# **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.

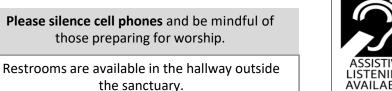
Children are welcome in our services Grace is a church family and we believe like any family we learn by doing things together. Bulletins are available for children that coincide with the liturgical calendar and scripture readings. We encourage parents to guide their children throughout the service, helping them to 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**

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### As We Gather

Today, we turn to one of Jesus' more startling teachings in Luke 12:49-53, where He says He came not to bring peace, but division. It's a jarring word for those of us who associate Christ with comfort and unity. And yet, in His love, Jesus speaks plainly: following Him will sometimes divide households, unsettle lives, and burn away false peace.

### Collect:

Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Luke 12:22-34

And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup> Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup> For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup> "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

**SERVING TODAY** 

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Gloria Berge
Crucifer Greta Rucks
Lector Mark Jordan
Cantor Jeremy Fullam
Usher John Downey

## **SERVING 8/24/25**

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Greta Rucks
Lector Jason Huntley
Cantor John Barber
Usher Jackson Huntley

# **PRAYER LIST**

#### FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Steve, Kristi, and Floyd

## FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker

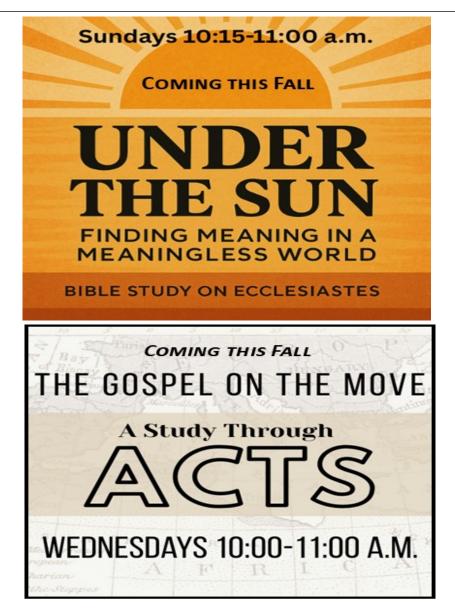
## FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge,
Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish,
Matthew Morgan, Joshua Simmons,
and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher,
(If you are in the military, please email your
info to be added to the prayer list.
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# FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

**WELCOME REV. DR. TARDELLI VOSS,** Missionary Director for the Lutheran Mission Society of San Diego and our celebrant for the next two weeks while Pr. Brian is on vacation.



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