

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AT
WHITNALL PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**



***The Holy Trinity
Sunday May 31st, 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

HYMN SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *415 Father Most Holy Vs 1*

- 1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender; Jesus, our Savior,
with the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, light never waning.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock, who guides us into all truth.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Faithful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways
that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you
have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit
work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know
the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, Our risen Lord. Amen.**

P: In the name of † Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are
forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others.

C: Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN *413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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 154*

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Have mercy O Lord.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *This is The Feast ELW Setting 4 Pg 149*

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**All: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set
us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom
and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn
of all creation; Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb
who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING *a reading from Genesis 1:1-5, 2:2-3*

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

Your glory is chanted above the heavens. (Ps. 8:2)

¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human Beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING *a reading from 2 Corinthian 13:11-13*

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light onto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light onto my path.

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me.**

And nothing will I fear as long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew 28:16-20*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some doubted.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 414 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

- 1 Holy God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain, everlasting is your reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
- 3 Lo, the apostolic train join your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain, and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun through the church the song goes on.
- 4 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name you,
though in essence only one; undivided God we claim you
and, adoring, bend the knee while we own the mystery.

BAPTISM

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Annie Jane Mehring

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10:30 am Service

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: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

a brief silence.

A: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERATORY HYMN *ELW 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 **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 10 Pg 207*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy and Mighty Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, now and forever.

C: Amen

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
refilled cups containing the wafer and juice or at the rail 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 195 Lamb of God

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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS ***735 Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*** ***455 Crashing Waters at Creation***

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 674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Vs 1 & 3*

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound! Jesus lives again,
earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! ***Refrain***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray . . . God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *412 Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

- 1 Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun—
 the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
 The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
 but as the Three, in love and hope, made room within their dance.
- 2 Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
 then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
 The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
 when fear confines the dance in death,
 God rolls away the stone.
- 3 Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame set people free
 at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
 We know the yoke of sin and death; our necks have worn it smooth;
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
- 4 Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
 we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
 Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace, to love and serve Our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

