Welcome To Whitnall Park

At

Whitnall Park Lutheran Church



Sunday, November 8th, 2026

24th Sunday of Pentecost

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 **HANDBELL CHOIR**

"Immanuel's Land" by Chrétien Urban arr. Judy Endean

VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

P: O God, we give you thanks today for our nation's veterans. We honor them for their faithful service to our country, and for what they have done to defend and preserve our freedom. Generation after generation, young men and women have answered our country's call, and their lives have been changed forever. We are grateful to all who have served, whether in peacetime or in conflict. Today we especially remember those who have been tempered by fire, those who continue to bear wounds of the body or the spirit as a result of what they endured. They lie in our veterans' hospitals or struggle for recovery in rehabilitation centers; they suffer from post-traumatic stress and survivors' guilt ; they yearn for peace in their souls. Dear God, we ask you to heal their wounds, to banish whatever inner demons may haunt them, and to give them peace within so they may return fully to their families and to society.

C: We thank you, God, for all of our country's veterans – those of past generations, and those who continue to earn this title today. May we never forget what our country has asked of them and what they have given in return. Help us to give them the respect and honor they are due. Strengthen our resolve to build a world modeled on your realm, where war will be pursued no more. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

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.

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 *625 Come, We That Love the Lord*

1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

Refrain

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion:
we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

2 Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly king, but children of the heav'nly king
may tell their joys abroad, may tell their joys abroad. ***Refrain***

3 The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heav'nly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. ***Refrain***

4 Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
we're marching through Immanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. ***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 . . . O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING ***a reading from Amos 5:18-24***

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light, 19 as if someone fled from a lion and was met by a bear or went into the
house and rested a hand against the wall and was bitten by a snake. 20 Is not the day of the LORD
darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take
no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain
offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not
look upon. 23 Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your
harps. 24 But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ***70***

You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry. (Ps. 70:5)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make I haste to help me.
2 **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
4 **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"**
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING ***a reading from 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18***

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

13 We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that
you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare
to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord,
will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven,
and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up
in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks to 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 25:1-13***

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were
wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of
oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But
at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all
those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some
of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for
you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they
went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord,
open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you; I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour." This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *244 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear;
the evening is advancing, and darker night is near.
The bridegroom is arising and soon is drawing nigh.
Up, pray and watch and wrestle; at midnight comes the cry.

2 The watchers on the mountain proclaim the bridegroom near;
go forth as he approaches with alleluias clear.
The marriage feast is waiting; the gates wide open stand.
Arise, O heirs of glory; the bridegroom is at hand.

3 The saints, who here in patience their cross and suff'rings bore,
shall live and reign forever when sorrow is no more.
Around the throne of glory the Lamb they shall behold;
in triumph cast before him their diadems of gold.

4 Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
arise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption that sets your people free!

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: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
a brief silence.

A: You illumine the church with the hope of your new day. Prepare our hearts and minds for the inbreaking of your kingdom, that we might awaken to your transforming love at work all around us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You create and sustain the earth's natural rhythms so that all life might thrive. Show us the wisdom and wonder of nature's balance; make us careful stewards of our common home. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: You make justice roll down in all places and among all nations. Encourage all who protect vulnerable communities and help rebuild in the aftermath of conflict. Uphold veterans and those who care for them. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You give rest to weary hearts and bodies. As the days grow shorter in the north, help us to move more slowly and intentionally through our days, honoring the need for quiet and stillness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You hasten to heal our wounds and make whole what is broken. Comfort individuals facing a difficult diagnosis, receiving palliative care, or facing uncertain treatment options. . . . God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You welcome those who have come before us in faith into the joys of heaven. Sustain us by your grace and guide us into the promise of everlasting life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray,
in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

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, 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, 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.**

C: 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 Page 153*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of powe'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 for the
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 prayer 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 are yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, they 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 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 sine of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS ***785 When Peace Like A River***
488 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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; 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 *887 This Is My Song*

1 This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for
lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams,
my holy shrine; but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

2 My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on
cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are
ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
So hear my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for
their land and for mine.

3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms, your kingdom come;
on earth your will be done. O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations; myself I give you;
let your will be done.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in Peace, Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God.

