# **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**

- 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 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, the man [a] Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

#### **DIVINE SERVICE** Setting 1 Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring JS Bach My Hope is Built on Nothing Less *576* Confession & Absolution (kneel) 151 Kyrie 152 Gloria 154 **Salutation and Collect** 156 Reading Amos 8:4-7 Gradual Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-6 Alleluia Gospel Luke 16:1-13 Children's Homily Anthem Andrew Gertz, Violin Of the Father's Love Begotten Rev. Brian Thomas Sermon "One Mediator for All" 1 Timothy 2:1-6 **Nicene Creed** 158 **Prayer of the Church** Offertory Hymn 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Preface 160 Sanctus 161 The Words of Our Lord (kneel) 162 Memorial Acclamation (2x) Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Lord's Praver 162 **Pax Domini** 163 **Agnus Dei** 163 Eucharist Psalm 113 You Are the Way; through You Alone 526 Thank the Lord 164 **Post Communion Collect** 166 Benediction 166 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ 565 The God of Abraham Praise Michael Burkhardt \* bold indicates standing

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

#### **SERVING TODAY**

**Elder** Ted Nilsen

**Altar Guild** Jack and Judy George

**Crucifer** Greta Rucks

**Lector** Deaconess Doris Snashall

Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher Harold Nichols

### **SERVING 10/5/25**

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Andrew Gertz
Lector Jason Huntley
Cantor Randy Houts
Usher Daryl Svensson

# **PRAYER LIST**

#### FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Mark, 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, Gavin
Robillard and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher,
(If you are in the military, please send your
info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added
to the prayer list)

### FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

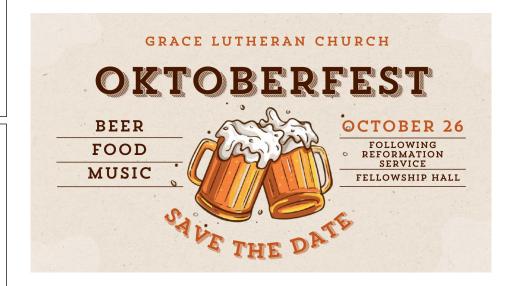
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHOIR IS STARTING** Please see Dale Sorenson if you are interested.

**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

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