

God is our refuge and strength



Psalm 46:1

**Reformation Sunday**

**October 26, 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><i>Preacher</i></b>	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
<b><i>Liturgist &amp; Celebrant</i></b>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<b><i>Assisting Elder</i></b>	<i>Stanley Tom</i>
<b><i>Organist</i></b>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<b><i>Lector</i></b>	<i>Tim Dwight, 8B Teacher</i>
<b><i>Grade 8B</i></b>	<i>Tim Dwight, 8B Teacher</i>
<b><i>Ushers</i></b>	<i>Terry Hesselroth, Beverly Dye, Philip Go, Dick Bass</i>
<b><i>Altar Guild</i></b>	<i>Virginia Ferry, Ernestine Gutter</i>

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***Lutheran Service Book, page 203***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

***By Grace I'm Saved***

***LSB 566***

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

Where could I help and strength secure  
If grace were not my anchor sure?

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

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## 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

*Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

- P** I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame.
- P** I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- C** **My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.**
- P** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- C** **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



- 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-shipped 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.

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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

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

**People: Glory 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."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**SERMON 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 overpow'r 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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**SERMON            “You Will Be Free Indeed”**  
**Text: John 8:31-36**

*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 salva-  
tion 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 suf-  
fered 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 glo-  
rified, 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 res-  
urrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

**Ⓟ** Lord, in your mercy,  
**Ⓒ** Hear our prayer.

*Sit*

## TITHES AND OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

**Violin:** *Derek Chen (8B)*

**Grade 8B:** *Yes!*

**Solo:** *Joshua Fong, Leo Yuen, Ryan Djunaidi, Ethan O'Yang,  
Christopher Zhao*

**Piano Accompanist:** *Zackary Kwan*

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

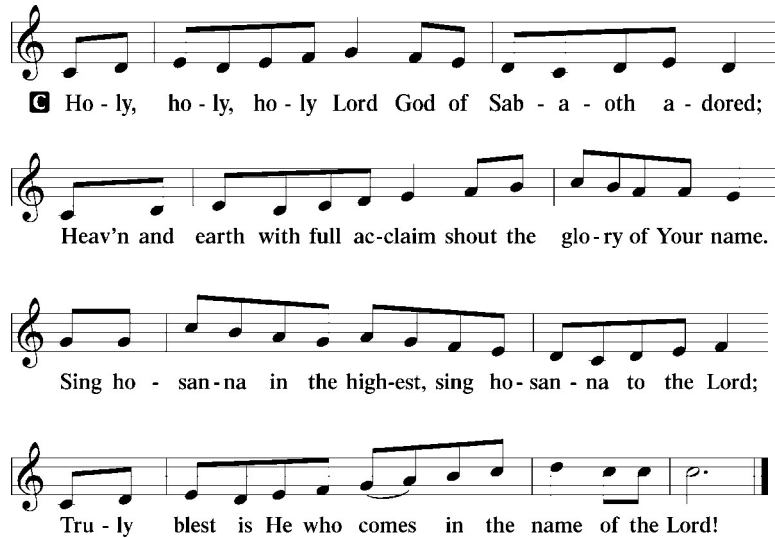
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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

- P** 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.
- P** 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.
- P** 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.
- P** Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## 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 always.  
**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

**C** 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 Christ,

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**

### ***Salvation unto Us Has Come***

***LSB 555***

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
- 2 What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart

Or purify our guileful heart—  
So deep is our corruption.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed  
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.

*Stand*

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
 To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
 The God who saved us by His grace;  
 All glory to His merit.  
 O triune God in heav'n above,  
 You have revealed Your saving love;  
 Your blessed name we hallow.

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*Sit*

*Stand*

# **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant 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

*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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

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**October is Pastor Appreciation month! We are thankful for the unceasing work Pastor Binz, Pastor Swenson and all others who bring God's word to our community, our state, country and the world. The Fellowship co-directors are expressing our appreciation to our Pastors with refreshments today after the church service. The refreshment will be served at the front lawn if the weather permits. Please join us!**



## 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.



**WPL Church Parking Lot  
Sunday, October 26, 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.



Please join us for a **Welcome Baby Reception** after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday, November 2. Both men and women are invited.

Pastor and Mrs. Swenson are expecting a baby girl !

There will be light refreshments in the fellowship hall immediately after the service. All are invited. No gifts necessary, but Faith is registered at Target and Amazon. Diapers and girl clothes are also welcome. Come celebrate this blessing!

To access the baby registry sites:

Amazon:

Amazon baby registry. On Find a baby registry by name, put Faith Swenson. Click Search. Then click Faith Swenson, San Francisco, Expected Arrival Date of December 12, 2025.

Target:

Target baby registry. On Find a register or wish list, put Faith Swenson. Click Search. Then click View on Faith Swenson & Jacob Swenson Baby San Francisco 12/12/2025.

**PARISH EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES****Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
In-Person and On-Line**

Pastor Binz is leading an in-person and on-line Bible Study on Wednesday mornings, starting at 11:00AM in the church library. If you would be interested in joining the class on-line, please contact Pastor Binz, [pastorcbinz@wplsfc.com](mailto:pastorcbinz@wplsfc.com) so that he can provide you with the link for joining the class.

**Sundays, 9:00AM**

**Bible Study** - Led by Pastor Swenson at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Fellowship Hall.

**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.

Pastor Binz and Pastor Swenson will attend the English District Western Region Professional Church Workers' Conference on October 27-28, 2025, in Irvine, CA. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Looking among our own community**

WPLCS is searching for a Business Manager to help lead us in HR, Budgeting, Insurance, Contracts, Property Management and much more. If you or someone you know is interested please email [inreach@wplsfc.com](mailto:inreach@wplsfc.com) to obtain a full job description. Thank you, The Interview Committee



The Altar Guild is seeking new members to help with our essential ministry of preparing the church for worship. This is a quiet, behind-the-scenes way to contribute to the beauty and reverence of our services, and we are currently in need of more dedicated members to help with our important work.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can serve, please contact Rebecca Chan at 317-508-3901.

Thank you for considering this vital ministry.

In Christ,  
The Altar Guild



**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.



### **Angel Tree Toy Drive for Salvation Army**

To help preserve the dignity of choice, Salvation Army invites you to help us “stock the shop” with toys and gifts detailed on our curated lists, representing the real requests of the children in our program. Our Parents/guardians will join us for a live shopping event to select gifts based on their children’s wish list in our pop-up toy shop. 1,500 kids will be helped this season! Thank you for joining us in our mission to Do the Most Good.

**Please check the narthex for a list of gifts and a guide on what to purchase and what not to purchase. The suggested price is \$25 or less. Gifts should be unwrapped and placed in the bucket marked Angel Tree in the narthex. Gift cards should be given to Grace Man or Helen Bok or placed in the church mailbox for Grace Man. All gift cards and toys should be dropped off by December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

The children and parents will appreciate your gifts. Please contact Grace if you have any questions.

Christian Service  
Grace Man  
628-228-9378  
gmanfrk@yahoo.com

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

#### REFORMATION SUNDAY (10/26)

9:00AM Bible Class  
 9:00AM Children Sunday School  
 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
 11:15AM Pastor Appreciation  
 Refreshments  
 11:30AM Altar Guild Meeting  
 11:30AM Choir Practice

#### WEDNESDAY (10/29)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

#### THURSDAY (10/30)

3:30PM Confirmation Class

#### SATURDAY (11/1)

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

### NEXT WEEK

#### SUNDAY (11/2)

9:00AM Bible Class  
 9:00AM Children Sunday School  
 10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper  
 11:15AM Baby Reception  
 11:30AM Choir Practice

#### MONDAY (11/3)

6:30PM Girl Scouts

#### WEDNESDAY (11/5)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

#### THURSDAY (11/6)

3:30PM Confirmation Class

#### SATURDAY (11/8)

5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

### Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Saturday, 5:00PM Service  
 In Person ..... 70  
 Sunday, 10:00AM Service  
 In Person ..... 110  
 On-Line ..... 93  
**Total ..... 273**  
  
 Communed Sunday ..... 66  
  
 Sunday Bible Class ..... 10  
 Wednesday Bible Class ..... 7



# Winter **PIANO** Recital

**FEATURING  
THE STUDENTS  
OF AMY KAO**

**NOVEMBER 9TH**

**(Sunday)  
2:00 PM**

**West Portal Lutheran  
Church & School,  
Sanctuary**



WEST PORTAL LUTHERAN  
MUSIC ACADEMY

# FALL RECITAL

*free admission*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15  
11:00AM AND 1:30PM**

WEST PORTAL  
LUTHERAN SCHOOL  
SLOAT CAMPUS,  
SANCTUARY

200 Sloat Blvd, San Francisco

## 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.

**Revelation 14:6 – “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.”** During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther’s ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the “apostle of works.” Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.



**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

*Church Music Director*

10/26/25

10:00AM