

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.

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AS WE GATHER

Jesus tells us to “count the cost” of following Him. The problem is, most of us are terrible at math. We underestimate the cost, overestimate our strength, and still somehow think we can do it on our own. And yet—here’s the crazy part—Jesus invites us anyway. He calls the distracted, the bumbling, the ones who miscalculate life constantly. Following Him isn’t about perfect arithmetic; it’s about trusting the One who adds grace when we subtract ourselves. So take a deep breath, relax, and join us in worship as God meets us even when we can’t count it all up.

Collect:

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’

³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ “Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

CELEBRATING THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Andrew Gertz, Jonathan Sorrels, Tobias Sorrels ,
Craig Adjemian, and Kevin Adjemian

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Cantor	Randy Houts
Usher	John Downey
Serving 9/14/25	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Acolytes	Georgia Thompson Duncan Mellor
Lector	Daryl Svensson
Cantor	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Harold Nichols

Prayer List	
For Strength and Healing Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Steve, Kristi, Charlie, 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, <i>(If you are in the military, please email your info to be added to the prayer list. gjordan@gracesandiego.com</i>	
For Those Unable to Attend Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR IS STARTING.

Please see Dale Sorenson if you are interested.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

starts on September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the St. Mark's Classroom.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

for children of all ages begins September 14 at 10:15 a.m. in the Den.

A purple rectangular graphic with a pink circle containing a photo of Gretchen Jordan. Text includes: 'GOODBYE TENSION', 'HELLO PENSION', 'GRETCHEN JORDAN', 'Sunday Sept. 14', and 'RETIREMENT BRUNCH'. It also mentions a 15-year service anniversary.

PENTECOST 13

September 7, 2025

9:00 am

A black and white line drawing of a church building with a steeple and three candles in a window.

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