WELCOME

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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 the 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.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE

AS WE GATHER

The prophet Isaiah reminds us today that God's Word is never empty speech. Just as rain and snow water the earth and bring forth life, so God's Word accomplishes exactly what He sends it to do. Through His speaking, He creates faith, forgives sins, comforts troubled hearts, and gives life where there was none. As we gather in the Lord's presence, we come not merely to hear about God, but to receive His living and active Word. May the Holy Spirit open our ears to hear, our hearts to believe, and our lives to bear the fruit that God Himself promises through His Word.

Collect

Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 55:10-13

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not
return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving
seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes
out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall
accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which
I sent it. 12 "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the
mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all
the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall
come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it
shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut
off."

DIVINE SERVICE
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**** bold indicates standing***

Worship Assistants

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

Serving Today

Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	Jeremy Fullam
Lector	Daryl Newton
Usher	Jackson Huntley
	John Downey

Serving 7/19/26

Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	Harold Nichols

Prayer List

For Strength and Healing

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Kara, Kariff, 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

(*If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)*

For Those Unable to Attend

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

Announcements

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

Viscera, the Incarnate Polyphony

Vox Obscura - A Sacred Music Consort

July 25 at 6:00 pm

Grace Lutheran Church, San Diego

Tickets availa-
ble at: voxobscura.org/concerts
100% discount for members of Grace Lutheran with promo code: GraceVox

Vox Obscura explores the origins of sacred music - from ancient chants and hymns to the birth of polyphony - performed by chamber choir, cantors, harp, lute, strings, and featuring oktavist Alexander Mayang. A re-

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