



The people
whom I formed for Myself

Isaiah 43:21



Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 6, 2025
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

Preacher	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
Liturgist & Celebrant	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
Assisting Elder	<i>Alex Lew</i>
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Lectors	<i>Beverly Dye, Terry Hesselroth</i>
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Altar Guild	<i>Darlene Hartman, Ernestine Gutter, Carol Slettvedt</i>

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN

Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

LSB 782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
 New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise. ***Refrain***

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your people
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
Through the sharing of Your blessings
 May bring glory to Your name.

- 2 By Your Word You formed creation
 Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
 May our care encircle all. ***Refrain***
- 3 In His earthly life, our Savior
 Knew the care of faithful friends;
May our deeds of dedication
 Offer love that never ends. ***Refrain***
- 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
 Bear the imprint of Your grace;
With the Son and Holy Spirit,
 Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! ***Refrain***

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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 \ddagger 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 \ddagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

P Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

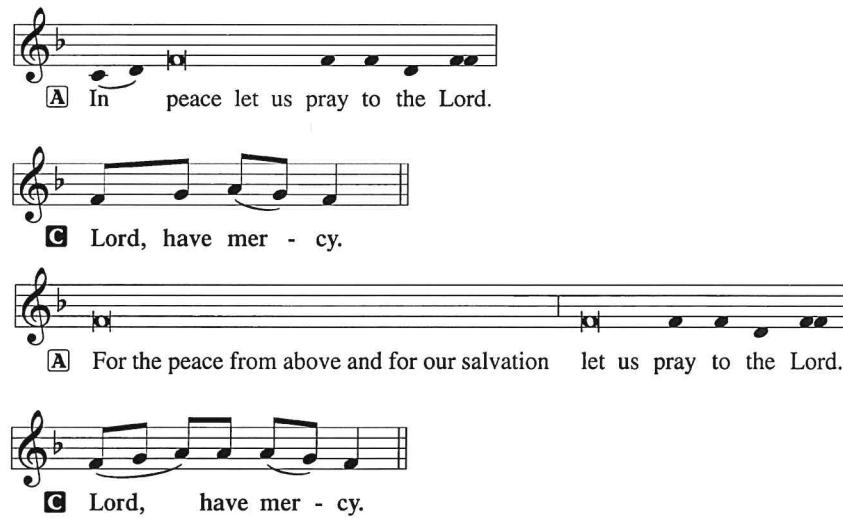
C But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

P I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill.
C I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

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 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people!

KYRIE

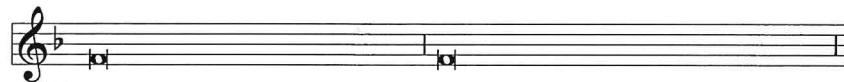


A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



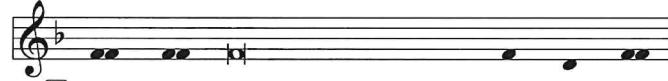
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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

Isaiah 43:16–21

Thus says the LORD,
 who makes a way in the sea,
 a path in the mighty waters,
 who brings forth chariot and horse,
 army and warrior;
 they lie down, they cannot rise,
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
“Remember not the former things,
 nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
 and rivers in the desert.
The wild beasts will honor me,
 the jackals and the ostriches,
 for I give water in the wilderness,
 rivers in the desert,
 to give drink to my chosen people,
 the people whom I formed for myself
 that they might declare my praise.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE**Philippians 3:4b–14**

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

HOLY GOSPEL**Luke 20:9–20**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

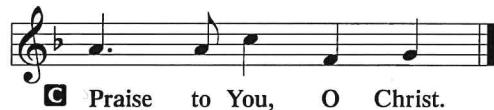
[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?

Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON HYMN

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430, Sts. 1-5

- 1 My song is love unknown,
 My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
 That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
 That for my sake
 My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?
- 2 He came from His blest throne
 Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
 The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
 My friend indeed,
 Who at my need
His life did spend!
- 3 Sometimes they strew His way
 And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
 Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
 Is all their breath,
 And for His death
They thirst and cry.
- 4 Why, what hath my Lord done?
 What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
 He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
 Yet they at these
 Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

5 They rise and needs will have
 My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
 The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
 To suff'ring goes
 That He His foes
From thence might free.

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SERMON **“The Cornerstone of Salvation”**
Text: Luke 20:9-20

Stand

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C Hear our prayer.

Sit

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

Piano Solo: *Derian Lau (8A)*
8A sings *I offer my Life*

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, and a dotted sixteenth note.

P The Lord be with you.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, and a dotted sixteenth note.

C And also with you.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, and a dotted sixteenth note.

P Lift up your hearts.

A musical staff in G clef and common time. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note, a dotted eighth note, and a dotted sixteenth note.

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 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, sharing Your eternal splendor, was presented on this day in Your temple in the substance of our human flesh and revealed by the Spirit as the glory of Israel and the light of all peoples. 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

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 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 $\text{\textt{T}}$ 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 $\text{\textt{T}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

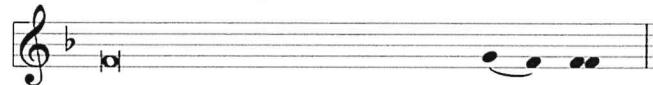
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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.
- The consecrated wine may be received by common cup (the chalice) or individual chalices. **Non-alcoholic wine is provided in the chalices in the inner circle of the tray for those who are unable to consume alcohol.**
- 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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

LSB 576

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

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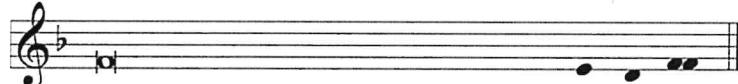
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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and \ddagger give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Christ, the Life of All the Living

LSB 420, Sts. 1-4

- 1 Christ, the life of all the living,
Christ, the death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe:
Through Thy suff'rings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;

Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
O Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

- 3 Thou hast borne the smiting only
 That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
 Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
 Blessing unto me securing.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
- 4 Heartless scoffers did surround Thee,
 Treating Thee with shameful scorn
And with piercing thorns they crowned Thee.
 All disgrace Thou, Lord, hast borne,
That as Thine Thou mightest own me
 And with heav'ly glory crown me.
 Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
 Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

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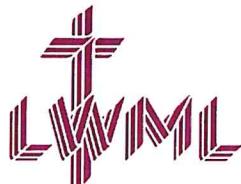
ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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On Saturday, April 12, Deaconess Faith Swenson will be presenting on the role of Deaconess in the LCMS church at the Lutheran Women's Missionary League rally at Grace Lutheran Church, 2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo.

Rally starts at 9:30 a.m. Registration is \$15.
Bring your own lunch, dessert is provided.
Free will Love Gift Offering to support West Portal Lutheran School.
For more information, contact Deaconess Faith Swenson at 218-329-8515.

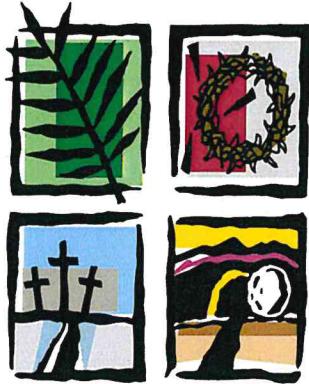
Lenten Midweek Service continues on Wednesday

This year's Lenten emphasis is to look at our lives in view of God's amazing grace toward us through the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. Our six Midweek Lenten Services began on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 8:30AM and 7:00PM.

We invite you to join us at the following Wednesday service at 7PM as we continue with the Lenten theme: "The Hand of the Lord".



Lenten Midweek 5, April 9, 7PM
"The Hand of the Lord Who Holds All Things"



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Services		April 13
10:00AM	Worship-Lord's Supper	
Maundy Thursday		April 17
7:00PM	Worship-Lord's Supper	
Good Friday		April 18
8:30AM	Sunset Campus Chapel	
11:15AM	Sloat Campus Chapel	
7:00PM	Tenebrae Service	
Holy Saturday		April 19
7:00PM	Easter Vigil	
Easter Sunday		April 20
10:00AM	Worship-Lord's Supper	
	Easter Brunch following Worship Service	
	Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn following the Brunch	

**Everyone is welcome to attend all Services
and to join us at the Easter Brunch.**

If attending the Easter Brunch and/or Egg Hunt, please kindly RSVP by Sunday, **April 6th** with the names and number of adults & children attending to Helen Bok by text or voicemail at 415-307-1536.

*(Each child should bring his/her own personal Easter Basket.)
For more information, please contact the Church Office at
415-661-0242*

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 20



The Easter Service with Lord's Supper at 10:00 AM.

The Easter Brunch following the Easter Service.

The Easter Egg Hunt will follow after Easter Brunch. It will be located on the Church lawn featuring our special guest, "The Easter Bunny" for children ages up to 10 years old.

Please RSVP for Brunch or Egg Hunt (or both) as early as possible but no later than **Sunday, April 6th** with the names and number of adults & children attending to Helen Bok by text or voicemail at 415-307-1536.

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LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD for those who are ill, home-bound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Elfriede Bonfert; 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; Eliza Latimore; Sigrid Rogge; Ruth Stresow; Marilyn Tom, Stanley Tom's sister-in-law; Annalise Traub, Peter Traub's daughter; Nancy Tso; Lisa Westermann; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.



Easter Flowers

Portal Lutheran Church.

As we look forward to the celebration of Easter, the Altar Guild is again planning to have special floral arrangements around the Altar area. If you would like to help by donating to the flower fund, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office by **Sunday, April 13**. The suggested minimum donation is \$15.00. Please make the check payable to Altar Guild—West

Name of person(s) donating flowers

Name of person(s) honored or remembered.

If you have any Calla Lilies growing in your garden and would like to share some with us, please bring them Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. There will be containers in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY (4/6)	SUNDAY (4/13) PALM SUNDAY
9:00AM Adult Bible Class	9:00AM Adult Bible Class
9:00AM Children Sunday School	9:00AM Children Sunday School
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper	10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
11:15AM Choir Practice	11:15AM Choir Practice
11:30AM Church Council Meeting	
MONDAY (4/7)	WEDNESDAY (4/16)
6:30PM Girl Scouts	11:00AM Midweek Bible Class
WEDNESDAY (4/9)	MAUNDY THURSDAY (4/17)
11:00AM Midweek Bible Class	3:30PM Confirmation Class
7:00PM Midweek Lenten Service	7:00PM Maundy Thursday Service-Lord's Supper
THURSDAY (4/10)	GOOD FRIDAY (4/18)
3:30PM Confirmation Class	8:30AM Good Friday Service/Sunset
SATURDAY (4/12)	Campus Chapel
5:00PM <i>Partners in Faith Worshiper</i>	11:00AM Good Friday Service/Sloat
	Campus Chapel
	School—Early Dismissal
	7:00PM Good Friday Tenebrae Service
	HOLY SATURDAY (4/19)
	7:00PM Easter Vigil Service

Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Ash Wednesday, 7:00 PM

In Person.....22

On-Line.....80

Saturday, 5:00PM Service

In Person.....81

Sunday, 10:00AM Service

In Person.....118

On-Line.....110

Total.....411

Communed Sunday54

Sunday Bible Class15

Wednesday Bible Class10

West Portal Lutheran
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Worship Services
Saturday, 5:00PM
Sunday, 10:00AM

Bible Classes
Wednesday, 11:00AM
Sunday, 9:00AM

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4/6/25
10:00AM