

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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AS WE GATHER

Epiphany is the oldest season in the church year next to Easter. The season of lights emphasizes Jesus' manifestation as both God and man. The Sundays in Epiphany focus on the growth of Jesus' public ministry. Today Jesus steps down into the baptismal waters so that He can soak up the sins of the world. He is baptized into our sin and curse so that we can be baptized into His death and resurrection.

Collect:

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

DIVINE SERVICE

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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING 1/7/24 AT 8 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Steve Hollman
Lector Mark Jordan
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 1/7/24 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen & Kelley Clark
Crucifer Bennett Lee
Lector Rev. Ken Licht
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 1/14 AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 1/14 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Kariff Gomez
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor John Barber
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 – 10:15 AM
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den
Resumes on 1/14/24

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:00 am
St. Mark Classroom
Resumes on 1/10/24

CHOIR PRACTICE 9:20—10:10 AM
Music Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailboxes. If you don't have one, contact Gretchen at gjordan@gracesandiego.com.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY is on Saturday mornings at 8 am in the St. Mark's Classroom. This study of the Book of Acts is led by member Zaro Razak. For more info contact Zaro at 619-840-2252 or by email at zaro56@cox.net.

Kids for CAPS Saturday Jan. 20 @10 am. Kids will view a real ultrasound, hold a model of preborn baby in their hands, and see the size of a growing preborn. CAPS wants to help parents and grandparents make sure the value of life is taught to our children. Register at: friendsofcaps.org/kidsforcaps

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS We need volunteers to bring a snack to share on Sunday mornings and to help clean up after the 10:30 service. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to help.

Join us for the inaugural
Thursday Night Thing
January 25 | 4:00-7:00 p.m.



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FELLOWSHIP | FOOD | FUN

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Mike, John, Arleen, Doris, Heidi, and Edward

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss,
and Vicar Rowan Turner

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Henry Casey, Tajj George,
Daniel Fohey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan,
Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 7, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 AM



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