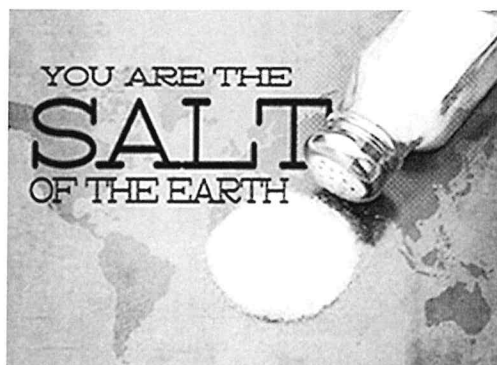


Michael
and his angels
fighting against
the dragon

Revelation 12:7

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 29, 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>Lector</i>	<i>Bill Luebkmann</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Tom Wedergren, Steve Wood, Alex Lew, Robert Bok</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Rebecca Chan, Darlene Hartman, Ernestine Gutter, Judy Law</i>

Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, page 151

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905

- 1 Come, Thou almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise;
Father all-glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.
- 2 Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and Thy people bless,
And give Thy Word success,
And let Thy righteousness
On us descend.
- 3 Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.
- 4 To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

- P** Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
C Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD,

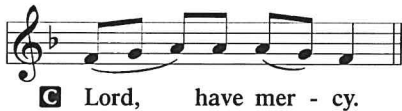
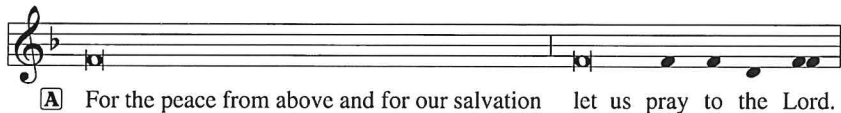
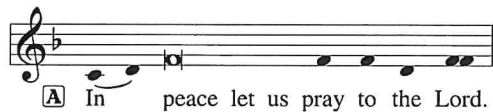
P who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!
C Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

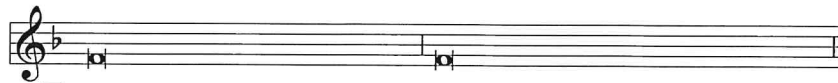
P Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
C For the LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants.

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 Your name, O LORD, endures forever, your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

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.

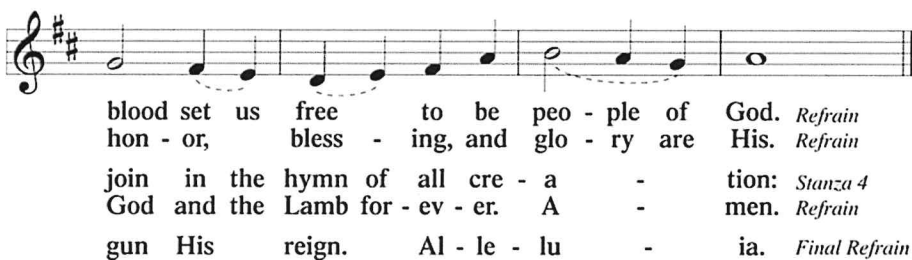
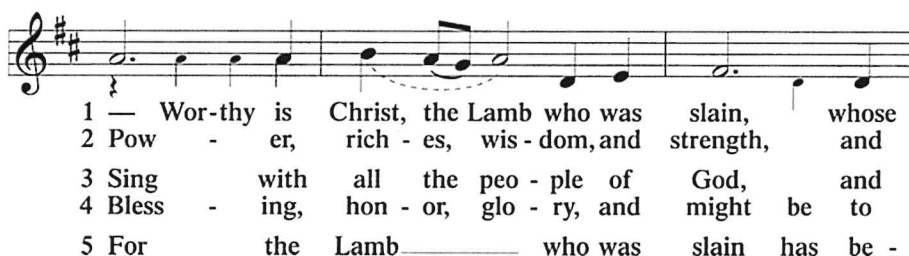


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke

to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

James 5:13-20

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38–50

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

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. For the one who is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness

LSB 738

- 1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- 4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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SERMON

“Salt of the Earth” Text: Mark 9:38-50

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.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS

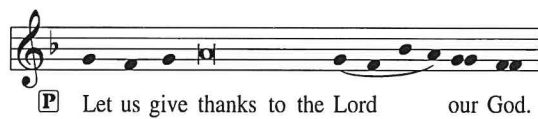
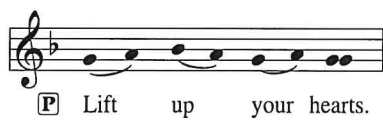
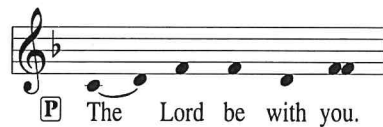
MUSICAL OFFERING

CHOIR *Let All the People Praise Thee*

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

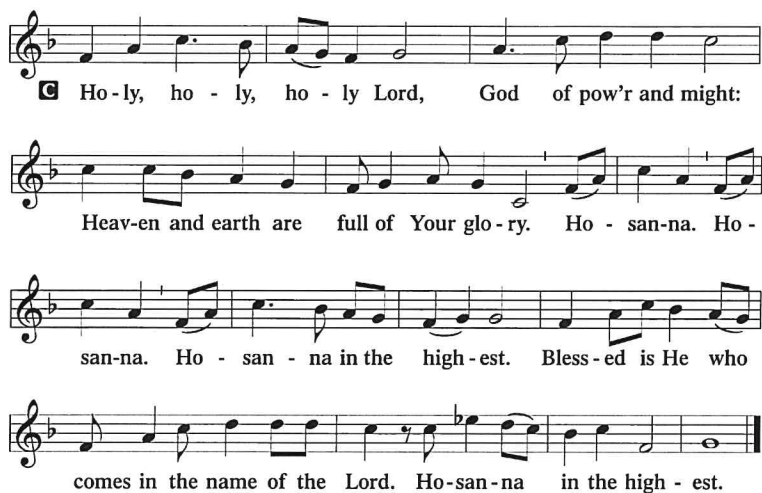
PREFACE



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.

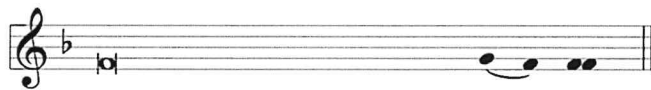
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

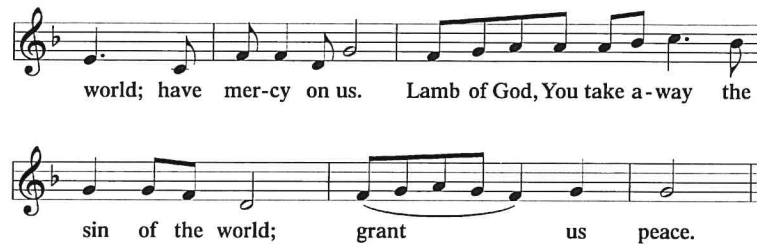
AGNUS DEI



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



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.
- 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

Your Table I Approach

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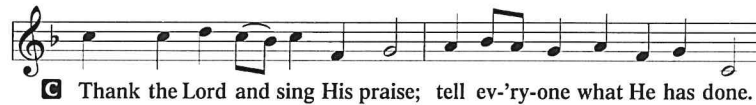
- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

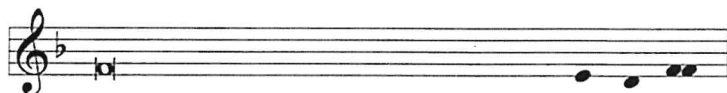


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray . . . 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.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Your 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—October 6, 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 **October 6, 2024 after the 10:00AM Service**. Information Packets are available on the table in the Narthex starting September 28, 2024. We encourage you to attend this meeting.

PARISH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study
In-Person and On-Line**

Pastor Swenson 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 Swenson, pastorswenson@wplsfc.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 Sunday School - Led by Edward & Rebecca Chan at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Library.

ON THE TABLE IN THE NARTHEX:

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

Mark 9:45 – “And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.” So what is causing us to sin? Lust? Greed? Fear? Better to cut it off! We need the Lord’s help to do this — and you are in the right place this Lord’s Day to receive that help through Word and Sacrament!

Memorial Service



William J. Mason

April 11, 1926—July 15, 2024

Service will be held on

Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 10:30 AM

West Portal Lutheran Church

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**In lieu of Flowers, donation can be made to
Landing Craft Support Museum
C/O Bonnie A. Steenbergen, Treasurer
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**WPL Church Parking Lot
Sunday, October 27, 4:00—6:00 PM**

The school children of West Portal Lutheran will meet in the church parking lot for a safe Halloween gathering. If you cannot attend, you can help by bringing wrapped candies to the church office to give to the children.



REFORMATION BANNER

During the month of October and in preparation for Reformation Sunday, we will display our Reformation banner which features the Luther Seal. Each component and color of the seal has a specific meaning:

- The black cross reminds us we are saved from sin because Jesus died on the cross.
- The red heart reminds us we live because Jesus shed His blood for us. Our faith in Him has saved us.
- The white rose reminds us that our faith gives us joy, comfort, and peace. White is to remind us that this is peace like the angels enjoy.
- The blue background reminds us of the sky and the hope that we will one day meet Jesus in heaven.
- The gold circle is precious; it reminds us of heaven's endless joy. A circle is an endless shape.



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; Mary Jo Fischl; Jimmy Fong, Evelyn Fong's father; Karen Goeglien, Bob Bok's cousin; Kenny Hioe, Julia Tom's brother-in-law; Ted Jones; 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 (9/29)

- 9:00AM Adult Bible Class
- 9:00AM Children Sunday School
- 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
- 11:30AM Elders Meeting
- 11:30AM Altar Guild Meeting
- 11:30AM Choir Practice

MONDAY (9/30)

- 6:30PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY (10/1)

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

WEDNESDAY (10/2)

- 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

THURSDAY (10/3)

- 3:30PM Confirmation Class

SATURDAY (10/5)

- 10:00AM Quilt Class
- 5:00PM *Partners in Faith Worship*

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY (10/6)

- 9:00AM Adult Bible Class
- 9:00AM Children Sunday School
- 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
- 11:15AM Voters' Assembly
- 12:15AM Church Council Meeting
- 12:15AM Choir Practice

MONDAY (10/7)

- 6:30PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY (10/8)

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

WEDNESDAY (10/9)

- 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

THURSDAY (10/10)

- 3:30PM Confirmation Class

7:00PM Boy Scouts

SATURDAY (10/12)

- 10:30AM Bill Mason's Memorial Service
- 5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

**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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Music Director

Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Saturday, 5:00PM Service

In Person 62

Sunday, 10:00AM Service

In Person 87

On-Line 149

Total 298

Communed Sunday 55

Wednesday Bible Class..... 14

Sunday Bible Class..... 10

Our Stewardship of Treasure

	Last Month	Fiscal Year-to-Date
Actual Contributions	22,124	46,141
Actual Other Income	21,959	47,614
Actual Total Income	<u>44,083</u>	<u>93,755</u>
Budgeted Total Income	46,616	93,029
Actual Expenses	53,265	114,726
Budgeted Expenses	48,857	115,016

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