

Having received from the Father  
the promise of the Holy Spirit, He . . .

Acts 2:33

The Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024  
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 Rev. Jonathan Priest and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

**SERVING YOU TODAY**

<i>Preacher &amp; Celebrant</i>	<i>Rev. Jonathan Priest</i>
<i>Assisting Elder</i>	<i>Robert Bok</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Alex and Lucy Lew</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Margaret Finley</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Tom Wedergren, Steve Wood, Alex Lew, Robert Bok</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Judy Law, Angie Holt, Viviana Soper</i>

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

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN**      ***Holy, Holy, Holy***      ***LSB 507***

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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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 an 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

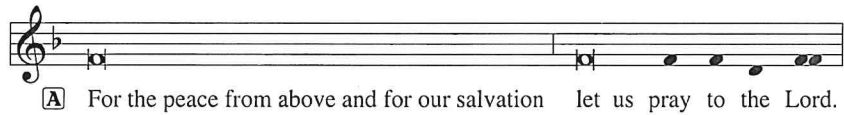
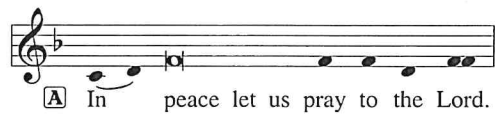
- P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- C** **Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**
- P** I have set the LORD always before me;
- C** **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- P** Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
- C** **my flesh also dwells secure.**
- P** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
- C** **or let your holy one see corruption.**

**P** You make known to me the path of life;  
**C** in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**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.

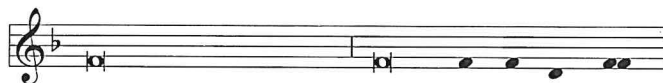
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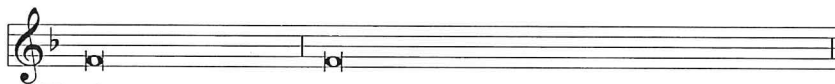
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



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



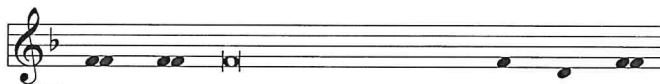
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



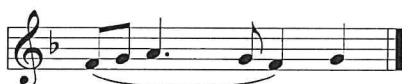
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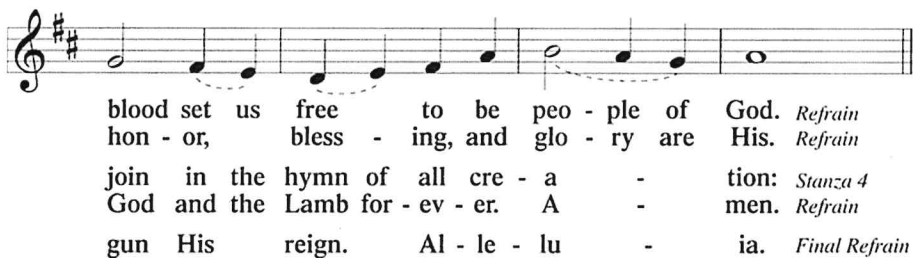
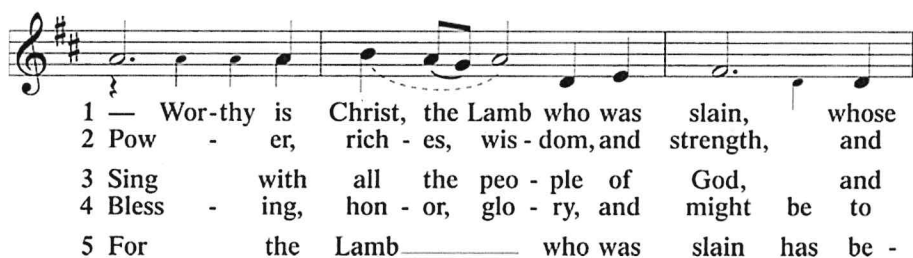


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE      *This Is the Feast*



## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE**

**Acts 2:14a, 22-36**

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that

God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.’

Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

#### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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.

## John 3:1-17

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN**

*Glory Be to God the Father*

*LSB 506*

- 1 Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit:  
Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory  
While eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us,  
Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to Him who bought us,  
Made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory  
To the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3 Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory  
To the King of glory sing!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory,  
Glory to the King of kings!

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**SERMON**

**"God's Definite Plan"**

**Text: John 3:1-17**

*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

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** 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

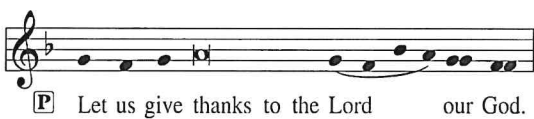
**CHOIR SINGS**      *Hymn of Promise*

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### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE

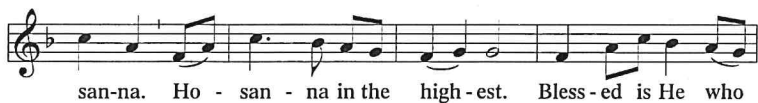
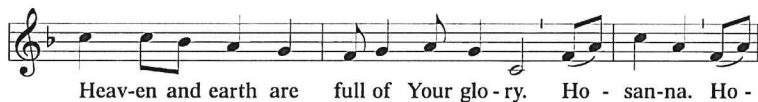
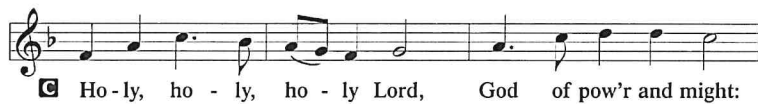




### PROPER PREFACE

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

### SANCTUS



### **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**

- 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  $\nabla$  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  $\nabla$  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 al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI



**C** 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

### *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

LSB 806

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.  
Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks, give thanks.

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*Stand*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**G** 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



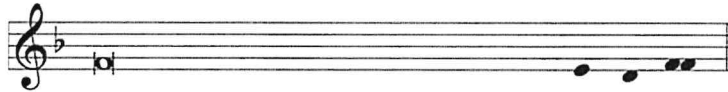
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- [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.



## 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 ✠ give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN    *Now Thank We All Our God*    *LSB 895*

- 1 Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us

And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next!

- 3 All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

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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@wplsfc.com](mailto:pastorbinz@wplsfc.com) so that he can provide you with the link for joining the class. **No bible class on Wednesday, May 29 as Pastor Binz is away.**

**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@wplsfc.com](mailto:outreach@wplsfc.com)

**ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX:**

- *Portals of Prayer* for April –June
- Latest issue of 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.

Pastor Binz and Stacey are away for Daniel and Angela Binz's wedding reception from May 22 to 29. Please remember them in your prayers.

**John 3:6 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”**In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

**Y**our tithes and offerings support the mission and ministries of West Portal Lutheran Church. If you wish to make an online donation, please use the QR code below. PayPal deducts a small fee from these donations, or you may add a nominal amount to your donation by checking the box to help cover the fees.



## Voters' Assembly—June 9, 2024

All Church Members are invited to come to any Voters' Assembly meeting. You can become a voting member when you attend two meetings within one year; your membership will continue if you attend at least one meeting during the following two years.

The next regular Voters' Assembly meeting will be **June 9, 2024 after the 10:00AM Service**. Information Packets will be available on the table in the Narthex starting June 1, 2024. We encourage you to attend this meeting.



**LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD** for those who are ill, homebound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Vincent Ammann, Beatrice Priest's father; Emersynn Binz; Elfriede Bonfert; Paul Brase; Charlene Bruggemann-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; John Hatcher, Bob Bok's brother-in-law; Rich Hesselroth; Kenny Hioe, Julia Tom's brother-in-law; Ted Jones; George Mogyorossy, Gilbert Mogyorossy's father; Sigrid Rogge; Art Spleiss, Ruth Stresow; Marilyn Tom, Stanley Tom's sister-in-law; Lisa Westermann; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.

### Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Saturday, 5:00PM Service  
 In Person ..... 19  
 Sunday, 10:00AM Service  
 In Person ..... 190  
 On-Line ..... 55  
**Total ..... 264**

Communed Saturday ..... 16  
 Communed Sunday ..... 76

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

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK:

**SUNDAY (5/26)**

9:00AM Bible Class  
 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
 11:15AM Altar Guild Meeting

**MONDAY (5/27) MEMORIAL DAY**

Church Office & School are closed.

**WEDNESDAY (5/29)**

11:00AM No Midweek Bible Class as  
 Pastor Binz is away.

**THURSDAY (5/30)**

7:00PM WPLS 8th Grade Graduation at  
 Scottish Rite Auditorium

**FRIDAY (5/31)**

Last Day of School, Early Dismissal

**SATURDAY (6/1)**

5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

### NEXT WEEK:

**SUNDAY (6/2)**

9:00AM Bible Class  
 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
**MONDAY (6/3)**

6:30PM Girl Scout Meeting

**WEDNESDAY (6/5)**

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

**SATURDAY (6/8)**

5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

Our Stewardship of Treasure		
	Last Month	Fiscal Year-to-Date
Actual Contributions	24,699	291,336
Actual Other Income	14,651	116,779
Actual Total Income	<u>39,350</u>	<u>408,115</u>
Budgeted Total Income	32,079	393,121
Actual Expenses	41,855	390,448
Budgeted Expenses	39,469	389,264

## Altar Flowers

Flower Charts for the year 2024 are now posted in the Narthex. This is a very special way to help decorate the Altar, and to commemorate events or to remember loved ones. Flowers may be taken home or are delivered to our sick and shut-in members. Please call May Luu or Angie Holt in the church office, 415-661-0242, if you have any questions. The cost of a floral arrangement is \$55.00 through Mystic Garden on Ocean Ave. We encourage you to sign up on the new Flower Chart.

**West Portal Lutheran**  
*Church & School*

**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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Ms. Amy Kao  
*Music Director*

5/26/24  
10:00AM