

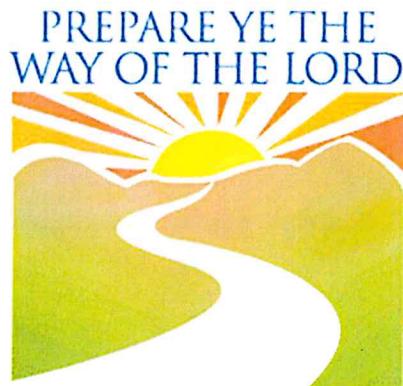
**A voice cries:  
“In the wilderness  
prepare the way  
of the LORD”**

**Isaiah 40:3**

Second Sunday In Advent

December 10, 2023

10:00AM



### WELCOME, FRIENDS AND GUESTS!

**WELCOME!** A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us today. May God's loving presence fill us with joy and hope as we prepare ourselves to follow Christ. If you are a guest or visitor with us, please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Binz and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

### SERVING YOU TODAY

<b>Preacher &amp; Celebrant</b>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<b>Assisting Elder</b>	<i>Robert Bok</i>
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<b>7A Teacher</b>	<i>Judy Cairo</i>
<b>Lectors</b>	<i>Ethan Cheng, Vivian Heath</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Hiroaki Murata &amp; Megumi Amano, Rhonda Short, Jonathan Priest</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Virginia Ferry, Gerda Beisel</i>

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by **Ernestine Gutter** celebrating SaBrea's 18th Birthday on December 8th and Rashad's birthday on December 10th. *Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Psalm 127:3*

## *Divine Service, Setting One* *Lutheran Service Book, page 151*

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### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

*Stand*

### **OPENING HYMN**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

*LSB 332, Sts. 1-4*

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
  
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
  
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.
  
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.

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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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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** Restore us, O God;

**C** **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**C** **You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

**P** You brought a vine out of Egypt;

**C** **it took deep root and filled the land.**

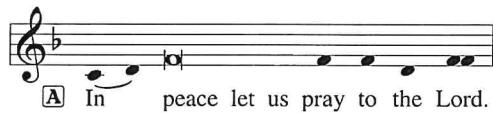
**P** Restore us, O God of hosts;

**C** **let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

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** Restore us, O God;  
**C** let your face shine, that we may be saved!

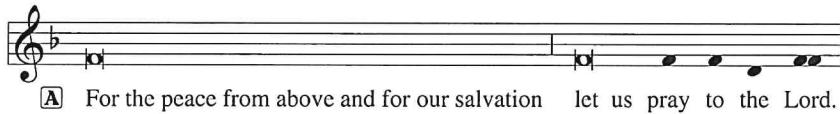
### KYRIE



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



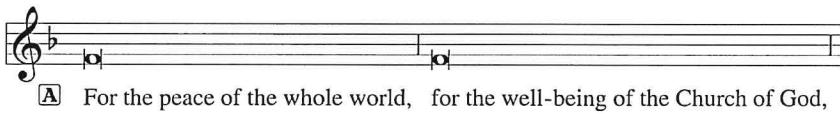
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



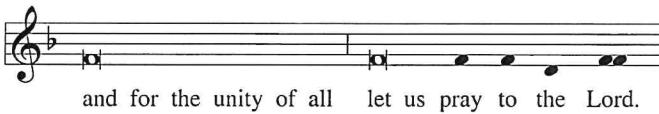
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise  
**C** let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.  
**C** A - men.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

### OLD TESTAMENT

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" Behold, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### EPISTLE

#### 2 Peter 3:8-14

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

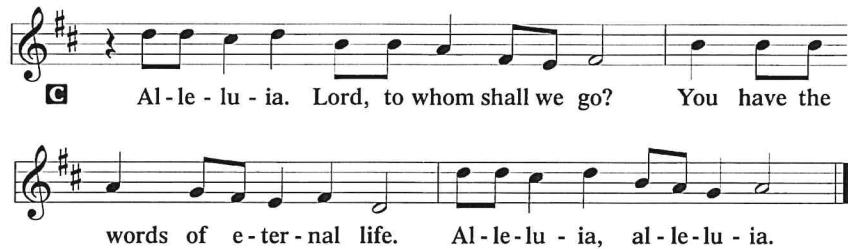
Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



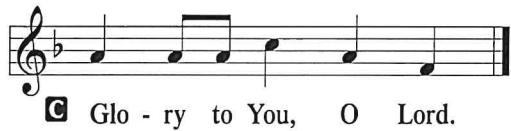
Music notation for the Alleluia and Verse. The melody is in G major, common time. The lyrics are:

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 1:1-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



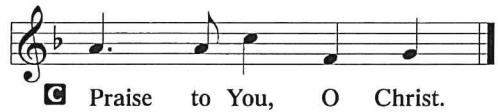
Music notation for the beginning of the Gospel. The melody is in G major, common time. The lyrics are:

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,  
“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,  
who will prepare your way,  
the voice of one crying in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight,’”

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, “After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Music notation for the end of the Gospel. The melody is in G major, common time. The lyrics are:

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

### SERMON HYMN

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

*LSB 340, Sts. 1-3, 5*

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
His chariot is humility,  
His kingly crown is holiness,  
His scepter, pity in distress.  
The end of all our woe He brings;  
Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
To Christ the Savior raise  
Your grateful hymns of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy shouts of praise.
- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
O enter with Thy grace divine;  
Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
Until our glorious goal is won.  
Eternal praise and fame  
We offer to Thy name.

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SERMON

“Prepare the Way”  
Text: Mark 1:1-8

*Stand*

### 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*

WELCOME NEW MEMBER *Jing Li*

*Stand*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

- Lord, in Your mercy,
- Hear our prayer.

*Sit*

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out a Welcome-Worship Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering plate. Please read and fill out the Communion Registration side of this card if you will be partaking of the Lord's Supper.

## MUSICAL OFFERING

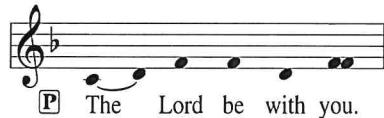
**PIANO:** Jesse Gunderson, 3rd Grade student plays  
*Sonatina*  
*Rondino*

**GRADE 7A SINGS** *Jesus Sat With His Disciples*

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE



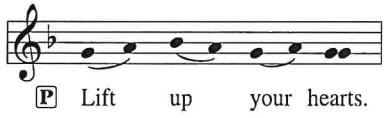
A musical staff in G clef and common time. It begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a quarter note, and a eighth note.

**P** The Lord be with you.



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**C** And also with you.



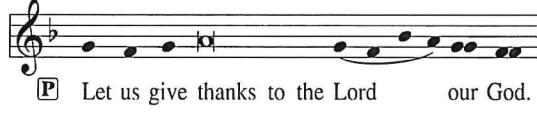
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**P** Lift up your hearts.



A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a quarter note, and a eighth note.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.



A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a quarter note, and a eighth note.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of a eighth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a quarter note, and a eighth note.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS

**C** Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

**P** Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

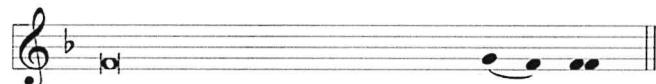
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.  
Amen

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

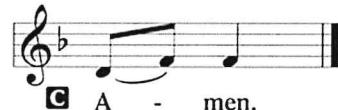
¶ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{\text{T}}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

¶ 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  $\text{\text{T}}$  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



¶ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



¶ A - men.

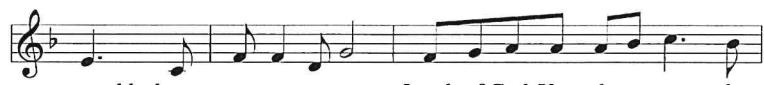
## AGNUS DEI



¶ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

Regarding our Holy Communion practices this morning:

- We ask that you who are communicant Lutherans prepare to receive the Lord's Supper by reading the Communion Registration side of our Welcome-Worship Registration Card. If communing, please sign both sides of the card and either hand it to an usher when you go up to commune or place it in the collection plate during the Offering.
- The consecrated wine may be received by common cup (the chalice) or individual chalices. **White grape juice is provided in the chalices in the inner circle of the tray for those who are unable to consume wine.**
- If you are unable to come to the altar rail for Communion, please let the usher know, and Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

## HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

*Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior*

*LSB 619, Sts. 1-4*

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,  
    Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,  
These are my life and strength forever,  
    By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

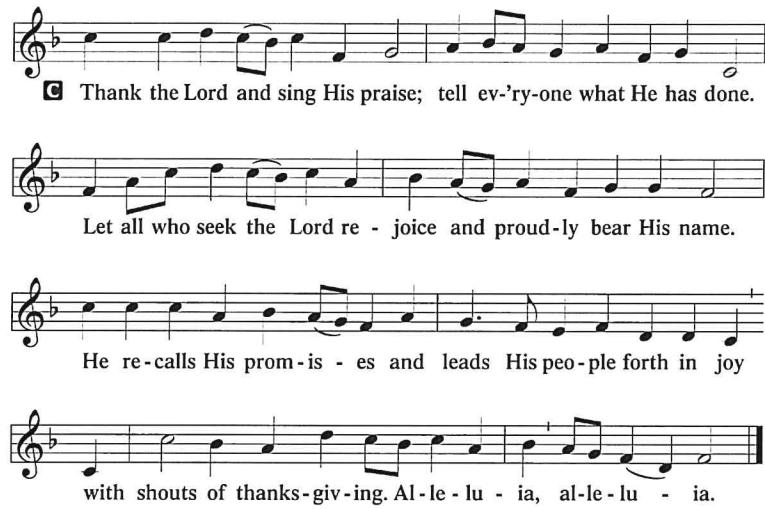
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;  
    I live in Thee and Thou in me.  
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted  
    It finds its only joy in Thee. *Refrain*

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely  
    The Lord is nigh, who justifies.  
No hell I fear, and thus securely  
    With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,  
    It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
For He who is of death the master  
    With aid and comfort e'er is near. *Refrain*

*Stand*

#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



¶ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.

He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

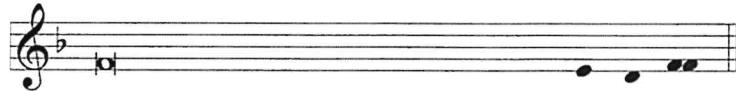
#### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

¶ 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.



¶ A - men.

## BENEDICTION



**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 <sup>+</sup> give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN *Hark the Glad Sound*

*LSB 349*

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.
- 2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.
- 3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.
- 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Thy belovèd name.

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

## Commitment Forms Reminder

**THANK YOU** for submitting your Time and Talent and Treasure commitment forms. If you have not already submitted them, we will accept them through the remainder of December. Copies of the forms are available on the table in the Narthex.



## Altar Flower Donations

The Altar Guild is again planning to purchase poinsettias to help decorate the Church during this Christmas Season. If you would like to help by donating to the flower fund, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office by Sunday, December 17. The suggested minimum donation is \$15.00. Please make the check payable to Altar Guild—West Portal Lutheran Church.

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Name of person(s) donating flowers

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Name of person(s) honored or remembered

## PARISH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
In-Person and On-Line

Pastor Binz is leading an in-person and on-line Bible Study on Wednesday mornings, starting at 11:00AM in the church library. If you would be interested in joining the class on-line, please contact Pastor Binz, [pastorcbinz@wplsf.com](mailto:pastorcbinz@wplsf.com) so that he can provide you with the link for joining the class.

Sundays, 9:00AM

**Bible Study** - Led by Pastor Binz at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall.

**Children's Sunday School** -All children in grades K-8 are invited to join us each week as we learn more about God through His Word, the Holy Bible. Each Sunday children first gather in the Church Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and then go to the Church Library. At 9:55 a.m. all children are picked up at the Church Library. If you have questions please contact Edward and Rebecca Chan at [outreach@wplsf.com](mailto:outreach@wplsf.com)

## ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

- *Portals of Prayer* for October-December
- December PortaLight
- 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.



Welcome new church member Jing Li.  
Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ  
has welcomed you, for the glory of God.  
Romans 15:7

## Midweek Advent Services Continue in December



In Advent we prepare for the “advent,” or coming of the Lord our Savior. He first came in the flesh at Christmas, the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament. More than that, however, He comes to us today in His Word and Sacraments. Then, as at His first coming, we gather now in patient anticipation of His final coming in the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

This Advent we are reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us. We are changed by his presence within us as we become more and more like him in the living of our lives.

We continue to gather for Midweek Advent Services on Wednesdays, December 13, and 20 at 7:00PM. Join us at 6:00PM for a congregational dinner and fellowship prior to each Service.

Advent Midweek 3 - December 13, 2023  
*This Is My Son: Absalom*

Advent Midweek 4 - December 20, 2023  
*This Is My Son: Jesus*

**Congregational Advent Dinner at 6PM is provided by Dan Holt.**  
All are welcome to a light dinner of soup, salad, bread and dessert.  
You only need to bring your appetite!



**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS** are available on the table in the Narthex. Be sure to pick up one for use during Advent.



# *Christmas Services*

Join with us and invite family and friends to worship the Lord at any of our Christmas Services.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE—SUNDAY**

12/24/23 10:00AM Divine Service-Lord's Supper  
5:00PM Candlelight Service

## **CHRISTMAS DAY—MONDAY**

12/25/23 10:00AM Divine Service-Lord's Supper

## **SATURDAY**

12/30/23 NO WORSHIP SERVICE THIS SATURDAY

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE—SUNDAY**

12/31/23 10:00AM Divine Service-Lord's Supper

## **MONDAY**

1/1/24 NEW YEAR'S DAY NO SERVICE



## **Walk For Life West Coast Pre-Walk Gathering!**

**WHEN: Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2024, 10:30am**

**SPEAKER: The Reverend Ray (& Aubrey) Hulett!**

*(Reverend Ray Hulett was born in Long Beach, CA. He spent 13 years in the Philippines, where his parents were missionaries. He's a graduate of USC, worked in telecommunications, graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne. Ray met Aubrey (born & raised in Orange County) & were married in July of 2012. Their children are Arthur, Ruth, Albert, & Regina. Ray & Aubrey also have 6 children who preceded Arthur, but were taken to Jesus from the womb where they wait with them for the Resurrection. Their family serves at Hope Lutheran Church, Fremont, where they are very excited to serve people with the good news of our Savior!)*

**TOPIC: "Confessing Life in the Midst of Loss"**

**WHERE: West Portal Lutheran Church & School Parish Hall  
200 Sloat Boulevard, San Francisco, CA 94132**

**Host: The Rev. Curtis Binz**

**10:30 am Pre-Walk Gathering**

**11:15 am Refreshments & Break**

**11:30 am Walk to West Portal/Sloat/St Francis Circle Muni Station**

**11:45 am Muni Train to Civic Center Station**

**12:00 pm Walk to Civic Center Plaza, the corner of Larkin St. & Grove St. (A LCMS representative will be standing at this corner with a LCMS "feather flag" to direct people to exactly where our group will be standing).**

**12:15 pm Arrive**

**12:30 pm Main Event**

**Speakers:** Lila Rose (a writer, speaker, investigative reporter & activist. Lila founded & serves as president of *Live Action*, a human rights nonprofit with the largest digital footprint for the global pro-life movement.) Kaya Jones (a Canadian-born singer, songwriter, & producer. She shares her abortion experience & journey of healing.) Kimberly Henkel (the Founder and Executive Director of *Springs of Love & Springs in the Desert*.) Rev. Clenard Childress (One of most respected leaders in the entire pro-life movement, & especially for the African-American community.)

**1:30 pm Walk for Life The walk begins!**



**LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD** for those who are ill, home-bound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Vincent Ammann, Beatrice Priest's father; Elfriede Bonfert; Paul Brase; Charlene Brugemann-Wong; William Chen; Angie Cheung, Helen Bok's sister-in-law; Bill Eves, Virginia Ferry's cousin; Jimmy Fong, Evelyn Fong's father; Karen Goeglien, Bob Bok's cousin; Ted Jones; Carolyn Landgrebe, Margaret Finley's sister; Jan Lundquist; Susie Marzolf; George Mogyorossy, Gilbert Mogyorossy's father; Aiden Oachs, Rich & Terry Hesselroth's step-grandson; Sigrid Rogge; Art Spleiss, Ruth Stresow; Lisa Westermann; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.

## CALENDAR

<b>SUNDAY (12/10)</b> 9:00AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper 11:15AM Choir Practice <b>MONDAY (12/11)</b> 6:30PM Girl Scout Adult Leader Meeting <b>WEDNESDAY (12/13)</b> 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class 6:00PM Light Dinner 7:00PM Midweek Advent Service <b>SATURDAY (12/16)</b> 5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper	<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> <b>SUNDAY (12/17)</b> 9:00AM Bible Class 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper 11:15AM Choir Practice <b>WEDNESDAY (12/20)</b> 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class 6:00PM Light Dinner 7:00PM Midweek Advent Service <b>THURSDAY (12/21)</b> 7:00PM Cub Scout Meeting <b>SATURDAY (12/23)</b> No worship service this Saturday
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**2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?”** All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?

## Year-End Reminder

**THANK YOU** for your tithes and offerings for the Lord's Kingdom work. Your contributions are appreciated, including gifts of stocks, bonds or corporate matching funds. Remember that contributing securities that have risen in value provides you with a larger tax deduction and avoids capital gains tax. If you wish to donate stock or other securities, or request matching funds from your employer, please contact Howard Scully, our church and school accountant, at 415-661-0242 ext. 225, or by email at [howard.scully@wplsf.com](mailto:howard.scully@wplsf.com).

### Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

#### Advent Midweek 1 Services

In Person.....	33
On-line.....	58
Saturday, 5:00PM Service	
In Person.....	91
Sunday, 10:00AM Service	
In Person.....	111
On-line.....	55
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>348</b>

Communed Sunday ..... 69

Sunday Bible Class ..... 19  
Wednesday Bible Class ..... 13

**West Portal Lutheran**  
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**Worship Services**

Saturday, 5:00PM

Sunday, 10:00AM

**Bible Classes**

Wednesday, 11:00AM

Sunday, 9:00AM

**Sunday School**

Sunday, 9:00AM

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12/10/23  
10:00AM