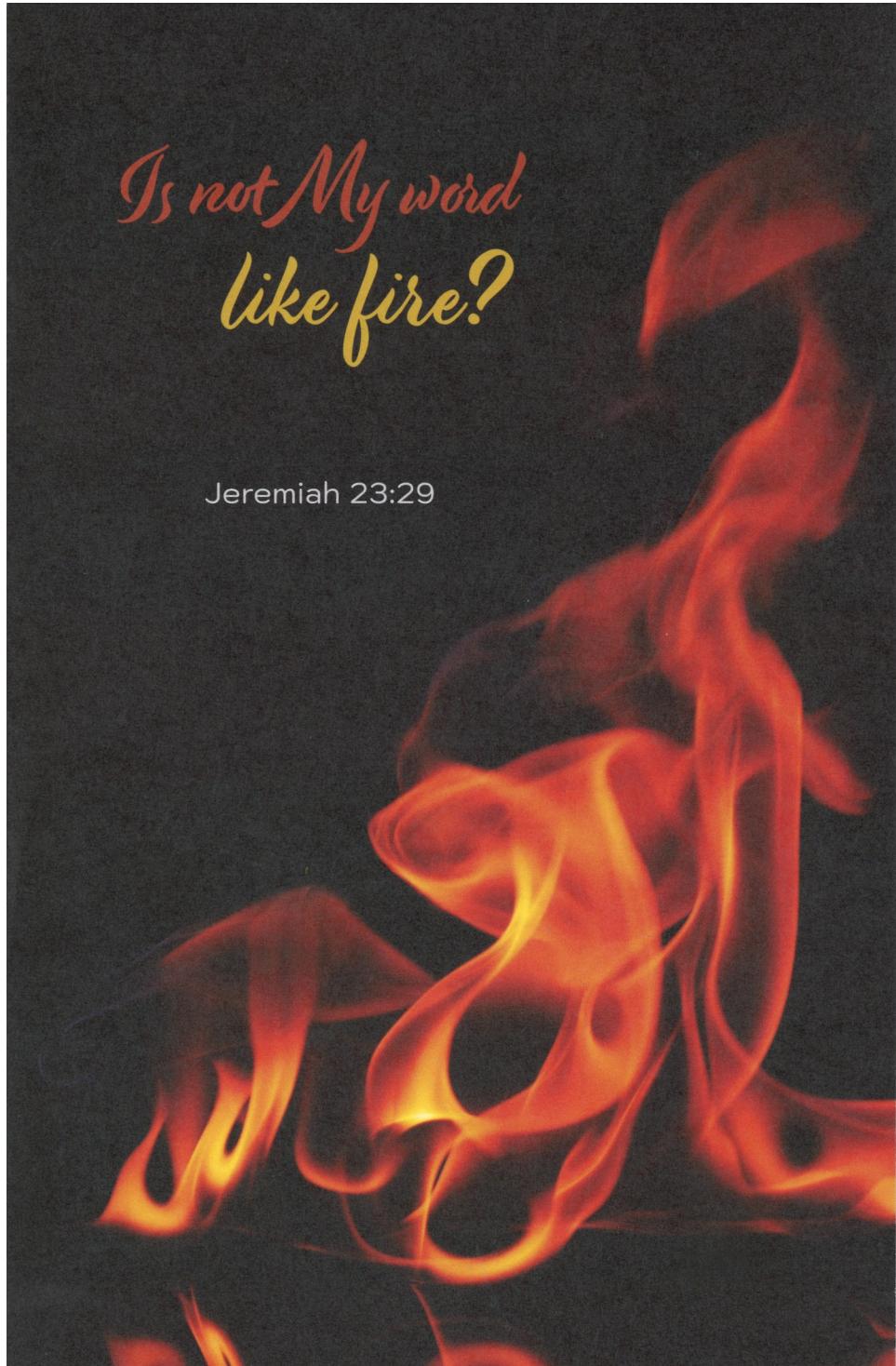


*Is not My word  
like fire?*

Jeremiah 23:29



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 17, 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**

<b>Preacher</b>	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
<b>Liturgist &amp; Celebrant</b>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<b>Assisting Elder</b>	<i>Ping-Yee Law</i>
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<b>Lectors</b>	<i>Renate Otterbach, Antonella Demartini</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Tom Wedergren, Steve Wood, Alex Lew, Robert Bok</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Rebecca Chan, Rhonda Short, Virginia Ferry</i>

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by **Ray & Kathy Holstead** celebrating the first birthday of their granddaughter Harlow DeeDee Holstead on 8/20. *The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.* Numbers 6:24-26

***Divine Service, Setting Four***  
***Lutheran Service Book, page 203***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN**

***Evening and Morning***

***LSB 726***

- 1 Evening and morning,  
Sunset and dawning,  
    Wealth, peace, and gladness,  
    Comfort in sadness:  
These are Thy works; all the glory be Thine!  
Times without number,  
Awake or in slumber,  
    Thine eye observes us,  
    From danger preserves us,  
Causing Thy mercy upon us to shine.
  
- 2 Father, O hear me,  
Pardon and spare me;  
    Calm all my terrors,  
    Blot out my errors  
That by Thine eyes they may no more be scanned.  
Order my goings,  
Direct all my doings;  
    As it may please Thee,  
    Retain or release me;  
All I commit to Thy fatherly hand.
  
- 3 Ills that still grieve me  
Soon are to leave me;  
    Though billows tower,  
    And winds gain power,  
After the storm the fair sun shows its face.  
Joys e'er increasing  
And peace never ceasing:  
    These shall I treasure  
    And share in full measure  
When in His mansions God grants me a place.

4 To God in heaven  
All praise be given!  
    Come, let us offer  
    And gladly proffer  
To the Creator the gifts He doth prize.  
He well receiveth  
    A heart that believeth;  
    Hymns that adore Him  
    Are precious before Him  
And to His throne like sweet incense arise.

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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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.  
**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 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.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

**P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

**P** Give ear to my prayer, O God, and hide not yourself from my plea for mercy!

**C** **For it is not an enemy who taunts me—then I could bear it; it is not an adversary who deals insolently with me—then I could hide from him.**

**P** But it is you, a man, my equal, my companion, my familiar friend.

**C** **We used to take sweet counsel together; within God's house we walked in the throng.**

**P** But I call to God, and the LORD will save me.

**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.**

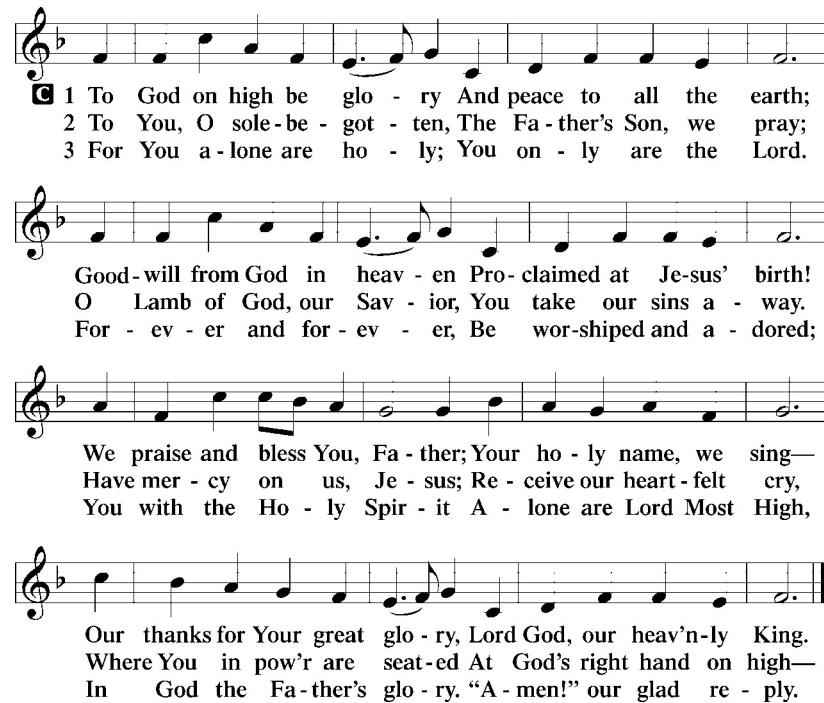
**P** Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

### KYRIE



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

**P** Let us pray.  
Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same 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****Jeremiah 23:16–29**

Thus says the LORD of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’”

For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD  
to see and to hear his word,  
or who has paid attention to his word and listened?

Behold, the storm of the LORD!

Wrath has gone forth,  
a whirling tempest;  
it will burst upon the head of the wicked.

The anger of the LORD will not turn back  
until he has executed and accomplished  
the intents of his heart.

In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

“I did not send the prophets,

yet they ran;

I did not speak to them,

yet they prophesied.

But if they had stood in my council,

then they would have proclaimed my words to my people,  
and they would have turned them from their evil way,  
and from the evil of their deeds.

“Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?”

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

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

**Hebrews 11:17-12:3**

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received

back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

#### ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL****Luke 12:49–56**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON HYMN**

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

**LSB 655**

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;  
Curb those who by deceit or sword  
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son  
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,  
For You are Lord of lords alone;  
Defend Your holy Church that we  
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
Send peace and unity on earth;  
Support us in our final strife  
And lead us out of death to life.

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**SERMON      “Division and Peace”**  
**Text: Luke 12:49-56**

*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 OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Choir:**      *At the Table of the Lord*

*Stand*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

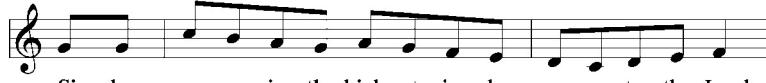
### SANCTUS



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.
- We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.
- Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

- 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

- 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."

## PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI



1 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a-way;  
You take the sin of the world a-way;  
O Je-sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer-cy on us, Je-sus  
Have mer-cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide*

**LSB 585**

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide.  
O let Your Word, that saving light,  
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That we keep pure till life is spent  
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold  
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold  
To shine Your Word of saving grace  
Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard,  
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,  
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,  
Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride  
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside  
Or with some man-made thoughts or things  
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;  
Preserve our faith our whole life through—  
Your Word alone our heart's defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.

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### *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

**LSB 515**

- 1 Rejoice, rejoice, believers,  
And let your lights appear;  
The evening is advancing,  
And darker night is near.  
The Bridegroom is arising  
And soon is drawing nigh.  
Up, pray and watch and wrestle;  
At midnight comes the cry.

- 2 The watchers on the mountain  
    Proclaim the Bridegroom near;  
Go forth as He approaches  
    With alleluias clear.  
The marriage feast is waiting;  
    The gates wide open stand.  
Arise, O heirs of glory;  
    The Bridegroom is at hand.
- 3 The saints, who here in patience  
    Their cross and suff'rings bore,  
Shall live and reign forever  
    When sorrow is no more.  
Around the throne of glory  
    The Lamb they shall behold;  
In triumph cast before Him  
    Their diadems of gold.
- 4 Our hope and expectation,  
    O Jesus, now appear;  
Arise, O Sun so longed for,  
    O'er this benighted sphere.  
With hearts and hands uplifted,  
    We plead, O Lord, to see  
The day of earth's redemption  
    That sets Your people free!

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*Stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your servant De -  
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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

**C** Amen.

### BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**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** Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN *Preserve Your Word, O Savior* LSB 658

1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior,  
    To us this latter day,  
    And let Your kingdom flourish;  
    Enlarge Your Church, we pray.  
O keep our faith from failing;  
    Keep hope's bright star aglow.  
Let nothing from truth turn us  
    While living here below.

2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor,  
    The bold blasphemer smite;  
    Convince, convert, enlighten  
    The souls in error's night.  
Reveal Your will, dear Savior,  
    To all who dwell below,  
    Great light of all the living,  
    That all Your name may know.

3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion,  
    Bought dearly with Your blood;  
    Protect what You have chosen  
    Against the hellish flood.  
Be always our defender  
    When dangers gather round;

When all the earth is crumbling,  
Safe may Your Church be found.

- 4 Preserve Your Word and preaching,  
The truth that makes us whole,  
The mirror of Your glory,  
The pow'r that saves the soul.  
Oh, may this living water,  
This dew of heav'nly grace,  
Sustain us while here living  
Until we see Your face.
  
- 5 Preserve in wave and tempest  
Your storm-tossed little flock;  
Assailed by wind and weather,  
May it endure each shock.  
Stand at the helm, our pilot,  
And set the course aright;  
Then we will reach the harbor  
In Your eternal light.

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*Sit*

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## POSTLUDE

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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; Gilbert Mogyorossy; Sigrid Rogge; Ruth Stresow; Ray Toloski; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY (8/17)**  
9:00AM Bible Class  
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
11:45AM Choir Practice  
**WEDNESDAY (8/20)**  
11:00AM Midweek Bible Class  
**SATURDAY (8/23)**  
5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

### NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY (8/24)**  
9:00AM Bible Class  
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
11:30AM Altar Guild Meeting  
11:30AM Choir Practice  
**WEDNESDAY (8/27)**  
11:00AM Midweek Bible Class  
**SATURDAY (8/30)**  
5:00pm Worship-Lord's Supper

### Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Saturday, 5:00PM Service	
In Person.....	35
Sunday, 10:00AM Service	
In Person.....	113
On-Line.....	101
Total.....	249
Communed Sunday .....	54
Sunday Bible Class .....	18



# NOONTIME CONCERT: WEST PORTAL LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

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Sunday, September 7, 2025, 12:00 pm  
West Portal Lutheran Church Sanctuary  
200 Sloat Blvd., San Francisco, CA 94132

Please join us for Sunday worship service at 10:00 am and a light reception at 11:15 am in Fellowship Hall before the concert.

PERFORMERS:  
AMY KAO, HARPSICHORD  
YI-HSUAN (ETHAN) LIN, VIOLIN  
CHRIS YOUNG, CELLO  
WPLC CHOIR  
WPLCS STUDENT CHOIR

**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@wplsf.com](mailto:pastorcbinz@wplsf.com) so that he can provide you with the link for joining the class.

**Sundays, 9:00AM**

**Bible Study** - Led by Pastor Swenson at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall. Led by Pastor Binz at 9:00 a.m. in the upper conference room on "How to Study the Bible" using the book by Rev. Dr. James Voelz, "Principles of Biblical Interpretation for Everyone".

**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.

**Luke 12:51 – “Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”** Jesus has come to divide us out of the world — to carve out a people for Himself, redeemed by His blood and trusting His Word. The world hates this Word, but for us it is life and salvation. We seek to follow Jesus' Word in all things because we know Him who gave us the Word: we know He always seeks to bless us.

## Altar Flowers

Flower Charts for the year 2025 are now posted in the Narthex. This is a very special way to help decorate the Altar, and to commemorate events or to remember loved ones. Flowers may be taken home or are delivered to our sick and shut-in members. Please call May Luu or Angie Holt in the church office, 415-661-0242, if you have any questions. The cost of a floral arrangement is \$55.00 through Mystic Garden on Ocean Ave. Please make your check payable to "Altar Guild of West Portal Lutheran Church". We encourage you to sign up on the new Flower Chart.



**Worship Services**

Saturday, 5:00PM  
Sunday, 10:00AM

**Bible Classes**

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

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8/17/25  
10:00AM