

For Us



MIDWEEK *Lenten Service*

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026
7:00PM**

**West Portal Lutheran Church
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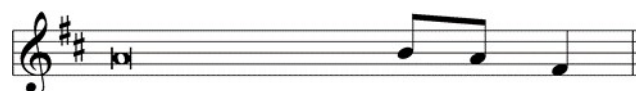
VESPERS

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Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

PSALMODY

Psalm 71:1–8

- P** In You, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame!
C **In Your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline Your ear to me, and save me!**
- P** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come;
C **You have given the command to save me, for You are my rock and my fortress.**
- P** Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.
C **For You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.**
- P** Upon You I have leaned from before my birth;
C **You are He who took me from my mother’s womb.**
- P** My praise is continually of You.
C **I have been as a portent to many, but You are my strong refuge.**
- P** My mouth is filled with Your praise,
C **and with Your glory all the day.**
- C** **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.**

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HYMN

Love, How Deep

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- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals’ sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.

- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.
- 6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

Stand

- △ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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READING

Mark 5:1-13

℣ A reading from Mark, the fifth chapter.

They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes. And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit. He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain, for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and bruising himself with stones. And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him. And crying out with a loud voice, he said, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not

torment me.” For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!” And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.” And he begged him earnestly not to send them out of the country. Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.” So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered the pigs, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READING

Mark 15:6-32

L A reading from Mark, the fifteenth chapters. .

Now at the feast he used to release for them one prisoner for whom they asked. And among the rebels in prison, who had committed murder in the insurrection, there was a man called Barabbas. And the crowd came up and began to ask Pilate to do as he usually did for them. And he answered them, saying, “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?” For he perceived that it was out of envy that the chief priests had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release for them Barabbas instead. And Pilate again said to them, “Then what shall I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?” And they cried out again, “Crucify him.” And Pilate said to them, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Crucify him.” So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified.

And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. And they began to salute him, “Hail, King of the Jews!” And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

SERMON "Healing from Demons"
Text: Mark 5:1-13

Stand

CANTICLE

Create in Me

LSB 956

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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PRAYER

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☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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

COLLECTS



☐ The Lord be with you.



☐ And with your spir - it.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



COLLECT OF PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS



BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
A - men.

HYMN

Christ Is the World's Redeemer *LSB 539* *Tune 450*

- 1 Christ is the world's Redeemer,
The lover of the pure,
The font of heav'nly wisdom,
Our trust and hope secure,
The armor of His soldiers,
The Lord of earth and sky,
Our health while we are living,
Our life when we shall die.
- 2 Christ has our host surrounded
With clouds of martyrs bright,
Who wave their palms in triumph
And fire us for the fight.
Then Christ the cross ascended
To save a world undone
And, suff'ring for the sinful,
Our full redemption won.
- 3 Down through the realm of darkness
He strode in victory,
And at the hour appointed
He rose triumphantly.
And now, to heav'n ascended,
He sits upon the throne
Whence He had ne'er departed,
His Father's and His own.

△ 4 Glory to God the Father,
The unbegotten One,
All honor be to Jesus,
His sole-begotten Son,
And to the Holy Spirit—
The perfect Trinity.
Let all the worlds give answer:
Amen! So let it be. Public domain

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SERVING YOU TODAY

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

LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERING FOLDERS are available on the Narthex table. Please feel free to take one. This year’s offerings will be used for the ministries of Christ’s Kingdom here at West Portal.

HELP YOURSELF TO Lenten Devotional Booklets that are available in the Narthex.

Lenten Midweek Service continues on Wednesday

This year's Lenten emphasis is to look at our lives in view of God's amazing grace toward us through the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross. Our six Midweek Lenten Services began on Ash Wednesday, February 18, at 8:30AM and 7:00PM.

We invite you to join us at the following Wednesday service at 7PM as we continue with the Lenten theme: "For us".



Lenten Midweek 5, March 25

7PM

"For Us Betrayed"

Mark 8:31-9:1

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Services	March 29
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper	
Maundy Thursday	April 2
7:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper	
Good Friday	April 3
8:30AM Sunset Campus Chapel	
11:15AM Sloat Campus Chapel	
7:00PM Tenebrae Service	
Holy Saturday	April 4
5:00PM Easter Vigil	
Easter Sunday	April 5
10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper	
Easter Brunch following Worship Service	
Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn following the Brunch	

**Everyone is welcome to attend all Services
and to join us at the Easter Brunch.**

If attending the Easter Brunch and/or Egg Hunt, please kindly
RSVP by Sunday, **March 29th** with the names and number of
adults & children attending to May Luu by email or voicemail at
May.luu@wplsf.com
415-661-0242, ext. 221

*(Each child should bring his/her own personal Easter Basket.)
For more information, please contact the Church Office at
415-661-0242*



Easter Flowers

As we look forward to the celebration of Easter, the Altar Guild is again planning to have special floral arrangements around the Altar area. If you would like to help by donating to the flower fund, please complete this form and return it to the Church Office by **Sunday, March 29th**. The suggested minimum donation is \$15.00. Please make the check payable to **Altar Guild -West**

Portal Lutheran Church.

Name of person(s) donating flowers

Name of person(s) honored or remembered.

If you have any Calla Lilies growing in your garden and would like to share some with us, please bring them on Wednesday Bible Class, Maundy Thursday or Good Friday. There will be containers in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Worship Services

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

Bible Classes

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

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