

*Then . . .*

you shall see the distinction  
between the righteous  
and the wicked

Malachi 3:18



**Last Sunday of the Church**

**November 23, 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. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo</i>
<b>Liturgist</b>	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
<b>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>Lector</b>	<i>Dan Holt</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Terry Hesselroth, Beverly Dye, Philip Go, Dick Bass</i>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Ernestine Gutter, Angie Holt</i>

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given by **Ernestine Gutter** with thanksgiving to God for His many blessings. *speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* Ephesians 5:19-20

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

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

*Stand*

**OPENING HYMN      *Christ Is Surely Coming*      *LSB 509***

- 1 Christ is surely coming  
    Bringing His reward,  
    Alpha and Omega,  
    First and Last and Lord:  
    Root and Stem of David,  
    Brilliant Morning Star;  
    Meet your Judge and Savior,  
    Nations near and far!
  
- 2 See the holy city!  
    There they enter in,  
    All by Christ made holy,  
    Washed from ev'ry sin:  
    Thirsty ones, desiring  
    All He loves to give,  
    Come for living water,  
    Freely drink, and live!
  
- 3 Grace be with God's people!  
    Praise His holy name!  
    Father, Son and Spirit,  
    Evermore the same;  
    Hear the certain promise  
    From the eternal home:  
    "Surely I come quickly!  
    Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

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*Sit*

## CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** 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  $\ddagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT** *Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8*

**P** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

**C** **Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**

**P** Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!  
**C** May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

**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** Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

### 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.  
Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT

## Malachi 3:13-18

“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE

## Colossians 1:13-20

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

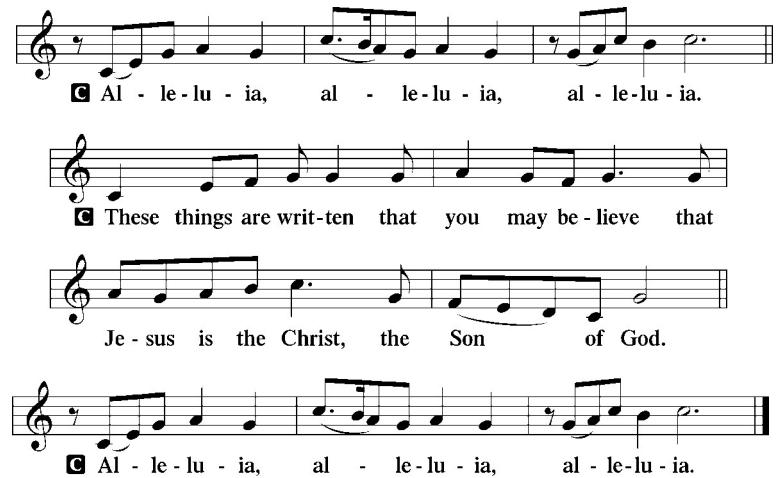
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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****Luke 23:27-43**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.

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

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## SERMON HYMN

*The Clouds of Judgment Gather*

*LSB 513*

- 1 The clouds of judgment gather,  
    The time is growing late;  
Be sober and be watchful,  
    Our judge is at the gate:  
The judge who comes in mercy,  
    The judge who comes in might  
To put an end to evil  
    And diadem the right.
- 2 Arise, O true disciples;  
    Let wrong give way to right,  
And penitential shadow  
    To Jesus' blessed light:  
The light that has no evening,  
    That knows no moon or sun,  
The light so new and golden,  
    The light that is but one.
- 3 The home of fadeless splendor,  
    Of blooms that bear no thorn,  
Where they shall dwell as children  
    Who here as exiles mourn;  
The peace of all the faithful,  
    The calm of all the blest,  
Inviolate, unfading,  
    Divinest, sweetest, best.
- 4 Oh, happy, holy portion,  
    Relief for all distressed,  
True vision of true beauty,  
    Refreshment for the blest!  
Strive now to win that glory,  
    Toil now to gain that light;  
Send hope ahead to grasp it  
    Till hope be lost in sight.

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**SERMON**

**“The Day Is Coming”**

**Rev. Dr. Mendedo**

*Stand*

**NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition:*

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

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**TITHES AND OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**Choir:** *Be Still*

*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

- The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Christ, Have mercy on us, Je-sus Christ,  
Have mercy on us, 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

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

*LSB 637*

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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## 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

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

*LSB 685*

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father's bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy  
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction,  
Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in  
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die,  
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.  
He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken.  
Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members;  
Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly,  
Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be,  
Life eternal grant to me.

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*Sit*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

**Y**our **tithes and offerings** support the mission and ministries of West Portal Lutheran Church. If you wish to make an online donation, please use the QR code below. PayPal covers all transaction fees. You are donating to PayPal Giving Fund, a 501C(3) charity. Your donation is tax-deductible.



**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, [pastorbinz@wplsf.com](mailto:pastorbinz@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.

**Please give a warm welcome to Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo, our guest preacher today.**

**Colossians 1:18a – “And he is the head of the body, the church.”** We are part of the Body of Christ; He is our Head. Where He goes, we follow. His thoughts direct our actions. This is how the people of God learn how to give and why they give. Because Jesus gives, indeed He gives all He has.

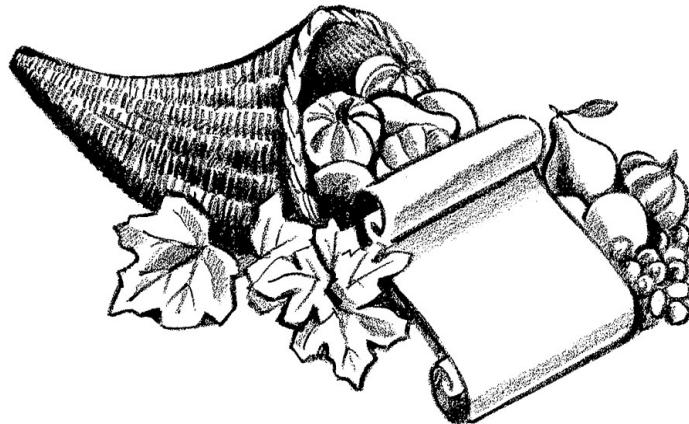


**Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mendedo**  
Founder and CEO

Rev. Dr. Tilahun Mekonnen Mendedo is a dedicated pastor, educator, and higher education leader committed to fostering Christ-centered learning environments. With a strong background in theological education, church leadership, and institutional administration, he has led strategic initiatives in Christian education, church planting, mission leadership, and donor cultivation. His experience spans roles in pastoral ministry, academic administration, and global missions, shaping faith-based communities through leadership formation and organizational development. As the Founder and CEO of Master Builder Center, Rev. Dr. Mendedo leads fundraising and strategic planning efforts for ministries in Ethiopia. Previously, he served as Associate Executive Director at Lutheran Bible Translators, supporting missionaries and ministry growth. As President of Concordia College Selma, he spearheaded campus expansion, student retention programs, donor engagement, and institutional reform, advancing Christian higher education. A seasoned speaker and professor, he has addressed church conventions, mission festivals, and academic seminars while teaching courses in world religions, leadership, and theology. His lifelong dedication to faith-based initiatives continues to inspire communities through education, mission work, and servant leadership.

**Join us in giving  
thanks to the Lord.**

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



**IT'S ALMOST TIME TO DECORATE!** It's already that time again. We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas on Sunday, November 30, after the 10:00AM service. If you are able to remain after the service we would love to have your help with any of the following: bringing the boxes up from the garage, setting up the trees, placing the ornaments, and hanging the wreaths. Thanks and Merry Christmas!

## 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*

## 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.



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



### **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  
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<b>Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week</b>	
Saturday, 5:00PM Service	
In Person .....	107
Sunday, 10:00AM Service	
In Person .....	94
On-Line .....	49
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>250</b>
Communion Sunday .....	46
Sunday Bible Class.....	12
Wednesday Bible Class.....	10

## CALENDAR

### THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY (11/23)**  
 9:00AM Bible Class  
 9:00AM Children Sunday School  
**10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper**  
 11:30AM Choir Practice  
**MONDAY (11/24)**  
 6:30PM Girl Scouts  
**WEDNESDAY (11/26)**  
 11:00AM No Midweek Bible Class  
 7:00PM Thanksgiving Eve Eucharist Service  
**THURSDAY (11/27) THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**  
 Church Office & School are closed.  
**FRIDAY (11/28)**  
 Church Office & School are closed.  
**SATURDAY (11/29)**  
 5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

### NEXT WEEK

**SUNDAY (11/30)**  
 9:00AM Bible Class  
**10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper**  
 11:30AM Choir Practice  
**MONDAY (12/1)**  
 6:30PM Girl Scouts  
**WEDNESDAY (12/3)**  
 11:00AM Midweek Bible Class  
**THURSDAY (12/4)**  
 5:00PM Confirmation Class  
**SATURDAY (12/6)**  
 10:00AM Quilt Class  
 5:00PM *Partners in Faith Worship*



### Welcome To Our New Business Manager!

Mr. Robert Watson, originally from Great Britain, has lived in San Francisco for 12 years.

He is a Chartered Accountant with extensive experience in central and local government in the UK, having served as the Chief Executive and Director of Finance for the city/county of South Oxfordshire, overseeing a wide range of local government services including the management of 7000 social housing units, environmental health, administration of the local planning and zoning laws, finance, budgeting and tax collection.

Robert, in the past, has also served as Secretary to the Consultative Council on Local Government Finance, where he advised government ministers on matters current at the time including tax issues. He also has worked as a school auditor in Poole Borough Council which had the responsibility for the administration of the State Schools in the area.

He was Chief Accountant in Hastings Borough Council, a town which is famous for its history where the battle of Hastings took place in 1066 and Norman the Conqueror defeated King Harold and established the royal dynasty which still exists to this day.

Robert presents with an extensive academic history in finance, accounting, and economics, as well as post graduate studies in strategic management.

He and his wife enjoy time with his son's family, including an 8 year old grandson, who also live locally.

Robert is a devoted Christian, who comes to us, in his own words and those of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to serve not be served. We are pleased to welcome Robert into our West Portal Lutheran Church and School Community.

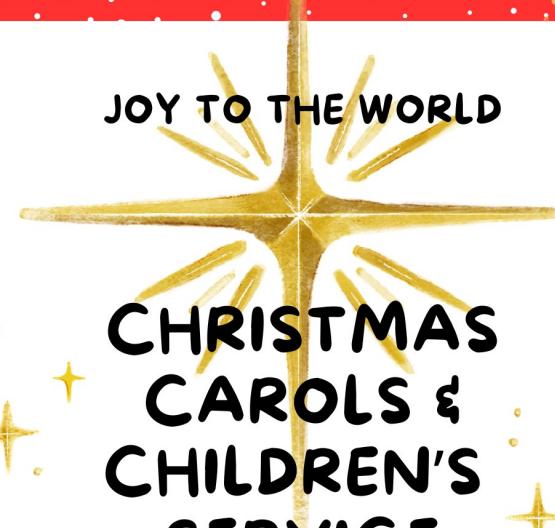


**LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD** for those who are ill, home-bound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Elfriede Bonfert; Charlene Bruggemann-Wong; Angie Cheung, Helen Bok's sister-in-law; Bill Eves, Virginia Ferry's cousin; Jimmy Fong, Evelyn Fong's father; Gilbert Mogyorossy; Sigrid Rogge; Ruth Stresow; Ray Toloski; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong; Franklin Yee.

### Altar Flowers

Flower Charts for the year 2024 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. We encourage you to sign up on the new Flower Chart.

JOY TO THE WORLD



**CHRISTMAS  
CAROLS &  
CHILDREN'S  
SERVICE**

**12/6/2025 (SATURDAY)  
AT 5:00 PM**

**WEST PORTAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH & SCHOOL  
SANCTUARY**





**Worship Services**

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

**Bible Classes**

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

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*Principal*

Mrs. Sherilyn Jew,  
*Director of  
Teaching Learning Curriculum*

Ms. Amy Kao  
*Church Music Director*

11/23/25  
10:00AM