

WELCOME

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | TRINITY

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.

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AS WE GATHER

How do we receive and rest in God's righteousness? This question propelled the Reformation forward, confronting Rome's insistence that justification is a process by which believers must cooperate with God in order to eventually merit a right standing with Him. Instead, Luther proclaimed *sola fide*, or "through faith alone." Today, we look at one of the foundational biblical texts of the Reformation that provides true Gospel comfort regarding the gift of faith that God credits as righteousness to our account for the sake of the all-sufficient work of His beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

Collect

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING 1

<i>Prelude & Fugue in 'c' minor</i>	<i>JS Bach</i>	
Thy Strong Word		578
Confession & Absolution (kneel)		151
Kyrie (led by the choir)		942
Gloria		946
Salutation and Collect		156
Reading	Revelation 14:6-7	
Gradual		
Reading	Romans 3:19-28	
Alleluia		156
Gospel	John 8:31-36	
Anthem (Please Stand)		656
<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> arr. Paul Bunjes		
	Congregation—stanzas 1,3,4	
	Choir—stanza 2	
Sermon		
"The Righteousness of God through Faith"		
	Romans 3:19-28	
Nicene Creed		158
Prayer of the Church		
Offertory Hymn		
<i>Lord, Keep Us Steadfast</i>		655
Preface		160
Sanctus		161
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Memorial Acclamation (2 x)		
	Christ has died,	
	Christ is risen,	
	Christ will come again.	
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Pax Domini		163
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<i>Psalm 46</i> (Choir)		
<i>Thy Works, Not Mine O Christ</i>		565
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The Church's One Foundation		644
<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> arr. Jan Bender		

* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Jackson Huntley
Lector Mark Jordan
Usher Carl Lehman

SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor John Barber
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 11/5 AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher Heath Russert

SERVING 11/5 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Kelley Schmidt
Crucifer Kariff Gomez
Lector Daryl Newton
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 – 10:15 AM
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

CHOIR PRACTICE

9:20—10:10 AM
Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:00 am
St. Mark Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

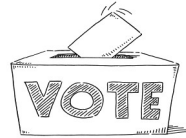
Many thanks to Matt Fitzsimmons and friends, our trumpeters this week. Thanks to our Grace Choir for singing at both services. It was a nice treat for the 8:00 attendees.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY NOV. 5. Turn your clocks back when you go to bed on Saturday night.



VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION Veterans (past or present), you and your family are invited to join Pr. Brian & Rachel at the parsonage on **Sat, Nov. 11th** from 6-8 pm, to honor those who have served our country. Food & beverages will be served.



GRACE ANNUAL MEETING Will be held on **Nov. 26th** between the services to review and vote on 2024 budget and slate of new Council officers.

MEET US ON THE MESS DECK POTLUCK



Sunday Nov. 12th @ 1130 hours

In honor of our veterans we invite you to taste some of the delicious foods that nourished our men and women of the armed forces!

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Mike, John, Rita, Grace, Deborah, and Jim

PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Jeremy & Jessica Belgau and Carl & Elsie Lehman

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange, Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy), Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, and Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, John Campisi, Tajy George, Nathan Farish, Philip Hawthorne, Matthew Morgan, Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

REFORMATION

October 29, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am



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