

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

Today, we witness and remember something the world forgets: Holy Baptism. Not as some dusty memory in a church scrapbook, but as a right -now reality. In baptism, God claimed you, washed you, and said, “You’re mine, forever.” That word didn’t expire. It’s as present today as the water on your head was back then. So, relax. You’re already loved, already forgiven, already home. Welcome to worship, where we live in the freedom of being the baptized children of God.

Collect

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self [a] was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free[b] from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

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Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas
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David Cherwien	
* bold indicates standing	

Worship Assistants	
Pastor	Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

Serving Today	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Jason Huntley
Cantor	Randy Houts
Usher	Daryl Svensson
Serving 10/12/25	
Elder	Randy Houts
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Randy Houts
Cantor	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	John Downey

Prayer List
<p>For Strength and Healing Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Mark, Steve, Kristi, and Floyd</p> <p>For Our Missionaries & Seminarians Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker</p> <p>For Our Military Members Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Joshua Simmons, and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher, <i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i></p> <p>For Those Unable to Attend Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel</p>

Announcements

Choir has started Please see Dale Sorenson if you are interested.

Sunday School for children five and above meets at 10:15 a.m. in the Den. Children under five can join us in the nursery.

Sunday School for Adults a Bible study on Ecclesiastes meets in the St. Mark’s classroom at 10:15.

Wednesday Bible Study on the book of Acts meets in the St. Mark’s Classroom from 10:00-11:00am.



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