



Baccalaureate

WORSHIP SERVICE

**Exaudi (Seventh Sunday of Easter)
Baccalaureate Service**

**May 17, 2026
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 Swenson and sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again.

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant	<i>Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor</i>
Assisting Elders	<i>Ron Soper, Ping-Yee Law</i>
Organist	<i>Amy Kao</i>
Lectors	<i>Alex Hau (Old Testament), Brianna Kwan (Psalm), Irene Shao (Epistle)</i>
8th Graders	<i>Iris Hsu, Teacher; Tim Dwight, Teacher</i>
Ushers	<i>Megumi Amano, Rhonda Short, Stanley Tom</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Darlene Hartman, Ernestine Gutter, Rhonda Short, Angie Holt, Rebecca Chan</i>

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by **Evelyn Fong** and **Iris Yee** in loving memory of husband and father, **David Yee** whom the Lord called to His side on May 22, 2019. *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*
John 5:24

Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). “*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights*” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ's and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “*Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid*” (Is. 12:2).

Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, page 151

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB 913

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.
- 2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

- 3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing. Public domain

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 27:1, 11a, 12; antiphon: vv. 7a, 8b, 9a

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud. Alleluia. Your face, LORD, do I seek; hide not your face from me. Alleluia.

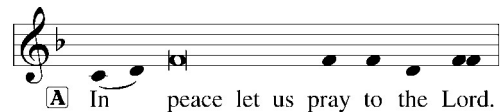
P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

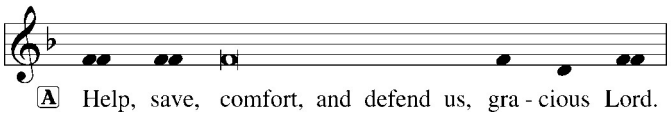
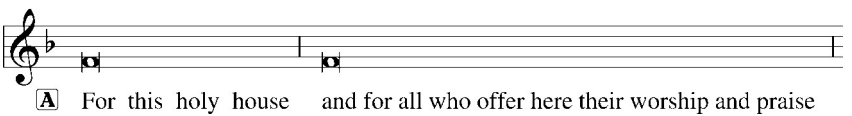
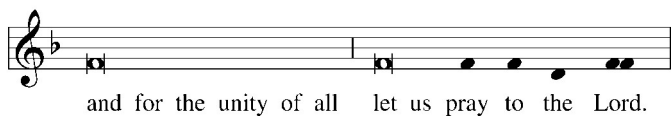
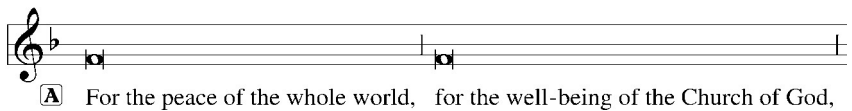
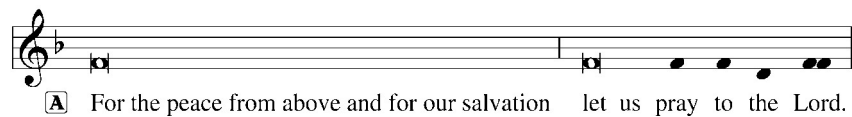
C Teach me your way, O LORD; give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

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.

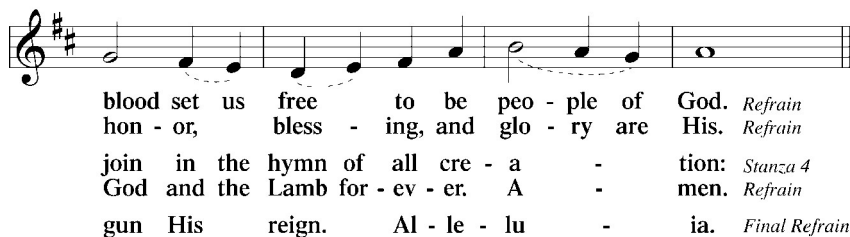
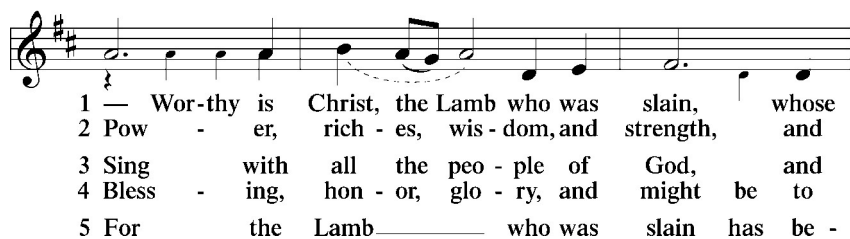
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KYRIE





HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast*



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Ezekiel 36:22-28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 51:1-12

- ¹Have mercy on me, O God,
 according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
 blot out my transgressions.
- ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin!
- ³For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.
- ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
 and blameless in your judgment.
- ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
 and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
 and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
 wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- ⁹Hide your face from my sins,
 and blot out all my iniquities.
- ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me.
- ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
 and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
 and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

ALLELUIA AND VERSE



HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26-16:4

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th chapters.



¹“I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON HYMN

Christ Is the World's Redeemer

LSB 539, Tune 644

- 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.

Stand

△ 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.

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**SERMON “You Also Will Bear Witness”
Text: John 15:26-16:4**

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Sit

TITHES AND OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

8th Graders: *One Song in Praise*
Solo: Avery Decker (8B)
Aurelie Herlambang (8A)
Piano Accompanist: Alexander Ou (8A)

Stand

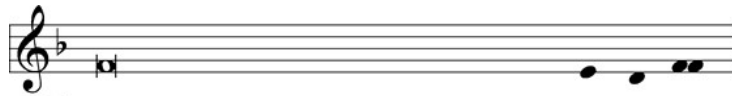
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

COLLECT

P Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

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.



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Spread the Reign of God the Lord

LSB 830

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.
- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! The members and families of West Portal Lutheran Church and School offer sincere and heartfelt congratulations to all our college, high school, and West Portal Lutheran School 8th Grade graduates. May the Lord bless you as you continue to grow in knowledge and wisdom.

Please greet our 8th Grade graduates, faculty, and staff at the reception in the Parish Hall today following the 10:00AM Service.



West Portal Lutheran School Graduating Class of 2026

Sahil Asad	Mia Chang
Aya Mary Caldwell Hall	Aiden X. Chen
Carina Yuet Chan	Audrey Lauren Chen
Jacob Chang	Derek Chen
Jeremy Keoni Chinn	Jayden Chen
Max Chiu	Ivan Cheng
Teralyn L. Chu	Moses Chiu
Tyler Ton Dang	Karena Chow
Audrey Deng	Isla Chung
Alex Christopher Hau	Avery Decker
Aurelie Herlambang	Ryan Djunaidi
Maximilian RJ Hu	Joshua Orion Fong
Nathan Kong	Emily Hu
Hermes Kuang	Reese Inami
Brianna Kwan	Zachary Kwan
Jennifer N. Lee	Daniel Kwang
Jayden Lin	Samantha Lai
Sarah Lin	Agnes Lau
Ashton Ng	Samantha Grace Lau
Kathleen Ngan	Brianna Lee
Alexander Ou	Wallace Lee
Kristen Riley Dela Rosa Pabalán	Darren Liu
Evelyn Solaia Priest	Ethan Jacob O'Yang
Ava Sanchez	Ellie Saekow
Irene X. Shao	Corinne Wong
Anjaylya Situ	Kaitlyn Wu
Jeremiah Josiah Tan	Haylie Yoshikawa
Alyssa Wong	Leo Yuen
Jesse Zhu	Hailey Zhang
Leo Zhuo	Christopher Michael Zhao

West Portal Lutheran School Class of 2026

Valedictorians

Mia Chang	Samantha Lai
Aiden Chen	Jennifer Lee
Derek Chen	Kristen Pabalan
Audrey Deng	Jeremiah Tan
Aurelie Herlambang	Leo Yuen

Salutatorians

Alex Hau	Irene Shao
Brianna Kwan	

Honors

Sahil Asad	Wallace Lee
Teralyn Chu	Darren Liu
Agnes Lau	

Class Bible Verse

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well." Psalm 139:14

Service Awards for Church and School Faculty & Staff Year 2026

5 years	Ki Choi
5 years	Denise Fong
5 years	Iris Hsu
5 years	Caroline Husak
5 years	Sherise Lee
5 years	May Luu
5 years	Jackie Rogers
15 years	Megumi Amano

West Portal Lutheran School Faculty & Staff Academic Year 2025 / 2026

Rev. Jacob Swenson, Associate Pastor
Principal: Sherise Lee
Director of Teaching Learning Curriculum: Sherilyn Jew
School Secretary-Sloat: Carole Leung
School Secretary-Sunset: Yoshie Chan
Church Secretary/Admin Assistant: May Luu
Church Secretary: Angie Holt
Church Music Director: Amy Kao

Megumi Amano
Andrew Bailey
Christina Bamrud
Judy Cairo
George Cardiel
Cynthia Chan
David Chang
Ki Choi
Benjamin Chung
Karmina Corpus
Nina Davis
Tim Dwight
Denise Fong
Florence Fong
Hannah Fox
Sarah Grue
Cara Hanks
Iris Hsu
Caroline Husak

Emma Law
Janet Lee
Yulia Lesmana
Vernice Louie
Andrew Middleton
Christian Nim
Sharon Owyang-Lee
Mark Pacis
Beatrice Priest
Tiffany Proehl
Jackie Rogers
Yadira Romero
Christina Tami-Wong
Robert Watson
Cybele Willis
Nicholas Wong
Susan Yee

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

Pastor Swenson 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 Swenson, pastorswenson@wplsfc.com so that he can provide you with the link for joining the class. **No class on 5/20 as Pastor is out of the office.**

Sundays, 9:00AM

Bible Study - Led by Pastor Swenson at 9:00 AM in the Church Parish Hall.

Monday Membership Class, 6:00PM

Pastor Swenson is leading a new member/Catechism refresher course on Monday evenings, 6:00 - 7:00 PM in the church library. The class is especially directed toward those who desire membership in our congregation, but we also welcome those who have gone a while without considering the Catechism in detail. **No class on 5/18 as Pastor is out of the office.**

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 April — June
- Latest issue of PortaLight
- Current issue of the *Lutheran Witness*
- Bulletin for today—regular size print and large size print

Please help yourself to any or all of the above listed items.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available. If you know of someone who could use one, please ask an usher for a large print bulletin—the order of service, words to the hymns, and the announcements are printed in these bulletins.

ASSISTED HEARING DEVICES are now available for your use during the Worship Service. If you would like to use one of these hearing devices, please see an Usher to check one out! There are two choices for the earpiece: an Ear-Bud or an Ear-Cuff. Following the Service PLEASE return the Hearing Aid to the ushers.

Pastor Swenson will attend the Pastors Conference in Ohio next Monday through Thursday. Please keep him in your prayers.

CALENDAR

THIS WEEK:

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY(5/17)

9:00AM Adult Bible Class

9:00AM Children Sunday School

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

11:15AM Reception Honoring 8th Grade
WPLS Graduates

MONDAY (5/18)

6:00PM No Membership Class

WEDNESDAY (5/20)

11:00AM No Midweek Bible Class

THURSDAY (5/21)

3:30PM No Confirmation Class

SATURDAY (5/23)

5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

NEXT WEEK:

SUNDAY (5/24)

9:00AM Bible Class

10:00AM Worship-Lord's Supper

11:15AM Elders Meeting

11:15AM Altar Guild Meeting

11:15AM Choir Practice

MONDAY (5/25) MEMORIAL DAY

Church Office & School are closed.

WEDNESDAY (5/27)

11:00AM Midweek Bible Class in person
and on-line

THURSDAY (5/28)

7:00PM WPLS 8th Grade Graduation at
Scottish Rite Auditorium

FRIDAY (5/29)

Last Day of School, Early Dismissal

SATURDAY (5/30)

5:00PM Worship-Lord's Supper

Our Stewardship of Worship Last Week

Saturday, 5:00PM Service

In Person.....82

Sunday, 10:00AM Service

In Person.....78

On-Line.....78

Total.....238

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LET US PRAY TO THE LORD GOD for those who are ill, homebound, or recovering from recent hospitalization: Charlene Bruggemann-Wong; Vivian Char; Angie Cheung, Helen Bok's sister-in-law; Bill Eves, Virginia Ferry's cousin; Virginia Ferry; Mary Jo Fischl; Jimmy Fong, Evelyn Fong's father; Gilbert Mogyorossy; Bennette Nulph; Sigrid Rogge; Ruth Stresow; Ray Toloski; Elise Wen, Patrick Man's friend; Cheryl Wong; Marilyn Wong.

Altar Flowers

Flower Charts for the year 2026 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 \$70.00. Please make your check payable to "Altar Guild of West Portal Lutheran Church". We encourage you to sign up on the new Flower Chart.

YOUNG LUTHERAN SINGLES GATHERING

Ages 18-40

SHARE, GROW, CONNECT



Saturday, June 27th, 2026

Lutheran Church of Our Savior

5825 Bollinger Rd, Cupertino, CA 95014

Register by May 31st at lcos.org

Hosted by Bay Area Lutheran Young Adults, an endeavor of Lutheran Church of Our Savior



You are cordially invited to join us in celebrating a momentous occasion: West Portal Lutheran School's 75th Anniversary on September 26, 2026! This is an open-house event featuring a look back at God's faithfulness at our school with savory and sweet bites starting at 1:30 pm followed by a special worship service at 5:00 pm. **Please register by September 5th.** Entry is **FREE** of charge, but if you would like to make a donation, please enter an amount on your registration. Please reach out to: Antonella Demartini (speedyantonella@yahoo.com) with any questions. We very much hope to see you there!

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Worship Services

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

Adult Bible Classes

Sunday, 9:00AM

Wednesday, 11:00AM

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*Baccalaureate Service
5/17/26—10:00AM*