

"NO ONE CAN  
COME TO ME  
UNLESS THE FATHER  
WHO SENT ME  
DRAWS THEM, AND

*I  
Will  
Raise  
them Up*

AT THE LAST  
DAY." JOHN  
6:44, NIV

West Portal Lutheran Church & School  
August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 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. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
<i>Liturgist &amp; Celebrant</i>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Assisting Elder</i>	<i>Robert Bok</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Sherise Lee, Sherilyn Jew</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Dick Bass, Stanley Tom,</i> <i>Philip Go, Chris Brase</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Gerda Beisel, Margaret Finley,</i> <i>Virginia Ferry, Rhonda Short</i>

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by **Principal Emerita Margaret Finley** in honor of the administration, faculty, staff, and students of West Portal Lutheran School as they enter the new school year. *Guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long.* Psalm 25:5

**AS WE GATHER**

Many grumbled when Jesus said, "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35). Perhaps we grumble as well. We are always looking for God to meet our expectations and to answer our needs as we see best. But we meet the Lord where He reveals Himself—from a manger that cradles the Son of God in flesh and blood to a cross on which the King dies to free His people from their sin, down to bread that promises His flesh and a cup, His blood. Where we will meet Him on the ground of faith, He will not leave us wanting. He will bestow upon us far more than we ask or dare to desire—the communion of His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins and as pledge of the eternal life to come. What a blessed mystery is given to us by faith.

## **“WE HAVE ETERNAL LIFE”**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

### **+ PREPARATION +**

**OPENING HYMN**

*By Grace I'm Saved*

*LSB 566*

- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;  
My soul, believe and doubt it not.  
Why stagger at this word of promise?  
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?  
No! Then this word must true remain:  
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;  
Our works and conduct have no worth.  
God in His love sent our Redeemer,  
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;  
His death did for our sins atone,  
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,  
Came down to earth to bear our sin.  
Was it because of your own merit  
That Jesus died your soul to win?  
No, it was grace, and grace alone,  
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;  
As long as God is true, it stands.  
What saints have penned by inspiration,  
What in His Word our God commands,  
Our faith in what our God has done  
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,  
In tribulation's furnace tried,  
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,  
The Father's heart is open wide.  
Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;  
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;  
For though I know my heart's condition,  
I also know my Savior's voice.  
My heart is glad, all grief has flown  
Since I am saved by grace alone.

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### INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints;

People: **those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

*Silence for self-examination*

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

People: **I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

INTROIT

**[P]** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

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

**[P]** Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!

**[C]** The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

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

**[P]** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

*LSB 812*

1 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.

2 "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"To be exalted thus!"  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
"For He was slain for us!"

3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and pow'r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

4 Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne  
And to adore the Lamb.

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## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Grant that Christ, the bread of life, may live in us and we in Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

*Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT**

**1 Kings 19:1-18**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE****Ephesians 4:17-5:2**

This I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. But that is not the way you learned Christ!— assuming that you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**VERSE**            *John 6:51a, b*

Pastor: Alleluia. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

**People: If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**John 6:35-51**

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

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

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me— not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*



**SERMON HYMN**

***Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor***

***LSB 534***

- 1 Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,  
First-begotten from the dead,  
You alone, our strong defender,  
Lifting up Your people's head.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus, true and living bread!  
Jesus, true and living bread!
- 2 Though the lowliest form now veil You  
As of old in Bethlehem,  
Here as there Your angels hail You,  
Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
We in worship join with them;  
We in worship join with them.
- 3 Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished  
Once for all when You were slain,  
In its fullness undiminished  
Shall forevermore remain,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;  
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.
- 4 Life-imparting heav'nly manna,  
Stricken rock with streaming side,  
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna  
Worship You, the Lamb who died,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!  
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!

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**SERMON**

**"We Have Eternal Life"**

**Text: John 6:35-51**

*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*

### **INSTALLATION & DEDICATION OF WPL CHURCH & SCHOOL FACULTY & STAFF**

*Stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Blessed Lord, once our fathers ate manna in the wilderness and died. Give us heaven's bread that by our communion of the body and blood of Jesus we may live forever. Nourish us upon Christ, our Lord, that we may be sustained in faith and delivered at last into Your presence on high forevermore.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Redeemer, Your compassion reigns over all our trouble. Grant us grace that we show forth Your care to those in need and sustain all who are afflicted, [*especially . . .*]. Keep them through the day of their trouble until at last You deliver them into Your perfect peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Mighty Lord, You manifest Your power over all things through the leaders in this and every land. By Your grace, make all those who serve us in government wise, just, and honest, and guide them toward the common good that we may serve You without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Gentle Savior, You came not to condemn but to heal and save. Grant to us hearts of mercy that we may forgive as we have been forgiven, and by our acts of mercy display Your great compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Good Shepherd, raise up good and faithful shepherds for Your people that the church may be blessed with passionate preaching and faithful teaching. Bless [*name*] presiding in Synod; [*name*], our district president; and [*name*], our pastor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Merciful Lord, give guidance and counsel to those unemployed and underemployed, that they may be equipped to supply the bread of the day to their families and share with the hungry from their abundance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Blessed Father, in our wounds, You are wounded. Be with those who suffer any burden of the body or mind, and deliver them from all their sufferings according to Your mercy, [*especially . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Heavenly Father, prepare the hearts of Your people that we who come at our Lord's bidding may receive in this communion His flesh and blood for our good and that no sin may remain to condemn us. Forgive us, O Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty God, You have not withheld from us anything  
needful for this body and life. Help us now to trust in You  
for answer to our prayers, and give to us such confidence in  
Your fatherly wisdom that we may be content and at peace  
with Your answer; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.  
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, Children Band & Parents**      *Christ Is This Place*  
**Piano Accompanist: Olivia Tan**

*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.

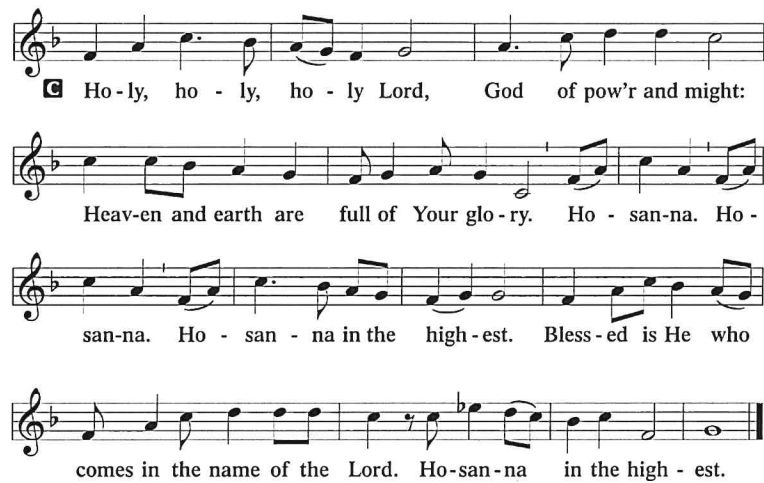
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty  
Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by  
taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto  
death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has  
freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS



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

**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."

## LORD'S PRAYER

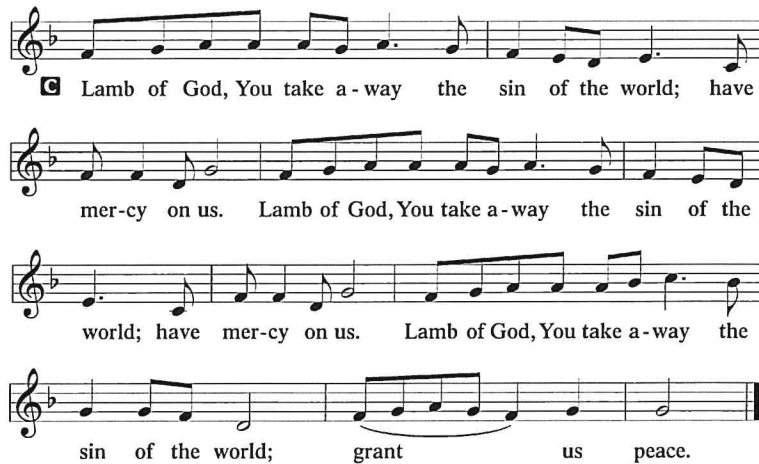
Pastor: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine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



☐ 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.

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won*

*LSB 490*

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!

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*Stand*

#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. Grant that Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

**People: Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

*Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

*LSB 548*

1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened paradise!



None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

- 2 Thou hast died for my transgression,  
All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation,  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.
- 3 For the joy Thine advent gave me,  
For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy Baptism, which doth save me,  
For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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We extend our deepest sympathy  
to the family and friends of Rich  
Hesselroth whom the Lord has  
called to His side this past week.

## 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@wplsfc.com](mailto:pastorcbinz@wplsfc.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.

ORDINATION  
ANNIVERSARY

August 17, 2014 is the date of Pastor Jacob Swenson's ordination into the public ministry. Please join us after the 10:00 AM Worship Service next Sunday, August 18th in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the ordination of Pastor Jacob Swenson. Praise God!



This morning we will install and dedicate our West Portal Lutheran School Faculty and Staff. All public and private school teachers are included for a special prayer as they too begin the new school year.

<b>Principal</b>	Sherise Lee
<b>Assistant to the Principal- Teaching, Learning, Curriculum</b>	Sherilyn Jew
<b>Accountant</b>	Howard Scully
<b>School Secretary-Sloat</b>	Carole Leung
<b>School Secretary-Sunset</b>	Yoshie Chan
Megumi Amano	Iris Hsu
Andrew Bailey	Caroline Husak
Christina Bamrud	Janet Lee
Pastor Curtis Binz	Yulia Lesmana
Judy Cairo	Vernice Louie
George Cardiel	Andrew Middleton
Cynthia Chan	Sharon Owyang-Lee
David Chang	Mark Pacis
Ki Choi	Beatrice Priest
Karmina Corpus	Tiffany Proehl
Jordan Coss	Jackie Rogers
Nina Davis	Yadira Romero
Tim Dwight	Brittany Soy
Margaret Finley	Pastor Jacob Swenson
Denise Fong	Jason Tom
Florence Fong	Cybele Willis
Hannah Fox	Nicholas Wong
Cara Hanks	Susan Yee



Praise God for the installation of our WPL School Faculty and Staff. *Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!* Psalm 113-1-3

**Vision Statement**

*Students at West Portal Lutheran School will be transformed by the gospel and confident in their God-given design for a purposeful life of learning, service, and leadership for the glory of God in our community and beyond.*

**Mission Statement**

*West Portal Lutheran School is dedicated to educating and nurturing students as a whole in their faith and character development, social-emotional growth, and academic excellence in a Christ-centered environment.*

**Transformative Learning. Purposeful Living.**



**Pray for and encourage these Church and School Servants:**

**CHURCH & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION**

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	The Rev. Curtis Binz	<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	May Luu
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	The Rev. Jacob Swenson	<b>Church Office Secretary</b>	Angie Holt
<b>Principal</b>	Sherise Lee	<b>Music Director</b>	Amy Kao
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<b>Accountant</b>	Howard Scully	<b>School Secretary-Sunset</b>	Yoshie Chan

**2024-2025 CHURCH COUNCIL**

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<b>Financial Secretary</b>	Terry Hesselroth
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<b>Parish Education</b>	Vacant
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<b>Youth Committee</b>	Vacant
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<b>Christian Service</b>	Grace Man
<b>Missions</b>	David Garrett



**LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD** for those who are ill, home-bound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Vincent & Brigitta Ammann, Beatrice Priest's parents; 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; Kenny Hioe, Julia Tom's brother-in-law; Ted Jones; Carolyn Landgrebe, Margaret Finley's twin; Eliza Latimore; 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.

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK:

**SUNDAY (8/11)**

9:00AM Bible Class

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
Installation & Dedication of  
WPL Church & School Faculty  
& Staff

11:30AM Choir Practice

**TUESDAY (8/13)**

8:30PM Adult Men's Basketball (35+)

**WEDNESDAY (8/14)**

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

**SATURDAY (8/17)**

5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

### NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY (8/18)**

9:00AM Bible Class

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper;  
11:15AM Ordination Anniversary  
Celebration

11:30AM Choir Practice

**TUESDAY (8/20)**

8:30PM Men's Basketball (35+)

**WEDNESDAY (8/21)**

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

**SATURDAY (8/24)**

5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

**Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week**

Saturday, 5:00PM Service

In Person .....13

Sunday, 10:00AM Service

In Person .....76

On-Line .....123

**Total .....212**

Communed Saturday .....11

Communed Sunday .....56

Wednesday Bible Class.....6

Sunday Bible Class .....20

**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.



**Ephesians 4:28 – “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”** God gives us honest work to do so that we can be a blessing to others. That’s how so many of God’s blessings go: He gives to us so that we in turn can be a blessing to others. He graciously calls us into the midst of His own work in the world.

**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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8/11/24  
10:00AM