



Thankful
for all our
blessings

Thanksgiving Eve

**November 26, 2025
7:00PM**

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 and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

SERVING YOU TODAY

<i>Preacher & Celebrant</i>	<i>Rev. Curtis Binz, Senior Pastor</i>
<i>Assisting Elder</i>	<i>Stanley Tom</i>
<i>Organist</i>	<i>Amy Kao</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Darlene Hartman, Ernestine Gutter, Angie Holt</i>

AS WE GATHER

In Luke 17, we hear the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Only one returned to give thanks, and he was a despised Samaritan. Jesus did not take back His healing of the nine, despite their seeming lack of gratitude. He simply exclaimed, "Where are the nine?" None of us can claim to have never been with the nine. Our national day of Thanksgiving reminds us all that we take so much for granted and that our lives are not always lived in thankfulness and gratitude to God. Yet that does not stop Jesus from loving us, forgiving our sins by His cross, dying and rising for us, and giving us the power of His Spirit to, however imperfectly, express thanks to God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

Stand

OPENING HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* LSB 892

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- 3 For the Lord, our God, shall come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 118:1-4*

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let Israel say,

People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Pastor: Let the house of Aaron say,

People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Pastor: Let those who fear the LORD say,

People: “His steadfast love endures forever.”

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: With abundant generosity, God created the universe, the earth, all creatures, and each of us. He daily blesses and sustains us and all creation. Yet by our sin, God’s good creation is broken. So let us confess our sin and hear again God’s re-creating word of forgiveness.

People: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are naturally inclined to sin and self-centeredness. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed. In addition to the wrong things we have done, we have also left many good things undone. And like the nine lepers, we fail to thank You as we should.

Pastor: Take heart! Jesus has come to forgive your sins and He will one day return and make all creation new. With joy, I, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, declare to you His forgiveness. By the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Alleluia! Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever! Alleluia!

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: v. 33*

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: **O LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.**

Pastor: These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

People: **When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.**

Pastor: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

People: **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.**

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB 806

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. For Your goodness and mercy to us, O Lord,

People: **we give You thanks.**

Pastor: For forgiving our sins through Christ,

People: **we give You thanks.**

Pastor: For Your Spirit, who breathes Your life into our hearts,

People: **we give You thanks.**

Pastor: Guide us to live each day in gratitude to You, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

We remember the many blessings of our God.

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4:6-20

Do everything with thanksgiving to God.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

All: Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL**Luke 17:11-19****Only one who is healed returns to Jesus in praise.**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.*Sit***SERMON HYMN*****We Praise You, O God******LSB 785***

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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SERMON***"Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks"*****Text: Deuteronomy 8:1-10**

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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

Pastor: Filled with gratitude for all of God's mercy and provision, let us pray for the Church, for our nation, for our local community, and for our own needs, filled with thanksgiving that Jesus has promised to be with us always, even to the end of the age.

For the Church throughout the world,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the pastors, teachers, and all church workers of our Synod,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For missionaries far away and in difficult circumstances in our own nation,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the elected leaders of our nation, state, and local community,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For doctors and nurses, fire fighters and police officers, construction and restaurant workers, teachers and counselors, and everyone else who contributes to the well-being of our community,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For Your presence with those who are sick, dying, or mourning,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the people in our lives who love us and those we are called to love—families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For safe travel for those gathering to celebrate Thanksgiving Day,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the ongoing generosity of this congregation, which provides Word and Sacrament ministry, Christ-centered community, and service to our neighbors,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: For the life and witness of those who have gone before us in faith and now rest from their labors eternally in the arms of Jesus,

People: we give You thanks, O Lord.

Pastor: We entrust our prayers to You, gracious Father, who with Your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit reign forever as God of all.

People: Amen.

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TITHES AND OFFERING

Offering plates to receive your offering are located at the Sanctuary Entrance.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Choir Sings: *Psalm of thanksgiving*

Stand

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

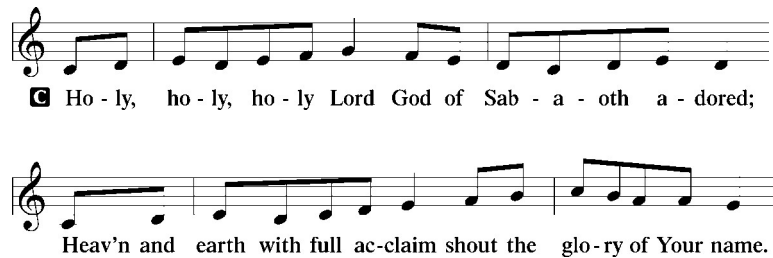
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

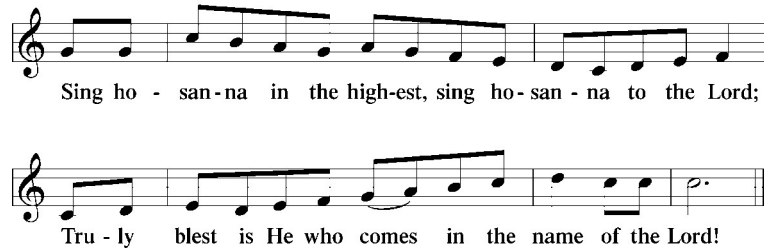
PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who gave His life for ours on the cross and was raised on the third day, so that our hearts and lives, filled with thankfulness, may become an expression of His generosity to all people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



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.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: God of abundant generosity, You supply every need according to Your glorious riches in Christ Jesus. We thank You for gifts of house and home, food and clothing, family and friends. Most especially, we thank You for the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, who in His body and blood gives us forgiveness of sins, true life, and salvation from all false gods. For all this it is both our duty and our delight to thank and praise You.

People: **To our God and Father be glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: 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:

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

All: **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

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen

AGNUS DEI

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

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DISTRIBUTION

Regarding our Holy Communion practices this morning:

- We ask that you who are communicant Lutherans prepare to receive the Lord's Supper by reading the Communion Registration side of our Welcome-Worship Registration Card.
- The consecrated wine may be received by common cup (the chalice) or individual chalices. **Non-alcoholic wine is provided in the chalices in the inner circle of the tray for those who are unable to consume alcohol.**
- If you are unable to come to the altar rail for Communion, please let the usher know, and Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION

Praise and Thanksgiving

LSB 789

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, You generously satisfy our deepest need with the body and blood of Christ given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Thank You, Lord. We ask that You so fill our hearts with gratitude that our lives overflow in generosity to the people around us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* *LSB 895*

- 1 Now thank we all our God
 With hearts and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things has done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
 Who from our mothers' arms
 Has blest us on our way
 With countless gifts of love
 And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us
 And keep us in His grace
 And guide us when perplexed
 And free us from all ills
 In this world and the next!

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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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



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!

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 so that he can provide you with the link for joining the class.

Sundays, 9:00AM

Bible Study - Led by Pastor Binz at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Parish Hall. Pastor Swenson is on paternity leave until 12-13-2025.

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.

Deuteronomy 8:7 – “For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land.” Have we received any less than the sons of Israel in this great and glorious land? We are so very blessed! Let us then outdo even the sons of Israel in giving thanks!

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

11:15AM Decorate Christmas tree

11:30AM Choir Practice

MONDAY (12/1)

6:30PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY (12/3)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class

7:00PM Midweek Advent Service

THURSDAY (12/4)

5:00PM Confirmation Class

SATURDAY (12/6)

10:00AM Quilt Class

5:00PM *Partners in Faith Worship*



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.



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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