

# 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.

### Giving to Grace

- Your weekly envelopes or those in the pews
- Online from your bank website
- Scan the QR code to the right
- On the Grace Giving Page at [gracesandiego.com](http://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

Grace doesn't make us lazy; it sets us free to live fully. God's love isn't an excuse to check out of life—it's the reason we roll up our sleeves and step into it. Whether your work this week looks like teaching a class, changing diapers, fixing engines, or just trying to love people who make that hard, it all matters to Him. So take a deep breath, rest in the grace of Jesus, and remember: the King is coming, but until He does, there's holy work to be done—and it starts with worship.

### Collect

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

### DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

<i>Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying</i>	<i>arr. JS Bach</i>
<b>Herald, Sound the Note of Judgement</b>	<b>511</b>
Confession & Absolution (kneel)	151
<b>Kyrie</b>	<b>943</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>946</b>
<b>Salutation and Collect</b>	<b>156</b>
Reading	Malachi 4:1-6
Gradual	
Reading	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 21:29-36</b>
Children's Homily	
Anthem	Maximus Gurath, cello
	<i>Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying</i>
Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas
	"Don't Just Stand There. Do Something!"
	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
Offertory Hymn	
	<i>Christ Is Surely Coming</i>
	509
<b>Preface</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>161</b>
The Words of Our Lord (kneel)	162
Memorial Acclamation (2x)	
	Christ has died,
	Christ is risen,
	Christ will come again.
Lord's Prayer	162
<b>Pax Domini</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	
	Psalms 98
	<i>Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive</i>
	843
<b>Thank the Lord</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Post Communion Collect</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</b>	<b>528</b>
<i>A Festive Trumpet Tune</i>	<i>David German</i>
	<b>* bold indicates standing</b>

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Randy Houts
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Randy Houts
Cantor	John Barber
Usher	Daryl Svensson
Serving 11/23/25	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Acolytes	Johnathan and Tobias Sorrels
Lector	Jason Huntley
Cantor	Sandi Garcia
Usher	Jackson Huntley

Prayer List
<p><b>For Strength and Healing</b></p> <p>Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Mark, Kristi, Jacque, Dave, Phyllis, Aubrey, and Floyd</p> <p><b>For Our Missionaries &amp; Seminarians</b></p> <p>Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker</p> <p><b>For Our Military Members</b></p> <p>Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, and Jeff &amp; Jordan Gruetzmacher,</p> <p><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><b>For Those Unable to Attend</b></p> <p>Joyce Rochester, Herb &amp; Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel</p>

## Announcements

Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:15.



November 27 Thanksgiving Day service @ 9:00am

November 29 Advent Church Decorating @ 9:00am

December 3 Advent Midweek @ 6:30pm  
Following soup supper

December 7 Advent Midweek @ 6:30pm  
Following soup supper

December 10 Advent Midweek @ 6:30pm  
Following soup supper

Christmas Eve @ 6:30pm

Christmas Day @ 9:00am



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## Pentecost 23

November 16, 2025

9:00 am



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