

WELCOME

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | **LENT** | EASTER | PENTECOST

To our visitors We are glad you have joined us to share in the gifts of our gracious Lord as we worship Him together in spirit and truth by receiving His Word and Sacraments. We invite you to pick up information and our Wittenberg Way newsletter at our welcome desk. If you have questions concerning the Christian faith or the Lutheran tradition, please let us know as our pastor would love to speak with you.

Children are welcome in our services Grace is a church family and we believe like any family we learn by doing things together. Bulletins are available for children that coincide with the liturgical calendar and scripture readings. We encourage parents to guide their children throughout the service, helping them to learn the language of the faith through the liturgy. A nursery with sound is located in the hallway outside the sanctuary to the right just before the glass door to the courtyard.

Holy Communion Our fellowship in the Lord's Supper follows the Lutheran tradition grounded in the teaching of Holy Scripture. As one baptized into the Name of our Triune God and confessing the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the Supper for the forgiveness of sins you are warmly invited to join us around the table for Holy Communion. If you are not communing but wish to be blessed, then simply cross your arms at the rail and you will be blessed by the celebrant.

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Please silence cell phones and be mindful of those preparing for worship.

Restrooms are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

AS WE GATHER

Faith is Abraham's legacy—nothing more! He believed in God's credibility to fulfill the incredible. How could an aged, childless father boast of countless heirs? How could a rich Pharisee like Nicodemus be born again through water, Word, and Spirit? How could the death of a Son redeem a condemned world? All these things are grasped, believed, and confessed by God's gift of faith—nothing more!

Collect

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Deaconess Doris Snashall
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Michael Tow
Crucifer Greta Rucks
Acolytes Johnathan and Tobias
Lector Daryl Newton
Cantor Jeremy Fullam
Usher John Downey

SERVING 3/8/26

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Gloria Berge
Crucifer Andrew Gertz
Acolytes Peter and Duncan
Lector Jason Huntley
Cantor John Barber
Usher Jackson Huntley

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, David,
Phyllis, Floyd, and Harold

FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner,
and Vicar William Baker

FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Hannah Downey,
Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard,
Joshua Simmons, Jeff Gruetzmacher,
and Wyatt Behl

*(If you are in the military, please send your
info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added
to the prayer list)*

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber,
and Janice Keitel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for **Wednesday Bible Study** on the book of Acts at 10:00am
in the St. Mark's Classroom.

SUNDAYS 10:30–11:15 A.M.

YOUR TABLE | APPROACH



GOD'S GIFT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOR YOU
ST. MARK'S CLASSROOM

If faith hasn't turned out the way you hoped—if God feels silent, slow, or absent—you're not alone. This Lent, we invite you to join us for midweek worship as we bring our disappointments honestly before God.



WEDNESDAYS

Soup Suppers | 5:30 p.m.
Vespers Service | 6:30 p.m.

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WHEN GOD FAILS TO MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS

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LENT 2

March 1, 2026

9:00 am



Proclaiming the Good News of God's grace in Jesus Christ