

*And then they will see
the Son of Man
coming in a cloud
with power and great glory*

LUKE 21:27



Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 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

<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Liturgist & Celebrant</i>	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
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<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Megumi Amano, Rhonda Short, Stanley Tom</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Ernestine Gutter, Angie Holt</i>

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by **Ray and Kathy Holstead** to thank the Lord for all their blessings this Thanksgiving and to commemorate the renewal of their marriage vows on November 20, 1999.
Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 106:1

Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, page 151

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

OPENING HYMN

Greet the Rising Sun

LSB 871

- 1 Greet the rising sun,
 Shining with bright force,
 Like an athlete strong,
 Set to run the course;
 Birds soar high above,
 Wildflow'rs bloom below;
 With the day's new light,
 Glad to work I go.

- 2 Father, hear my prayer,
 Keep me safe today;
 Sanctify my thoughts,
 All I do and say:
 As I teach the young
 And esteem the old,
 May Your bounteous grace
 By my life be told.

- 3 Lord, I will today
 On Your love rely;
 Let no evil thought
 Cloud the clear blue sky.
 Joyful and content
 With life's simpler things,
 Knowing all I need
 From Your kindness springs.

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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 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 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b*

P Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

C **I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?**

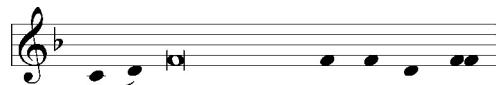
P My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
C The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

P The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
C The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for-evermore.

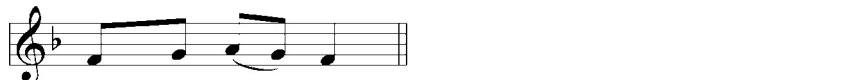
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

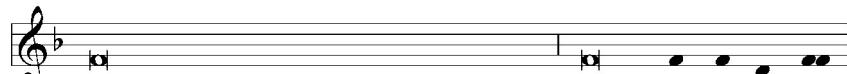
KYRIE



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.



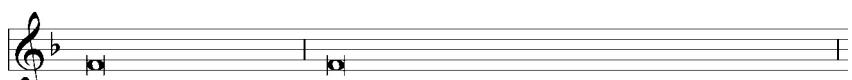
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



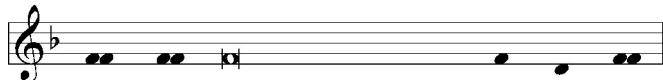
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

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

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb—— who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

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

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Malachi 4:1-6

“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 3:1-13

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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

Luke 21:5-28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



Glo-ry to You, O Lord.

While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.

“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sit

SERMON HYMN

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508, Sts. 1, 3, 5, 7

- 1 The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.
- 3 The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.
- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.

O hear and grant our fervent plea:
Come, mighty judge, and set us free
From death and ev'ry evil.

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SERMON **“Dawn of a New Day”**
Text: Malachi 4:1-6

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

Piano Solo: *Judith Ko (5B)*

Grade 5B: *Life Is a Journey*

Piano Accompanist: *Darrian Law (5B)*

Stand

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

Musical notation for the first part of the Preface. The music is in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

P The Lord be with you.

Musical notation for the second part of the Preface. The music is in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

C And also with you.

Musical notation for the third part of the Preface. The music is in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

P Lift up your hearts.

Musical notation for the fourth part of the Preface. The music is in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

C We lift them to the Lord.

Musical notation for the fifth part of the Preface. The music is in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

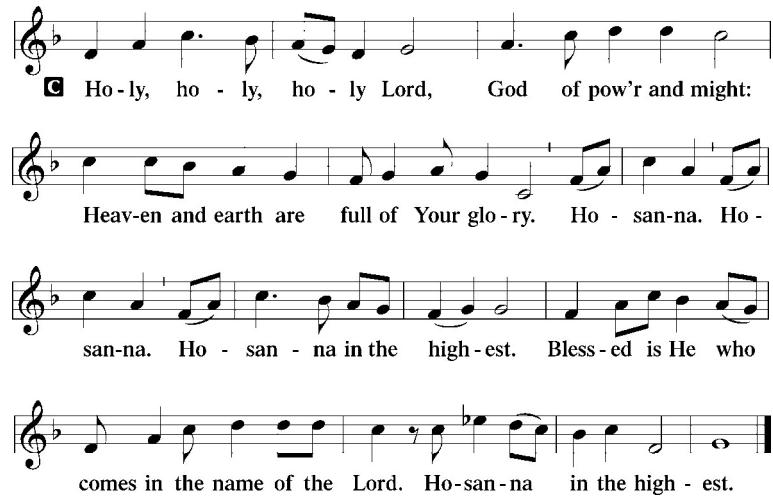
Musical notation for the sixth part of the Preface. The music is in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. It consists of a single measure with a dotted half note followed by a dotted quarter note and a dotted eighth note.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS



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 $\text{\text{T}}$ 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 $\text{\text{T}}$ 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; 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 Pastors will bring communion to you in your pew.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 618

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: **Refrain**

Refrain

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. **Refrain**

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art: **Refrain**

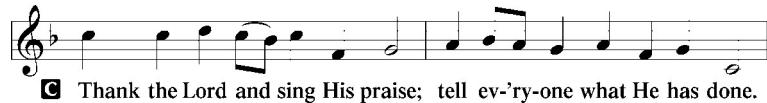
4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest. **Refrain**

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

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Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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 give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us

LSB 514

- 1 The Bridegroom soon will call us,
 “Come to the wedding feast.”
 May slumber not befall us
 Nor watchfulness decrease.
 May all our lamps be burning
 With oil enough and more
 That we, with Him returning,
 May find an open door!
- 2 There shall we see in glory
 Our dear Redeemer’s face;
 The long-awaited story
 Of heav’lly joy takes place:
 The patriarchs shall meet us,
 The prophets’ holy band;
 Apostles, martyrs greet us
 In that celestial land.
- 3 There God shall from all evil
 Forever make us free,
 From sin and from the devil,
 From all adversity,
 From sickness, pain, and sadness,
 From troubles, cares, and fears,
 And grant us heav’lly gladness
 And wipe away our tears.
- 4 In that fair home shall never
 Be silent music’s voice;
 With hearts and lips forever
 We shall in God rejoice,
 While angel hosts are raising
 With saints from great to least
 A mighty hymn for praising
 The Giver of the feast.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the Gutter and Burley family for the loss of Ernestine Gutter's cousin Ethel Burley.



Dear Congregation,

We thank the Lord for all those who helped with Pastors Appreciation Week and the Swenson's Baby Shower. It has been a busy fall, and by His grace, everything went smoothly.

Here's a list of Dear Ones who helped:

Helen Bok, Stacey Birz, Alex and Lucy Lew, Grace Man, Alicia Man, Antonella Demartini and Isreal Frayle, Lai Ching Choy, Angie Holt and Jing Li and more who are not named here.

God has Blessed us with loving and capable hands to do His work!

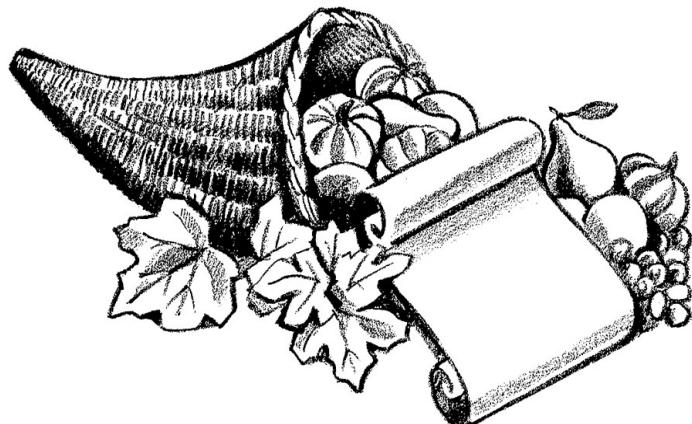
Beverly Presley-Nelson, Inreach, Church Council



Thank you all for the lovely baby shower and gifts for our little girl. Your generosity is a fruit of the love of Christ in your hearts, and we are blessed by Him through you. We hope to put your gifts to good use as we look forward to our baby girl's birth very soon: November 26th. - Pastor and Faith; Gideon, Nicolai, and baby girl Swenson

Join us in giving thanks to the Lord.

**Thanksgiving Eve
Divine Service—Lord's Supper
November 26th, 7:00PM**



Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, December 3



In Advent we prepare for the “advent,” or coming of the Lord our Savior. He first came in the flesh at Christmas, the fulfillment of all the prophecies of the Old Testament. More than that, however, He comes to us today in His Word and Sacraments. Then, as at His first coming, we gather now in patient anticipation of His final coming in the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

This Advent we are reminded that Christ is born in us spiritually today and every day. He enters into us daily to strengthen and support us, save us and renew us. We are changed by his presence within us as we become more and more like him in the living of our lives.

We will gather for three Midweek Advent Services this Advent season on Wednesdays, December 3, December 10, and 17 at 7:00PM.

Advent Midweek 1 - December 3, 2025
Title: Evergreens

Advent Midweek 2 - December 10, 2025
Title: Lights

Advent Midweek 3 - December 17, 2025
Title: Crèche



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

Stewardship Commitments

It's the time of year when we make plans for giving of our time, talents and treasure to West Portal Lutheran for the coming year, a truly Lutheran tradition.

In the past week a commitment form was mailed to you. It is the commitment of your Time and Talents for 2026. This form is where you tell us, the Stewardship committee, how you intend to spend your time at West Portal Lutheran in both worship and Bible Class attendance.

For those of you who take part in one of the church groups listed in the enclosure the Time and Talents form gives you the opportunity to tell us which groups they are and, if you have an interest in another group that you are not currently involved in. For those of you who are not actively engaged in a group this is your opportunity to express your interest in joining one or more of the groups listed on the form. You will be warmly welcomed in any group you choose.

You can return the completed form to the church office or at Church on Sunday, November 23. Please prayerfully consider your commitment of time and talent to West Portal as we need every member's help in sustaining our church community here at West Portal Lutheran.



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 5th.

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

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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* 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.

Rev. Dr. Tilahun Menedeo will be our guest preacher next Saturday November 22 and Sunday November 23. Dr Tilahun will be in Bible study next Sunday to talk about Mission work in Ethiopia. Please give him a warm welcome.

Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week	
Saturday, 5:00PM Service	
In Person.....	12
Sunday, 10:00AM Service	
In Person.....	138
On-Line.....	53
Total.....	203
Communed Saturday	10
Communed Sunday	59
Sunday Bible Class	10
Wednesday Bible Class	6

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
SUNDAY (11/16)	SUNDAY (11/23)
9:00AM Bible Class	9:00AM Bible Class
9:00AM Children Sunday School	9:00AM Children Sunday School
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper	10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper
11:30AM Choir Practice	11:30AM Choir Practice
WEDNESDAY (11/19)	WEDNESDAY (11/26)
11:00AM Midweek Bible Class	11:00AM No Midweek Bible Class
THURSDAY (11/20)	7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist
3:30PM Confirmation Class	Service
SATURDAY (11/22)	THURSDAY (11/27) THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper	Church Office & School are closed.
	FRIDAY (11/28)
	Church Office & School are closed.
	SATURDAY (11/29)
	5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper



LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD for those who are ill, homebound, 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.

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.

Luke 21:6 – "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." Everything in this world is headed for the graveyard, but some things are also destined to rise from the grave. On that Day of Resurrection — as we look back on our earthly life — what will we see? What will have really mattered? This is a good question to ask ourselves in this season of the church year that focuses on The Last Things.

**West Portal Lutheran
Church & School**

Worship Services

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

Bible Classes

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

Sunday School

Sunday, 9:00AM

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*11/16/25
10:00AM*