

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



***Nineth Sunday of Pentecost  
Sunday August 10th and  
Wednesday August 13th, 2025***

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. Children are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

## 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.

*Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)*

### CALL TO WORSHIP **436 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying Vs 1**

- 1 Wake, awake, for night is flying,  
the watchmen on the heights are crying; awake,  
Jerusalem, at last. Midnight hears the welcome voices,  
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:  
"Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.  
The bridegroom comes! Awake; your lamps with gladness take!"  
Alleluia!  
Rise and prepare the feast to share; go, meet the bridegroom,  
who draws near.

### 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     *556 Morning Has Broken*

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

## 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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING *a reading from* **Genesis 15:1-6**

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

<sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM **33:12-22**

*Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you. (Ps. 33:22)*

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks down from heaven and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup> **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

- <sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,  
<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**  
<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.  
<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**  
<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you

**SECOND READING** *a reading from* **Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. <sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." <sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had the opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. 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.***

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**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 Luke 12:32-40*

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup> "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup> "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

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

## SERMON

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 802 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus***

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow his example pure,  
through a world that would deceive us and to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in his footsteps treading, trav'lers here, our home above,  
full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Savior's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; where he is there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy:  
all discomforts that annoy shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,  
he will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion that would lead us into sin;  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heaven.  
Jesus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
that to life we may awaken. Jesus, you are now our head,  
we are your own living members; where you live, there we shall be  
in your presence constantly, living there with you forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be; life eternal grant to me.

## **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: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

*a brief silence.*

A: Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Calm the fears of all who flee violence and seek peace. Provide shelter, sustenance and protection from harm. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Let your lovingkindness be on those in need . . . . Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**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,  
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, 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 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 ***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 ***502 The King of Love My Shepherd Is*** ***501 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus***

## 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 . . . Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, Our Risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through 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    *618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

- 1    Guide me ever, great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.  
     I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your pow'rful hand.  
     Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,  
     feed me now and evermore.
- 2    Open now the crystal fountain where the healing waters flow;  
     let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
     Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, shield me with your mighty arm,  
     shield me with your mighty arm.
- 3    When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
     death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
     Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,  
     I will raise forevermore.

## DISMISSAL

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

