



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



**Easter 6
Mothers' Day**

**May 9, 2021
10:00AM**



WELCOME, FRIENDS AND GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here for worship as we celebrate God's grace and goodness through the Word and Sacrament. We worship together in faith, thanking and praising God for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Your health and safety are very important to us so we are taking appropriate measures to keep everyone here in worship safe.

God's blessings of faith, hope and love be with you.

SERVING YOU TODAY

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. J. Wayne Kerr, Associate Pastor</i>
<i>Liturgist & Celebrant</i>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Assisting Elder</i>	<i>Stanley Tom</i>
<i>Pianist</i>	<i>Esther Lam</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Tom Wedergren, Alex Lew, Steve Wood</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Virginia Ferry, Deanna Biermann</i>

Divine Service, Setting Four
Lutheran Service Book, page 203

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN ***How Firm a Foundation*** ***LSB 728***

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
 Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
 What more can He say than to you He has said
 Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
 For I am your God and will still give you aid;
 I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
 I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
 My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
 The flames will not hurt you; I only design
 Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
 My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
 Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

- P** Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.
C **Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**
- P** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,

C who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.

P Blessèd be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul.

KYRIE



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34–48

So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (He is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. And we are witnesses of all that He did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put Him to death by hanging Him on a tree, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He rose from the dead. And He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that He is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.”

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL**John 15:9-17**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

“As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

[Jesus said:] “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.****NICENE CREED**

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one

**Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen**

Sit

SERMON HYMN

Christ Our Human Likeness Sharing

LSB 847



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,



In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,



Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

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SERMON

**“Love One Another!”
Text: John 15:9-17**

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Sit

MUSICAL OFFERING

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- P** In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
- P** We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.
- P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it,

all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

- In order to maximize the safety of our members, Communion will be continuous flow at the transept (bottom of stairs), no public common cup.
- Ushers will monitor the communion flow to insure proper social distancing and guide communicant members to the Pastors at the chancel steps.
- Disposable cups will be spaced out in the tray.
- To limit the handling of the congregational hosts (wafers), all hosts will remain in and dispensed from the ciborium.
- Celebrant with ciborium containing the wafers and assisting Pastor with the tray of wine will commune the congregation on the main floor at the chancel steps.
- After communing, church members will place the disposable cups on a tray near the front pew, and these will be disposed of after worship.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN
The Infant Priest Was Holy Born

LSB 624

- 1 The infant Priest was holy born
For us unholy and forlorn;
From fleshly temple forth came He,
Anointed from eternity.
- 2 This great High Priest in human flesh
Was icon of God's righteousness.
His hallowed touch brought sanctity;
His hand removed impurity.
- 3 The holy Lamb undaunted came
To God's own altar lit with flame;
While weeping angels hid their eyes,
This Priest became a sacrifice.
- 4 But death would not the victor be
Of Him who hung upon the tree.
He leads us to the Holy Place
Within the veil, before God's face.
- 5 The veil is torn, our Priest we see,
As at the rail on bended knee
Our hungry mouths from Him receive
The bread of immortality.
- 6 The body of God's Lamb we eat,
A priestly food and priestly meat;
On sin-parched lips the chalice pours
His quenching blood that life restores.
- 7 With cherubim and seraphim
Our voices join the endless hymn,
And "Holy, holy, holy" sing
To Christ, God's Lamb, our Priest and King.

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
 A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

LSB 848

- 1 Lord, whose love through humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Offered mercy's perfect deed,
We, Your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift that You impart.
- 2 Still Your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love Your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to Your service,
Forth in Your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,

That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know and live.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by:

- **Ernestine Gutter** in memory of her mother, Savada B. Roberts and her aunts Canarie, Luidell and Peacola. *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9
- **The Wood Family** in honor of Justin Wood as he graduates from Concordia University-Irvine and enters Concordia Seminary-St. Louis in the fall. *For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for wholeness and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.* Jeremiah 29:11

**ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY
Wednesdays, 11:00AM**

Pastor Binz is leading an on-line Bible Study on Wednesday mornings, starting at 11:00AM. If you would be interested in joining the class, please contact Pastor Binz, pastorbinz@wplsf.com so that he can provide you with the link for joining the class.

ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

- *Portals of Prayer* for April—June
- May PortaLight
- West Portal Lutheran Church Re-opening Protocol: Health & Safety Plan
- Current issue of the *Lutheran Witness*
- Bulletin for today—regular size print and large size print

Please help yourself to any or all of the above listed items.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. If you know of someone who could use one, please ask an usher for a large print bulletin—the order of service, words to the hymns, and the announcements are printed in these bulletins.

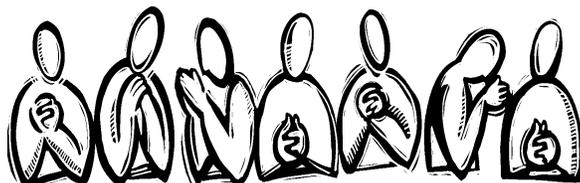
ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are now available for your use during the Worship Service. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices, please see an Usher to check one out! There are two choices for the earpiece: an Ear-Bud or an Ear-Cuff. Following the Service **PLEASE** return the Hearing Aid to the ushers.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE for Bernd Rogge will be held here at West Portal Lutheran Church on Saturday, May 15th, at 1:00PM.

AS MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD, Jan Lundquist has announced that she will be retiring on June 30 of this year. This means that we are looking for someone to fill her three-days-per-week secretarial position. If you are interested in working in the church office three days per week (Wednesday—Friday), please call Pastor Binz, 415-661-0242 or email pastorbinz@wplsf.com. He can fill you in on the job details.

1 JOHN 5:3 – “For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.” God’s commandments are not burdensome. That’s only true for Christians pre-

cisely because we know that we are not saved by our keeping of the Law. We are saved by grace. Therefore, we are set free by grace to walk in newness of life, to grow in faithfulness, and to rejoice in the Law of the Lord. The love of God is that we keep His commandments.



LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD for those who are ill, home-bound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Elfriede Bonfert; Art & Dorothy Bridgeman; Charlene Bruggemann-Wong; Lois Carlson; William Chen; Angie Cheung, Helen Bok's sister-in-law; Nadine Gustafson; Lorraine Holmes; Ted Jones; Charlotte Lew, Eva Wong's sister; Susie Marzolf; Mary Pon, cousin of May Wong; Lee Rampage; Sigrid Rogge; Howard Scully; Nettie Stewart, Michele Boyer's mother; Ruth Stresow; Lisa Westermann; Marilyn Wong; Terry Wong, May Wong's father.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY (5/9) MOTHERS' DAY

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

WEDNESDAY (5/12)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class (Zoom)

SATURDAY (5/15)

1:00PM Memorial Service for Bernd Rogge

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY (5/16)

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

2:00PM Church Council (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY (5/19)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class (Zoom)

THURSDAY (5/20)

10:00AM Staff Meeting/CL

Our Stewardship of Worship

Last Week

Sunday, 10:00AM Service

In Person..... 61

On-Line..... 60

Total..... 121

Communed Sunday..... 55

West Portal Lutheran
Church & School

Worship Service
Sunday, 10:00AM

**Sunday School,
Adult Bible Class**

Sunday School & Sunday
Adult Bible Classes are tem-
porarily suspended. They will
resume at a future date.

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