

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 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.



AS WE GATHER

You didn’t come to a museum of saints this morning — you came to a hospital for sinners. That’s what the Reformation was all about. Martin Luther rediscovered that we don’t climb our way up to God; He came all the way down to us in Jesus Christ. Today we celebrate good news that never gets old: You are justified — declared right with God — not because of what you’ve done, but because of what Jesus did. Period. It’s finished. No fine print, no performance reviews, no religious gymnastics. Just grace — free, full, and forever.

Collect

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

<i>Come Holy Ghost, God and Lord Buxtehude</i>	
<i>We Praise You and Acknowledge You</i>	941
Confession & Absolution (kneel)	151
Kyrie	152
Gloria	154
Salutation and Collect	156
Reading	Revelation 14:6-7
Gradual	
Reading	Romans 3:19-28
Alleluia	156
Gospel	John 8:31-36
Children’s Homily	
<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> 656	
(Church sings verses 1,3,4)	
Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas
“Faith Alone”	
Romans 3:19-28	
Nicene Creed	158
Prayer of the Church	
Offertory Hymn	
<i>By Grace I’m Saved (verses 1-4)</i> 566	
Preface	160
Sanctus	161
The Words of Our Lord (kneel)	
Memorial Acclamation (2x)	
Christ has died,	
Christ is risen,	
Christ will come again.	
Lord’s Prayer	162
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Eucharist	
Psalm 46	
<i>Your Table I Approach</i> 628	
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Benediction	166
<i>Glory Be to God the Father</i>	506
<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i> arr Jan Bender	
* bold indicates standing	

Worship Assistants	
Pastor	Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

Serving Today	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Acolytes	Johnathan & Tobias Sorrels
Lector	Daryl Newton
Cantor	Sandi Garcia
Usher	Daryl Svensson
Serving 11/2/25	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Acolytes	Peter Gertz & Leopold Fullam
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Cantor	Randy Houts
Usher	John Downey

Prayer List
<p>For Strength and Healing</p> <p>Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Mark, Steve, Kristi, Jacque, Dave, Phyllis, and Floyd</p> <p>For Our Missionaries & Seminarians</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker</p> <p>For Our Military Members</p> <p>Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher,</p> <p><i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i></p> <p>For Those Unable to Attend</p> <p>Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel</p>

Announcements

Choir has started Please see Dale Sorenson if you are interested.

Sunday School for children five and above meets at 10:15 a.m. in the Den. Children under five can join us in the nursery.

Sunday School for Adults a Bible study on Ecclesiastes meets in the St. Mark’s classroom at 10:15.

Grace Lutheran Church

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OCTOBER 26

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Reformation Day

October 26, 2025

9:00 am



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