

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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- Online from your bank website
- Scan the QR code to the right
- On the Grace Giving Page at gracesandiego.com
- Time & Talents - contact Pr. Brian



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

Restrooms are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.



AS WE GATHER

In a world full of competing voices and shifting foundations, God speaks with clarity through the prophet Isaiah: "I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God." Today we gather before the only true Rock—the God who created us, redeemed us through His Son, and remains faithful through every season of life. Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time guest, we're grateful you're here and pray that God's Word and Sacraments strengthen your faith and fill you with the peace found in Christ alone.

Collect:

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 44:6-8

- ⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
- ⁷ Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
- ⁸ Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any.”

DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

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

SERVING TODAY	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	Harold Nichols
SERVING 7/26/26	
Elder	Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Carl Lehman
Usher	John Downey

PRAYER LIST
FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Kara, Kariff, and Nancy
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, Jon Lushenko, Micah Berge, and Daniel Fohey (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

Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are on recess for the summer.

Vox Obscura - A Sacred Music Consort

July 25 at 6:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church, San Diego

Tickets available at: voxobscura.org/concerts
100% discount for members of Grace Lutheran with promo code: GraceVox

Scan QR code to purchase (free) tickets!

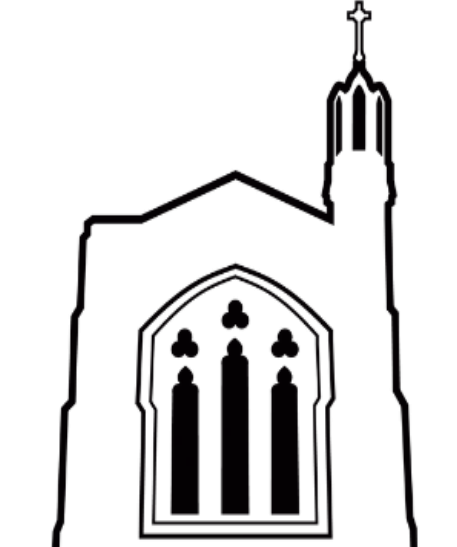




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