

**GOD will cause righteousness
and praise to sprout up**

Isaiah 61:11



First Sunday After Christmas

December 31, 2023
10:00AM



WELCOME, FRIENDS AND GUESTS!

A cordial welcome is extended to all who have come to worship with us this morning. 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

<i>Preacher & Celebrant</i>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Assisting Elder</i>	<i>Alex Lew</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Margaret Finley, Rhonda Short</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Ray Toloski, Donald Woo, Dave Garrett, Ron Soper</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Virginia Ferry, Gerda Beisel</i>

AS WE GATHER

How long is a generation? Keepers of statistics suggest that a generation is between twenty and thirty years and note that at the present time there are six distinct generations living in the United States. The current generations range from our oldest citizens, known as the *Greatest Generation* through our youngest, given the group name of *Generation Z*. In the account of the presentation of our Lord in the temple at Jerusalem, we see Jesus as a baby from the youngest generation and we meet Anna the prophetess, well advanced into the most elderly generation, and Simeon, who is often portrayed as an older man. The temple is the place for all generations to experience the presence and blessing of God! The psalmist exults in praise to God: "One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). As we worship, we continue that praise in this generation.

“SEEING THE SIGN”

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

+ PREPARATION +

OPENING HYMN

Let All Together Praise Our God

LSB 389, Sts. 1-4

- 1 Let all together praise our God
Before His glorious throne;
Today He opens heav'n again
To give us His own Son,
To give us His own Son.
- 2 He leaves His heav'nly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall,
Lies in a humble stall.
- 3 Within an earthborn form He hides
His all-creating light;
To serve us all He humbly cloaks
The splendor of His might,
The splendor of His might.
- 4 He undertakes a great exchange,
Puts on our human frame,
And in return gives us His realm,
His glory, and His name,
His glory, and His name.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy

Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

People: with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens.

People: You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?

Pastor: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You;

People: my soul also, which You have redeemed.

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD forever!

People: Amen and Amen.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: People redeemed by the Lord, let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of having sinned in thought, in word, and in deed. So often we have left undone those things which we ought to have done and have done those things which we ought not to have done. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask for the grace and forgiveness that we know to be ours in Jesus, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us, heavenly Father, to change what is sinful in our lives so that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: God has promised pardon, life, and salvation because of the atoning sacrifice of His beloved Son, who has replaced slavery to sin with a priceless inheritance of freedom and joy. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

People: Amen.

+ WORD +

INTROIT

Pastor: The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

People **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

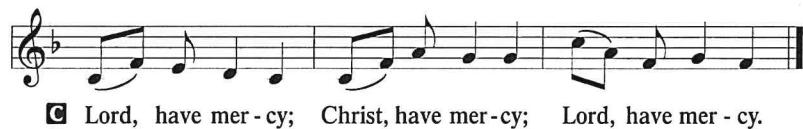
Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

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.**

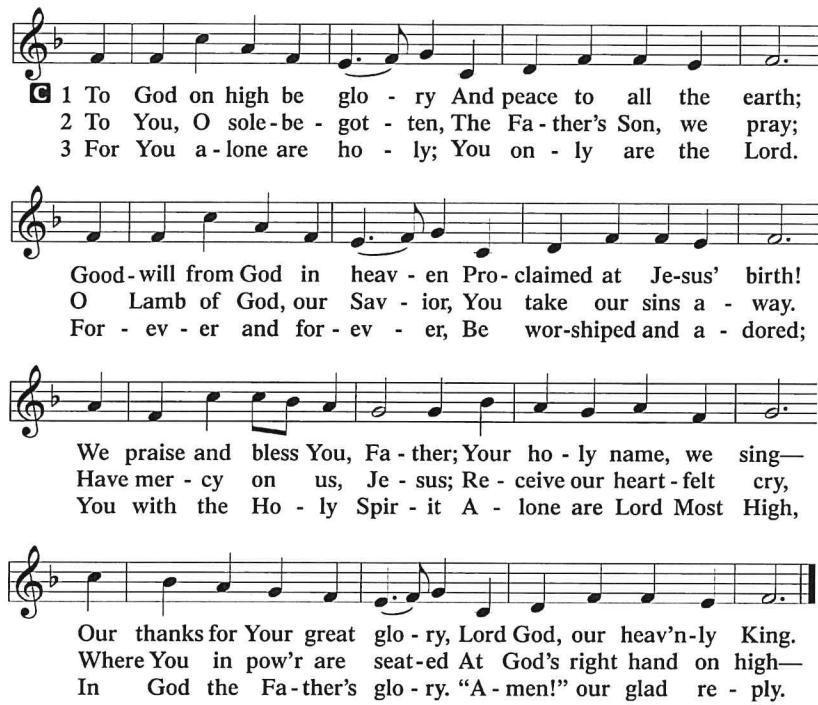
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KYRIE



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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God of endings and beginnings, we commit to Your grace and forgiveness the year now being completed and commend to Your kindness and love the year about to begin. Throughout the coming weeks and months make the presence of Your Holy Spirit known in our lives, drawing us ever closer to Jesus and uniting all generations of Your faithful people in bonds of love and care, as we continue to grow in our baptismal grace and await the joy of eternal life in Your glorious presence. This we ask for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

People: Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE**Galatians 4:4-7**

When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GRADUAL *Isaiah 9:6; Psalm 98:1a*

Pastor: To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

People: **and the government shall be upon His shoulder.**

Pastor: And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

People: **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song,

People: **for He has done marvelous things!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord”) and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.” Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation
that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and for glory to your people Israel.”

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.

And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON HYMN *In His Temple Now Behold Him* **LSB 519**

- 1 In His temple now behold Him,
 See the long-expected Lord;
 Ancient prophets had foretold Him,
 God has now fulfilled His word.
 Now to praise Him, His redeemèd
 Shall break forth with one accord.

- 2 In the arms of her who bore Him,
 Virgin pure, behold Him lie
 While His aged saints adore Him
 Ere in perfect faith they die.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lo, the incarnate God Most High!

- 3 Jesus, by Your presentation,
 When they blessed You, weak and poor,
 Make us see Your great salvation,
 Seal us with Your promise sure;
 And present us in Your glory
 To Your Father, cleansed and pure.

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SERMON “**Seeing the Sign**”
Text: Luke 2:22-40

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 salva-
tion 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 suf-
fered 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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sit

TITHES AND OFFERING

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

CHOIR SINGS *How're we Goin' To Praise The Lord*

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

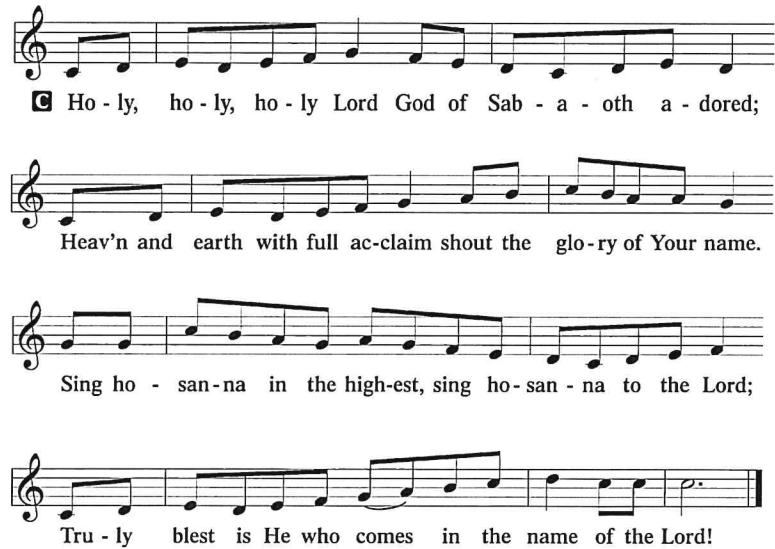
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, because You have called us through the waters of Holy Baptism and welcomed us to Your Table of grace. As we rejoice in the salvation won for us by our Savior, strengthen us to heed always the call to share the Gospel message in our times and days with the generations yet to come that Your praise may echo until the end of time and the start of eternity. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, forevermore 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

Pastor: 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.

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.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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, us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory

LSB 367, Sts. 1-4

1 Angels from the realms of glory,
 Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
 Now proclaim Messiah's birth. *Refrain*

Refrain

Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2 Shepherds in the field abiding,
 Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing,
 Yonder shines the Infant Light. *Refrain*

3 Sages, leave your contemplations,
 Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of nations,
 Ye have seen His natal star. *Refrain*

4 Saints before the altar bending,
 Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
 In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

1 O Lord, now let Your servant 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 THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask that You would help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship

and do the good works that You desire us to do, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit, be praise in all generations, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* LSB 733

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:
- 2 Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
- 3 Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
- 4 A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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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, pastorbinz@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

ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

- *Portals of Prayer* for January –March
- January 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.

Help needed: Please help to undecorate the Christmas trees after next Sunday, January 7th's service.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2024 CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES. They are arranged in alphabetical order on the table in the narthex. If you have a box in the mailroom, your envelopes may be there. **Please continue using your 2023 envelopes through December 31. Please start using your 2024 envelopes in January, and recycle (do not reuse) your old 2023 envelope boxes and any unused envelopes.** Your 2024 envelopes are a different color and most likely have a new number. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact Howard Scully, the church accountant, at 415-661-0242 ext. 225, or by email at howard.scully@wplsfc.com.

Luke 2:39 – “And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth.” The Law of God is good. Of course, it always shows us our sins, but that is good, too! We need to be driven back to the forgiveness of Christ. And the Law also shows us the truly blessed way to live. As Mary and Joseph found their joy in a godly life, so should we see the Law as a guide for Christian living and as the roadmap for saying thank you to the Lord for all His grace and mercy to us.

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Walk For Life West Coast Pre-Walk Gathering!

WHEN: Saturday, January 20th 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; Rhelda Evans-Latimore; Bill Eves, Virginia Ferry's cousin; Jimmy Fong, Evelyn Fong's father; Karen Goeglien, Bob Bok's cousin; Ted Jones; Nancy Lee, Julia Tom's dear friend; Jan Lundquist; Susie Marzolf; George Mogyorossy, Gilbert Mogyorossy's father; Sigrid Rogge; Art Spleiss, Ruth Stresow; Lisa Westermann; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.

CALENDAR

SUNDAY (12/31) NEW YEAR'S EVE
9:00AM Bible Class
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
11:15AM Altar Guild's Meeting
MONDAY (1/1) NEW YEAR'S DAY
No worship service
Church Office & School are closed.
WEDNESDAY (1/3)
11:00AM Midweek Bible Class
SATURDAY (1/6)
10:00AM Quilt Class
5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

NEXT WEEK:
SUNDAY (1/7)
9:00AM Bible Class
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
11:15AM Elders Meeting
11:15AM Undecorate Christmas Trees
11:15AM Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY (1/10)
11:00AM Midweek Bible Class
SATURDAY (1/13)
5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week	
Advent Midweek 4 Services	
In Person.....	29
On-line.....	36
Sunday, 10:00AM Service	
In Person.....	58
On-line.....	36
Christmas Eve, Sunday, 5:00PM Service	
In Person.....	152
On-line.....	62
Christmas Day, Monday, 10:00AM Service	
In Person.....	52
On-line.....	54
Total.....	479
Communed Sunday	
48	
Communed Monday	
41	
Sunday Bible Class.....	
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Our Stewardship of Treasure

	November	Fiscal Year-to-Date
Actual Contributions	23,869	136,138
Actual Other Income	10,818	55,937
Actual Total Income	<u>34,687</u>	<u>192,075</u>
Budgeted Total Income	35,537	182,795
Actual Expenses	39,339	188,976
Budgeted Expenses	37,200	194,684

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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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12/31/23
10:00AM