant's doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail!
One little word shall triumph.

4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs, shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's our forever!

**GREETING**

A: 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 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 . . . O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**FIRST READING:** ***a reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18***

*The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out as God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.*

[1] The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: [2] "Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. [15] "You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. [16] You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD. [17] "You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. [18] You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** ***1***

*Their delight is in the law of the LORD. (Ps. 1:2)*

[1] Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!



**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.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**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.*
*We receive the Lord and share in this holy meal; One Body, One Mind,*
*One Lord Jesus Christ. This is God's precious gift for you.*

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY HYMN** ***186 Create In Me a Clean Heart***

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**
**and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from your presence,**
**and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,**
**and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray . . .

**C: Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, 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. Amen.**

**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, God of pow'r and might,**
**Heaven 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.**



2 **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
4 **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

**SECOND READING** ***a reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8***

*Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share +the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.*

1 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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.**

**GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel ***according to Matthew 22:34-46***

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

34 When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they
gathered together, 35 and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question
to test him. 36 "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" 37 He said
to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your
soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment.
39 And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these
two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." 41 Now while the
Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42 "What do
you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David."
43 He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,
44 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under
your feet" '? 45 "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" 46 No one
was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him
any more questions. This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY *651 Oh, Praise the Gracious Power Vs 1, 3 & 5***

1 Oh, praise the gracious pow'r that tumbles walls of fear
and gathers in one house of faith all strangers far and near:

***Refrain***

**We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!**

3 Oh, praise inclusive love, encircling ev'ry race,
oblivious to gender, wealth, to social rank or place: ***Refrain***

5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev'ry shore
with visions of a world at peace, no longer bled by war: ***Refrain***

**HYMN DURING HEALING ~ *(8:30 AM ONLY) ~ 611 I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say***

**LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING ~ *Those who wish for a time of personal prayer please come forward at this time.***



**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: Gracious God, as we remember the Reformation, we thank you for all those who have worked to hold the church accountable to its mission. Protect them as they speak truth to power.
Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for the beauty of the world's islands, coastlines, and low-lying places. Keep them and their inhabitants safe from harm. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We thank you for the diversity of humankind, made in your image. We pray for the future of endangered languages and cultures. Preserve them to show forth your glory. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for retired clergy and their families, honoring their faithful service to your church. Bless them as they find new ways to live into their vocation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We pray for the healing of all who are sick or injured, especially those who cannot access medical care. We remember those whom we love who are suffering or in pain . . . Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: We thank you for all the faithful departed who taught us to love God and our neighbor. By their example, help us to seek after you with heart, soul, and mind. 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.**