

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

**July 7, 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 Pastor Binz or Pastor Swenson and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

SERVING YOU TODAY

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Liturgist & Celebrant</i>	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
<i>Assisting Elder</i>	<i>Donald Woo</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Alex Lew, Dick Bass</i>
<i>Greeter</i>	<i>Ernestine Gutter</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Dick Bass, Stanley Tom, Philip Go, Chris Brase</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Rebecca Chan, Margaret Finley, Judy Law, Rhonda Short</i>

AS WE GATHER

What a joy it is to gather as God's people! In this collection of people we know as a congregation, we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit. In this collection of people we call a church, we are reminded the one holy Christian Church will be and remain forever. This is "the congregation of saints . . . in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered" (Augsburg Confession, Article VII, paragraph 1). As we remain steadfast in our witness to our neighbors to also gather with us in the truth of God's Word centered on our Savior, Jesus Christ, we are reminded in the Gospel today there will always be those who despise the Word as even Jesus faced rejection in His own hometown. We continue to pray for softened hearts of others in this world, and we remain firm in the foundation of our faith served in both Word and Sacrament within this place.

Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, page 151

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN

Jesus, Lead Thou On

LSB 718

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

- 2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'er take us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go.

- 3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

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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 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

C **For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place:**

P “This is my resting place forever; here I will dwell, for I have desired it.

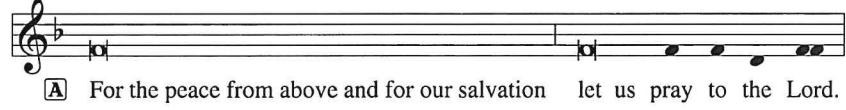
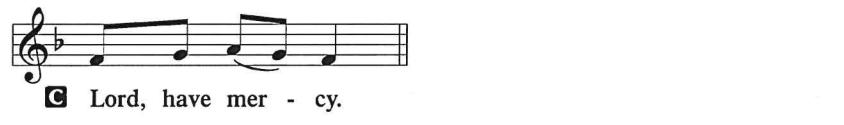
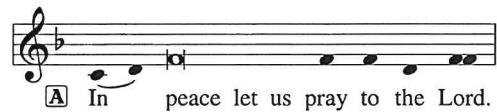
C I will abundantly bless her provisions; I will satisfy her poor with bread.

P Her priests I will clothe with salvation, and her saints will shout for joy.”

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 Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

KYRIE





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



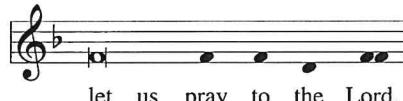
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



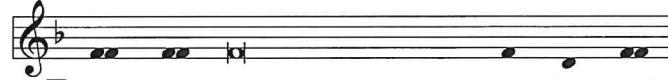
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb — who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. O God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy. Grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be called to repentance and made partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 2:1-5

He said to me, “Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.” And as he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me on my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, “Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to nations of rebels, who have rebelled against me. They and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that a prophet has been among them.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. Though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. So to keep me from being

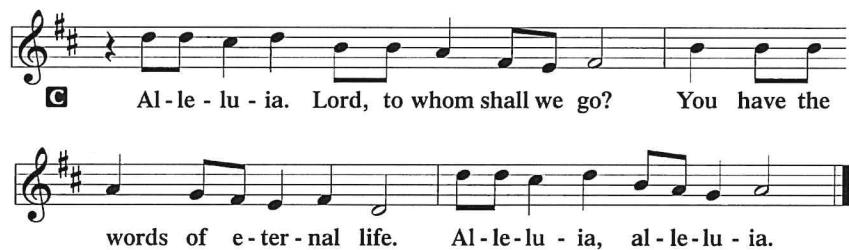
too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

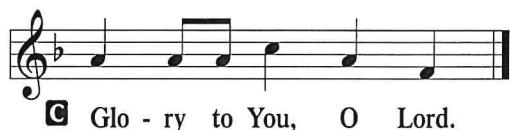


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.” And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

And he called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He charged them to take nothing for their journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belts—but to wear sandals and not put on two tunics. And he said to them, “Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you depart from there. And if any place will not receive you and they will not listen to you, when you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that people should repent. And they cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON HYMN

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB 839

- 1 O Christ, our true and only light,
Enlighten those who sit in night;
Let those afar now hear Your voice
And in Your fold with us rejoice.
- 2 Fill with the radiance of Your grace
The souls now lost in error's maze;
Enlighten those whose inmost minds
Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3 O gently call those gone astray
That they may find the saving way!
Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
In You find peace and heav'nly rest.
- 4 Shine on the darkened and the cold;
Recall the wand'lers to Your fold.
Unite all those who walk apart;
Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 5 That they with us may evermore
Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore
And endless praise to You be giv'n
By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

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SERMON

“The Holy Christian Church”

Text: Mark 6:1-13

Stand

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heav-

en 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

Soloist: Patrick Man *To the Praise of Your Glorious Grace*

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

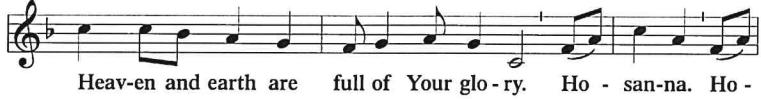
PROPER PREFACE

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

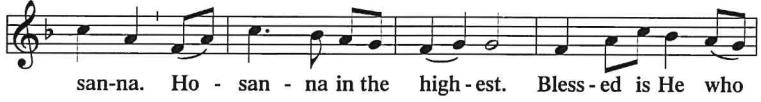
SANCTUS



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

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

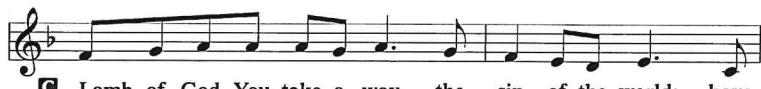


P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

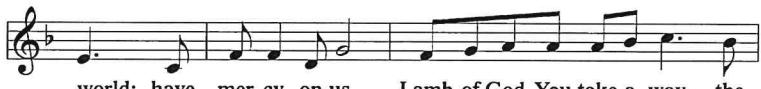
AGNUS DEI



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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB 636, Sts. 1-4

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
 Come into the daylight's splendor,
 There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
 He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
 Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
 For with words of life immortal
 He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
 Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
 That I nevermore will leave You.
- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
 But the priceless gifts of heaven
 God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
 Christ's true body, for you riven,
 And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
 That the bread of life is boundless
 Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
 Oh, most glorious consolation,
 Pledge and seal of my salvation!

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C 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.

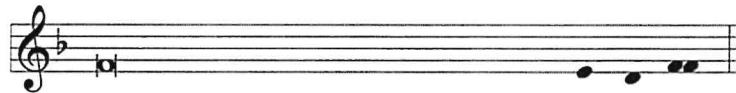
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.



C 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 + give you peace.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644

- 1 The Church's one foundation
 Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 She is His new creation
 By water and the Word.
 From heav'n He came and sought her
 To be His holy bride;
 With His own blood He bought her,
 And for her life He died.
- 2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
 Yet one o'er all the earth;
 Her charter of salvation:
 One Lord, one faith, one birth.
 One holy name she blesses,
 Partakes one holy food,
 And to one hope she presses
 With ev'ry grace endued.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder
 The world sees her oppressed,
 By schisms rent asunder,
 By heresies distressed,
 Yet saints their watch are keeping;
 Their cry goes up, "How long?"
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Through toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forevermore
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'ly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE



Coffee Hour Sponsors Needed

We need your help in sponsoring a Sunday Morning Coffee Hour (or more, if you wish!). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall's Church bulletin board across from the kitchen. Coffee Hour Sponsors are responsible for preparing the coffee and tea before the 8:30AM Service, setting up, and cleaning up after the Bible Class hour. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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 Swenson at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall.

ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

- *Portals of Prayer* for July—September
- 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.

2 Corinthians 12:10 – “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities.” Paul found contentment in Christ. To be content means to accept what the Lord gives us at any given time, knowing that it is from the hand of the Father who wants to bless us. Sometimes it's hard to see how things like hardships, calamities and insults will turn out for a blessing; but since Paul found contentment in Christ, and not in his own wisdom, he could be content through all hardships and calamities.



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; Emersynn Binz; Elfriede Bonfert; Paul Brase; Charlene Bruggemann-Wong; 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; 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.

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Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week	
Saturday, 5:00PM Service	
In Person	10
Sunday, 10:00AM Service	
In Person	56
On-Line	98
Sunday, 3:00PM Installation Service	
In Person	91
On-Line	275
Total	530
Communed Saturday	10
Communed Sunday	47
Wednesday Bible Class.....	8
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CALENDAR

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY (7/7)
 9:00AM Bible Class
 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
TUESDAY (7/9)
 8:30PM Adult Men's Basketball (35+)
WEDNESDAY (7/10)
 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class
SATURDAY (7/13)
 5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY (7/14)
 9:00AM Bible Class
 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
TUESDAY (7/16)
 8:30PM Adult Men's Basketball (35+)
WEDNESDAY (7/17)
 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class
SATURDAY (7/20)
 5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

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

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