



Reformation Sunday

**October 27, 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>Ron Soper</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<i>Crucifer & Acolyte</i>	<i>Maxime Greenstone</i>
<i>Lector</i>	<i>Judy Cairo (7A Teacher)</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Tom Wedergren, Steve Wood, Alex Lew, Robert Bok</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Virginia Ferry, Angie Holt, Carol Slettvedt, Jing Li</i>

Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, page 151

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 657

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might
He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might.
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand;
They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

- 4 God's Word forever shall abide,
No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side
With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away,
They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom's ours forever!

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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.

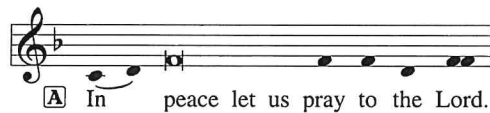
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

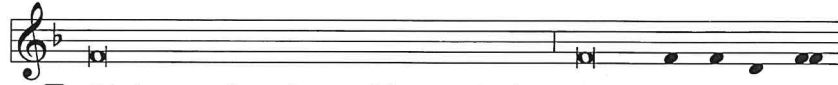
SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.
- C** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- P** My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
- C** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- P** The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
- 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** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.

KYRIE





A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



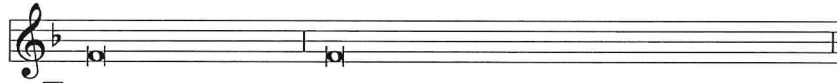
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



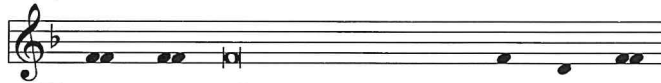
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

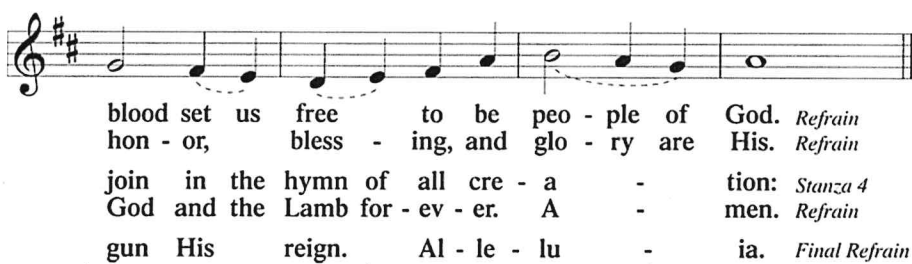
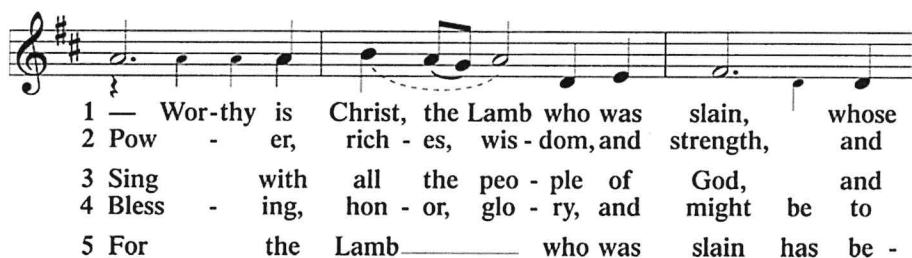


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



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. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

John 8:31-36

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Eighth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON HYMN *Thy Strong Word*

LSB 578

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
At Thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank Thee,
While Thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation,
Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 3 Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;
Bright with Thine own holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory,
And our lives our hopes confess.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!
- 4 From the cross Thy wisdom shining
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth
All Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia without end!

- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

Stand

- 6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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SERMON **“The Good Fight of Faith”**
 Text: Romans 3:19-28

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

Flute Duet: Samantha Lau (7A), Jeremiah Tan (7A)

Grade 7A & Choir Sing *Reformation Hymn*
Piano Accompanist: Olivia Tan

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE





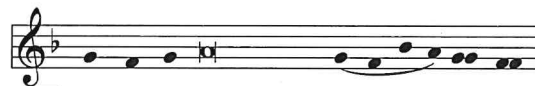
C And al - so with you.



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.

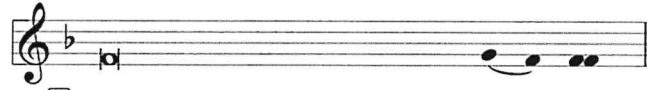
THE LORD'S PRAYER

- 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 $\cdot\bar{\iota}\cdot$ 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 $\cdot\bar{\iota}\cdot$ 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.



A A - men.

AGNUS DEI



A 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.

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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

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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Stand

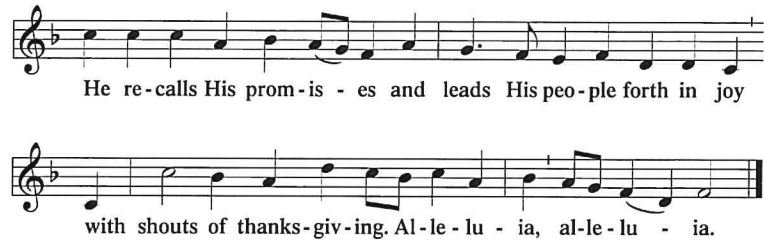
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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.

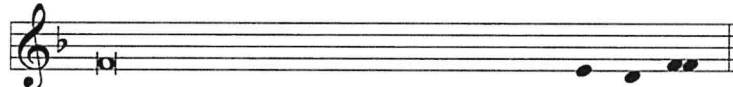


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

[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.



CLOSING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

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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.





Our Stewardship Emphasis for 2025 starts next week. Communicant members shall receive in the weeks ahead Stewardship letters regarding how we use our Time, Talents and Treasure here at West Portal Lutheran Church. After due consideration please complete your written commitments which we will collect Sunday, November 24. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



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.

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

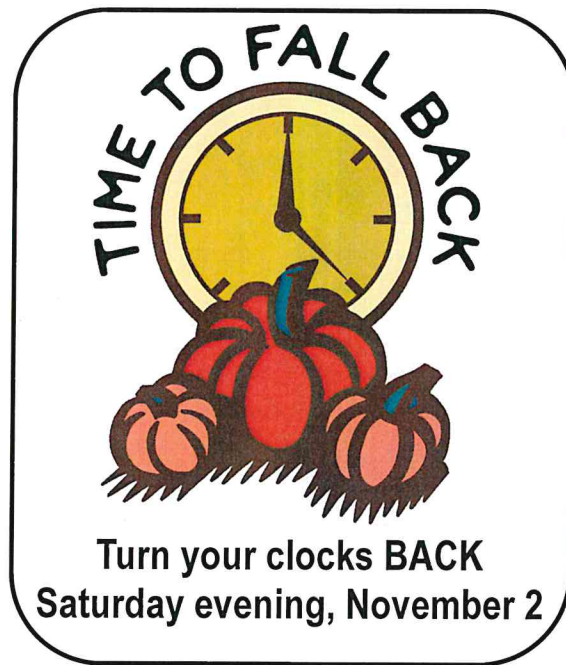
Please help yourself to any or all of the above listed items.

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.

Romans 3:20 – “For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.” The Law of God is good — it’s just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God’s holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Pastor Binz and Pastor Swenson will attend the English District Western Region Professional Church Workers' Conference on October 28-29, 2024, in Mesa, Arizona. Please remember them in prayers.



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.

Our Stewardship of Treasure

	Last Month	Fiscal Year-to-Date
Actual Contributions	27,761	73,902
Actual Other Income	34,802	82,416
Actual Total Income	<u>62,563</u>	<u>156,318</u>
Budgeted Total Income	50,059	143,088
Actual Expenses	47,620	162,346
Budgeted Expenses	46,039	161,055

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK

REFORMATION SUNDAY (10/27)

- 9:00AM Adult Bible Class
- 9:00AM Children Sunday School
- 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
- 11:15AM Choir Practice

MONDAY (10/28)

- 6:30PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY (10/29)

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

WEDNESDAY (10/30)

- 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

THURSDAY (10/31)

- 3:30PM Confirmation Class

SATURDAY (11/2)

- 10:00AM Quilt Class
 - 5:00PM *Partners in Faith Worship*
- Daylight Saving Time ends tonight;
turn your clocks BACK.*

NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY (11/3)

- 9:00AM Adult Bible Class
- 9:00AM Children Sunday School
- 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper;
- 11:15AM Choir Practice
- 11:30AM Church Council Meeting

MONDAY (11/4)

- 6:30PM Girl Scouts

TUESDAY (11/5)

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

WEDNESDAY (11/6)

- 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

THURSDAY (11/7)

- 3:30PM Confirmation Class

- 7:00PM Boy Scouts

SATURDAY (11/9)

- 5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Saturday, 5:00PM Service

In Person..... 91

Sunday, 10:00AM Service

In Person..... 113

On-Line..... 46

Total..... 250


Communed Sunday 64

Wednesday Bible Class 11

Sunday Bible Class..... 12



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; Ruth Stresow; Marilyn Tom, Stanley Tom's sister-in-law; Lisa Westermann; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.


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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Teaching, Learning, Curriculum*

Ms. Amy Kao
Music Director

10/27/24
10:00AM