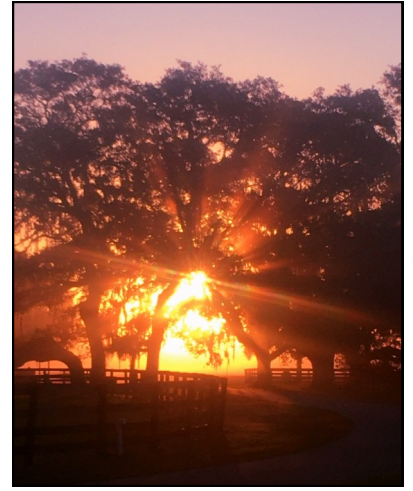


WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

October 14, 2026

Season after Pentecost



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: We gather in your presence, God,
People: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
Leader: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
People: and you know by experience what human life is like.
Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
People: we come with our hopes and with our fears.
Leader: We come as we are, because you have invited us;
People: and you have promised never to turn us away.

SILENCE (*Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around...*)

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: We watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome.
We watch for the fire that was in the beginning
and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.
We watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth and glistens in sea and sky.
We watch for your light, O God, in the eyes of every living creature
and in the ever-living flame of our own souls.
If the grace of seeing were ours this day we would glimpse you in all that lives.
Grant us the grace of seeing this day. Grant us the grace of seeing.
People: Amen.

PSALM 65 (*read in unison*)

***You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.
To you, the Leader who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.
Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.
You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.***

(continued)

PSALM 65 *(continued)*

You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

***May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.***

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 27:9-26

Leader: . . . The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:1-17

Leader: . . . The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

PRAYERS

Leader: Lord you are in this place,

People: **show us your presence.**

Leader: Cover us with your peace,

People: **fill us with your power.**

Leader: Lord help us to know,

People: **we are in your hands,**

Leader: we are under your protection,

People: **we are covered by your love.**

Leader: Lord we ask you today,

People: **to deliver us from evil,**

Leader: to guide us in our travels,

People: **to defend us from all harm.**

Leader: Lord give us now,

People: **eyes to see the invisible,**

Leader: ears to hear your call,

People: **hands to do your work, and hearts to respond to your love. Amen.** *(David Adam)*

Leader: O Trinity of love, God in community, holy and one, look now on us who look to you...

People: **and hear our prayer for our community:**

Leader: Where there is falseness...

People: **smother it by your truth;**

Leader: Where there is any coldness...

People: **kindle the flame of your love;**

Leader: Where there is joy and hope...

People: **free us to share it together;**

Leader: And make us one...

People: **as you are one.**

Leader: Before God and you who are near me,
I release anything I hold against you;
I regret all I have done to harm you;
I stand beside the wrong in my life and ask for God's forgiveness.

**People: Before God and you who are near me,
I release anything I hold against you;
I regret all I have done to harm you;
I stand beside the wrong in my life and ask for God's forgiveness.**

Leader: Jesus says to us, each one:
'Go and sin no more, come and follow me.'
Now bind our hands with honesty as we offer them to each other and our prayer to you:

**People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: God to enfold us,
People: God to surround us;

Leader: God in our speaking,
People: God in our thinking;

Leader: God in our life,
People: God on our lips;

Leader: God in our souls,
People: God in our hearts.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
People: And also with you.

(Signs and words of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.)



~ The psalm text comes from the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship* (Westminster John Knox, 2018), in an inclusive/expansive language version first published in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Augsburg Fortress, 2006) and shared with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and other ecumenical partners.

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