

# 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

On *Laetare* Sunday, the Church has given us a day of joy in a season of repentance, teaching us what it is like to live in Christian joy, even when we are surrounded by the difficulties of living in this fallen world. In the middle of the wilderness of Lent, we hear our Gospel lesson of Jesus providing a heavenly meal to the crowd that followed him into the wilderness near the Sea of Galilee. In this way, the Church gives us a brief respite on our journey through the wilderness to teach us to live in the joy of our salvation—given to us in the heavenly meal of the Sacrament—even as we journey through the remembrance of our Lord's Passion.

### Collect:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### John 6:1-15

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. <sup>5</sup>Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup>Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

<sup>15</sup>Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

## DIVINE SERVICE

### SETTING II

*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross* arr. G. Martin

**Christ is Made the Sure Foundation** 909

Confession & Absolution (kneel) 167

**Kyrie** 168

**Salutation and Collect** 172

Reading Exodus 16:2-21

Gradual

Reading Acts 2:41-47

**Lenten Verse** 173

**Gospel** John 6:1-15

**Anthem** (follow text at LSB 562) Parish Choir

*All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall* JS Bach

Sermon

"All You Can Eat"

John 6:1-15

**Nicene Creed** 174

**Prayer of the Church**

Offertory Hymn

*All For Christ I Have Forsaken* 753

**Preface** 177

**Sanctus** 178

The Words of Our Lord 179

Memorial Acclamation (2 x)

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer 179

**Pax Domini** 180

**Agnus Dei** 180

**Eucharist**

Psalm 132:8-18

*O Living Bread from Heaven* 642

**Nunc Dimittis** 182

**Post Communion Collect** 183

**Benediction** 183

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* 427

*Prelude & Fugue in g minor* JS Bach

\* bold indicates standing

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Pastor** Rev. Brian Thomas  
**Director of Music** Dale Sorenson

### SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** John Downey

### SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Ted Nilsen  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
Kelley Clark  
**Crucifer** Andersen Lee  
**Lector** Pr. Ken Licht  
**Cantor** Randy Houts  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

### SERVING 3/17 AT 8 AM

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** Jack & Judy George  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Usher** Heath Russert

### SERVING 3/17 AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
Kelley Clark  
**Crucifer** Bennett Lee  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30 – 10:15 AM

St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

**SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE** 9:20—10:10 AM

Music Room

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** 10:00 am

St. Mark Classroom

**SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** 8:00 am

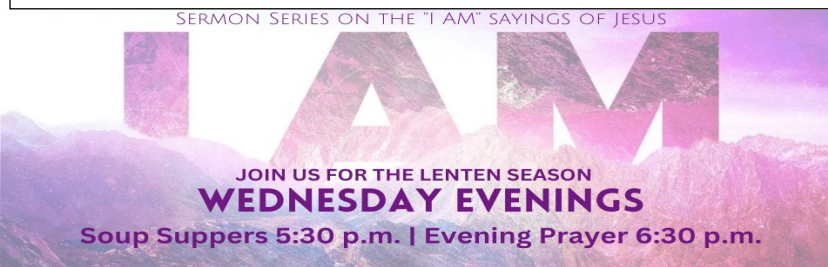
St. Mark Classroom

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIVESCAN BACKGROUND CHECKS** for GLC staff, leaders, and volunteer youth teachers will take place on Sunday, March 17 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. For more information, please see Carl Lehman.

**MIDWEEK OFFERINGS** During the season of Lent, our midweek offerings will support Rowan Turner, CTSFW seminary student.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for Altar Guild at 10:30, ushers, and coffee hour hosts. Please signup at the Welcome Desk or contact Gretchen in the office or Pastor Brian.



### PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Mike, John, Heidi, Edward, Daniel, Nancy, Jan, Kathy, and Karen

### PRAYERS AWAITING A CHILD OF GOD

Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

### 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, Tajy George, Daniel Fohey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

**LENT 4**  
*LAETARE SUNDAY*  
March 10, 2024  
8:00 and 10:30 AM



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