

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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- Time & Talents - contact Pr. Brian



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AS WE GATHER

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to trap Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “trap” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways, to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul” and to “love the stranger” (Deut 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor 1:1– 9). Today we move from identity politics to identity theology as we embrace the fact that we are who Jesus says we are.

Collect

O God, because without You we are not able to please You, mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING 1

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<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>		905
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	<i>Love in Christ is Strong and Living</i>	706
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	Christ has died,	
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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING 10/8 AT 8 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Mark Jordan
Usher Heath Russert

SERVING 10/8 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Bennett Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor John Barber
Usher Daryl Svensson

SERVING 10/15 AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Philip & Rachel Hawthorne
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher Carl Lehman

SERVING 10/15 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Kelley Schmidt
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Pr. Ken Licht
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 – 10:15 AM
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

CHOIR PRACTICE

9:20—10:10 AM
Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:00 am
St. Mark Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WITTENBERG WAY

The October issue of the Wittenberg Way is available at each entrance. Take one home and see what is happening at Grace.

FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS

If you have enjoyed the refreshments on Sunday we need volunteers to help clean up after the 10:30 service, *it only takes about 10 minutes*. Sign up for one week or as many as you want at the Welcome Desk.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

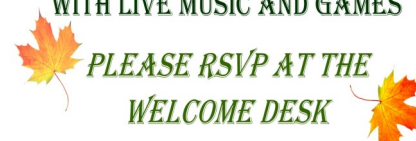
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SATURDAY
OCTOBER 21, 2023
2-5 PM

JOIN THE FUN AND GOOD FOOD
AT OUR ANNUAL CELEBRATION

TRADITIONAL GERMAN FARE
WITH LIVE MUSIC AND GAMES



GERMAN COSTUMES AND TRADITIONAL
GARB IS ENCOURAGED!!!

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Mike, John, Hannah, Rita, and Grace

PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Jeremy & Jessica Belgau and Carl & Elsie Lehman

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange, Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy), Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, and Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, John Campisi, Tajy George, Nathan Farish, Philip Hawthorne, Matthew Morgan, Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

TRINITY 18

October 8, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am



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