

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

They say familiarity can breed contempt. While that may be a bit too extreme a thing to say when it comes to our worship this time of year, I would say that familiarity with the Christmas story can lead us to lose sight of the amazing profundity of what actually happened on Christmas morning. God. With. Us. The second person of the Holy Trinity assuming our flesh! A personal Creator entering into His creation to save you. Let that set in for a moment.

Collect:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 1:18-25

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³ "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 10 AM

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

SERVING TONIGHT AT 6 PM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Citlali Gomez
Lector Rev. Ken Licht
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/25 AT 10 AM

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

SERVING 12/31 AT 8 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Daryl Newton
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/31 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher Harold Nichols

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailboxes. If you don't have a mailbox or a box of envelopes, please let Gretchen know at gjordan@gracesandiego.com.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY begins on Saturday Jan. 6th at 8 am in St. Mark's Classroom. This study of the Book of Acts will be 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: friendsforcaps.org/kidsforcaps

EPIPHANY
LESSONS & CAROLS
Saturday, January 6th



Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
Epiphany Dinner 6:00 p.m.

EPIPHANY SERVICE & DINNER

Following our service the main course will be provided. We ask members to provide a side dish for salad. RSVP at the Welcome Desk.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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

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

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

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December 24, 2023

10:00 AM



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