

# 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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- 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

We warmly welcome back Rev. Brian Hamer.

On the Feast of the Epiphany, the church remembers that Jesus didn't stay hidden. God turned on the lights. He allowed outsiders to see what insiders had missed. He led wandering magi, armed with bad directions and questionable theology, straight to the Savior of the world. If you've come in confident, confused, curious, skeptical, or just because someone dragged you here—good. You're exactly the kind of person Epiphany is for. This is the day we celebrate that Jesus shows up not for the spiritually impressive, but for the lost, the late, and the unlikely.

Collect:

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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* <b>bold</b> indicates standing	

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Brian Thomas
<b>Director of Music</b>	Dale Sorenson

**SERVING TODAY**

<b>Elder</b>	Jeremy Fullam
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Michael Tow
<b>Crucifer</b>	Greta Rucks
<b>Acolytes</b>	Peter Gertz & Leopold Fullam
<b>Lector</b>	Jeremy Fullam
<b>Cantor</b>	John Barber
<b>Usher</b>	Jackson Huntley

**SERVING 1/11/26**

<b>Elder</b>	Steve Hollman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gloria Berge
<b>Crucifer</b>	Andrew Gertz
<b>Lector</b>	Deaconess Doris Snashall
<b>Cantor</b>	Sandi Garcia
<b>Usher</b>	John Downey

**PRAYER LIST****FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Kristi, Mark, Hugo, Jacque, Dave, Phyllis, and Floyd

**FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS**

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

**FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS**

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher,  
(If you are in the military, please send your info to [elsyglc@gmail.com](mailto:elsyglc@gmail.com) to be added to the prayer list)

**FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

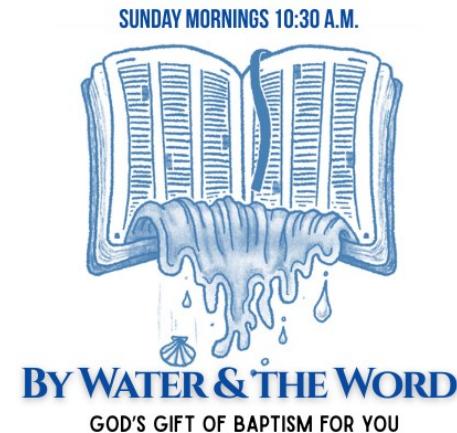
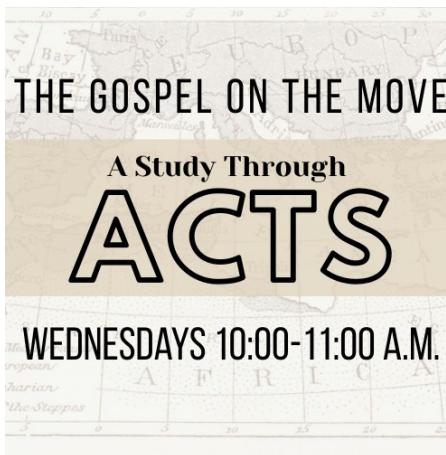
Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please stay** after the service and help us break down and store our Christmas decorations. Refreshments will be provided!

**Sunday School** for all ages returns next Sunday, January 11th following the service and fellowship.

**Wednesday Bible Study** is back in session on Wednesday, January 14th. Meets Wednesdays in the St. Mark's Classroom at 10:00am.

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

(observed)

January 4, 2026

9:00 am



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