

# 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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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 may have walked in today carrying more than you can bear—questions, regrets, fears, or just the weight of another long week. The good news is this: you don’t have to carry it alone. You don’t have to climb some spiritual ladder or find the right middleman. You don’t need Mary, a saint, or a preacher to smooth things over with God. There’s only one Mediator—Jesus Christ. He stands between us and a holy God, not wagging His finger but spreading out His arms, scars and all, saying, “It’s finished. You’re forgiven.”

### Collect:

O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### 1 Timothy 2:1-6

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men,<sup>[a]</sup> Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

### DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

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Children’s Homily	
Anthem	Andrew Gertz, Violin <i>Of the Father’s Love Begotten</i>
Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas “One Mediator for All” 1 Timothy 2:1-6
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<i>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	Michael Burkhardt
<b>* bold indicates standing</b>	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Brian Thomas
<b>Director of Music</b>	Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY	
<b>Elder</b>	Ted Nilsen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jack and Judy George
<b>Crucifer</b>	Greta Rucks
<b>Lector</b>	Deaconess Doris Snashall
<b>Cantor</b>	Sandi Garcia
<b>Usher</b>	Harold Nichols
SERVING 10/5/25	
<b>Elder</b>	Jason Huntley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Huntley Family
<b>Crucifer</b>	Andrew Gertz
<b>Lector</b>	Jason Huntley
<b>Cantor</b>	Randy Houts
<b>Usher</b>	Daryl Svensson

PRAYER LIST
<b>FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING</b> Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Mark, Steve, Kristi, and Floyd
<b>FOR OUR MISSIONARIES &amp; SEMINARIANS</b> Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker
<b>FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS</b> Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Joshua Simmons, Gavin Robillard and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher, <i>(If you are in the military, please send your            info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added            to the prayer list)</i>
<b>FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND</b> Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHOIR IS STARTING** 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.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** on the book of Acts meets in the St. Mark’s Classroom from 10:00-11:00am.



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**PENTECOST 16**  
 September 28, 2025  
 9:00 am



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