

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
- 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

The world tells us we must prove ourselves, earn our place, or measure up. But today, through Romans 10, God tells us something wonderfully different: "The word is near you." Salvation is not found in climbing up to God by our works, but in God coming down to us in Jesus Christ. Here, His Word is preached, His promises are spoken, and the Holy Spirit creates faith. So open your ears, your heart, and yes, even your mouth, to confess with joy that Jesus is Lord, for everyone who calls on His name will be saved.

Collect

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 10: 5-17

⁵ For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them.⁶ But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."¹⁴ How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵ And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Divine Service Setting 1

<i>Aria</i> in A minor	JS Bach
<i>O Worship the King</i>	804
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Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas “The Mouth of Faith” Romans 10:5-17
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<i>* bold indicates standing</i>	

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Jack and Judy George
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Jackson Huntley
	Harold Nichols
Serving 8/16/26	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Daryl Newton
Usher	John Downey
	Daryl Svensson

Prayer List
For Strength and Healing Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Kara, Kelly, Jose 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 <i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i> For Those Unable to Attend Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

Announcements

The Altar flowers are given this day in thanksgiving by Jeremy and Alma Fullam as they celebrate ten years of marriage.

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

Don’t forget to tune in to 30 Minutes in the New Testament over the next few weeks as Pastor Thomas guest hosts the podcast and walks through Paul’s Letter to the Colossians. You can listen on your favorite podcast platform or watch on YouTube.

Sacred Spaces

DISCOVER THE MEANING BEHIND THE ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND SYMBOLISM OF OUR HISTORIC CHURCH

SEE YOUR CHURCH AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE

DISCOVER THE GOSPEL HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

EVERY WINDOW, EVERY CARVING, EVERY SYMBOL TELLS A STORY

CELEBRATING THE FAITH OF GENERATIONS PAST WHILE BUILDING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

For more than a century, our church has proclaimed the Gospel through stained glass, carved wood, marble fonts, and historic music spanning the centuries. Join us for a special guided tour, as Pr. Thomas shares the history, symbolism, theology, and music woven throughout our beautiful sanctuary and campus.

Whether you've worshiped here for decades or just a few weeks, you'll discover details you've never noticed and gain a deeper appreciation for how the art and architecture have long served to teach and inspire God's people.

As part of the tour, we will pause in the balcony to discuss our organ and the role that music plays in our worship.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

TIME: 6:00—8:00 P.M.

PRESENTED AS PART OF OUR

GENERATIONS

CAMPAIGN

Preserving our church for generations to come.

Pentecost 11

August 9, 2026
9:00 am



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

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