

2 God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

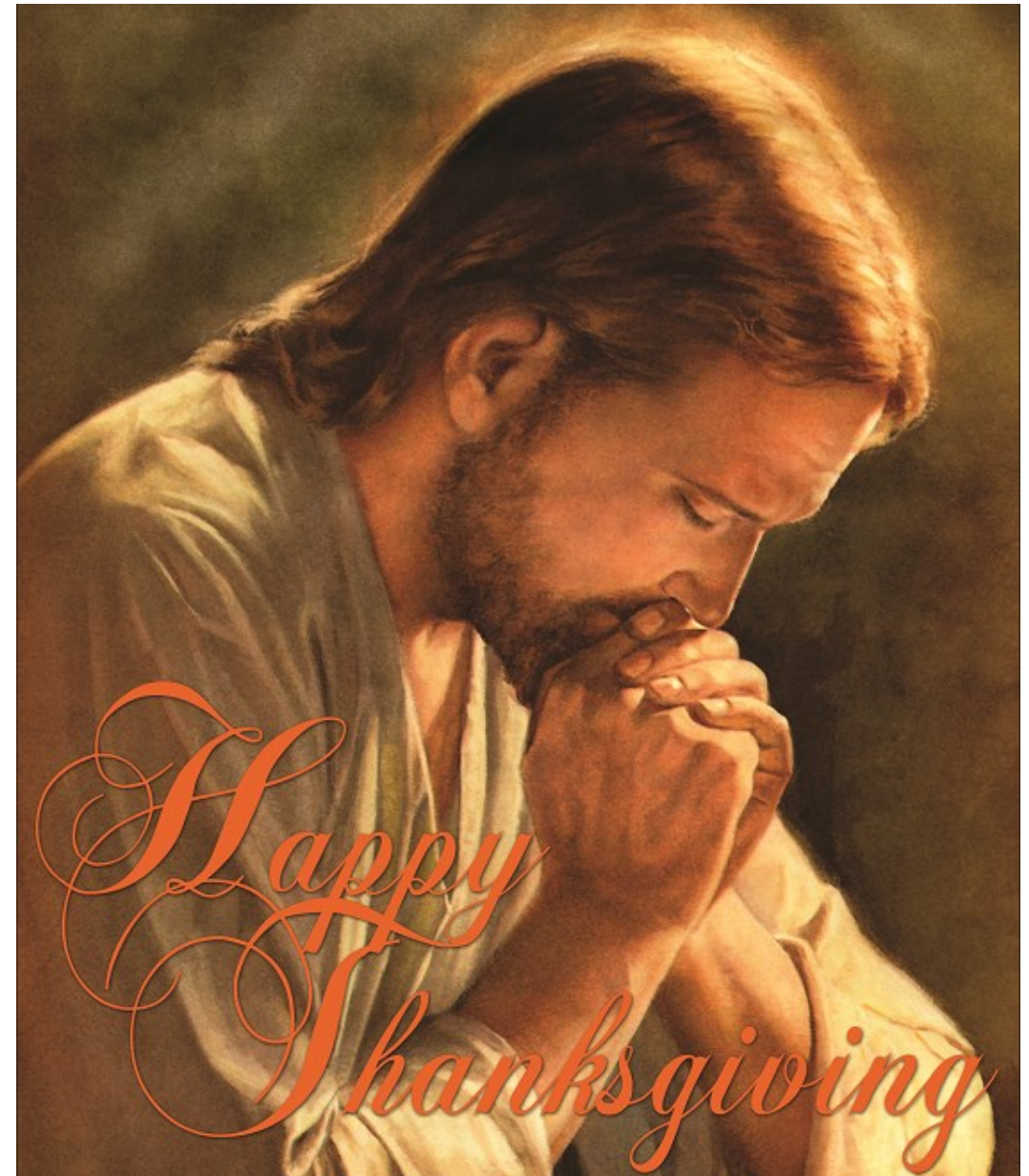
DISMISSAL

A: Go with praise and thanksgiving to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ *Mark Breutzmann ~ Now Thank We All Our God ~*
Eric Thiman

Please join us in the Narthex for refreshments after worship !



Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
Whitnall Park Lutheran Church
At 7:00 pm Wed. November 26th, 2025

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT WHITNALL PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE ~ Ralph Klute ~ We Gather Together ~ Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP 870 *We Praise You, O God vs 1*

**1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

OPENING DIALOGUE

P: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven:

C: He knew us and chose us before the world began;

P: He loves you so much that he calls you his own children;

C: He has brought us from darkness into light and filled us with his glorious power;

P: He has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade;

C: He encourages and strengthens us in every good deed and word;

P: He comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others.

C: This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live. Let us worship God together!

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 that again this day you have opened wide your hand and satisfied us with the food of life, the body and blood of Christ. Sharing your compassionate heart, may we be blessed and given to all who hunger and thirst; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ☩ guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN 881 *Let All Things Now Living*

**1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

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 this 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

*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.*

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 *733 Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
*679 For The Fruit of All Creation***

ENTRANCE HYMN *693 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.**
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.**
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

COMBINED CHOIR ~ *Bountiful Blessings* ~ *Bach*

FIRST READING *a reading from Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹ "When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house."

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMBINED CHOIR ~ *A Song of Thanksgiving* ~ Patterson

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 3 Pg 144*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. 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.

P: God, you give a feast of endless thanksgiving. We are grateful for the saints gathered at your table who have gone before us. Unite us with them whenever we give thanks to you. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, your welcome is wider than we can imagine. Receive our prayers for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us.

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 . . .

C: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 142 *Setting 3*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the word of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel *a reading from John 6:25-35*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON ~ Pastor Josh

HYMN OF THE DAY 839 *Now Thank We All Our God*

- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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: God whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.
a brief silence.

A: God, you give all people a place at the table. Nurture and encourage campus ministries and new congregations. Support all parts of the church that meet people where they are and offer accompaniment through daily challenges and joys. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You give nourishment to the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Sustain all creatures who rely on the earth for sustenance. Water parched ground, dry flooded fields, temper heat waves and frosts, and give sunlight and shade. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God, you give wisdom to your people. Enlighten all leaders. Inspire and guide all our world leaders, and all who represent us in our government. Give them patience and perspective to choose wisely for our common good. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God, you give nourishment to those who hunger. Bring poverty and food insecurity to an end. Give dignity and adequate employment to those who are in need. Sustain us all at your welcoming banquet of love and justice. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God, you give community to those who are lonely. Be with all families as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday. Send your compassionate presence to those who are lonely, those who are separated or estranged from their families, those whose loved ones have died, and all who are ill. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.