

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

We live in a world that often seems out of control, and we’re tempted to believe that everything depends on us. But Scripture tells a different story. From the halls of earthly power to the hidden corners of our lives, God remains firmly in control. Caesar has his authority, yes, but it is limited. God’s authority is not. Join us as we hear the good news that the Lord of heaven and earth is still at work, even when we cannot see what He is doing, calling sinners unto Himself.

Collect:

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ² “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶ that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷ I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

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* **bold indicates standing**

Announcements

Sunday School for all ages today at 10:30 a.m. Children will meet in the den; Adults in St. Mark's Classroom.

Save the Date

November 7: Men’s Breakfast @ 8:00am at the Lehman household. Please RSVP to Carl (760)791-6966 if you would like to attend.

November 11: Veterans Day Gathering- Join Pastor Brian and Rachel from 5-7pm at the parsonage for food, drinks, and fellowship as we honor our veterans! All veterans, active-duty and retired military, family members, and anyone who wants to celebrate our heros are welcome. Please let Pastor Brian know if you plan to attend.



Think your potato salad is the real deal? Or do you make an apple dessert that deserves a little bragging rights? Put your recipe to the test at our Oktoberfest Best Traditional German Potato Salad and Best Apple Dessert competitions. Bring your best dish and let your fellow Oktoberfest guests be the judges! Sign-up sheets are available at the Welcome Desk. May the best Kartoffelsalat win!

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Pentecost 21

October 18, 2026
9:00 am



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

Worship Assistants

Pastor	Rev. Brian Thomas
Deaconess	Doris Snashall
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

Serving Today

Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	
Lector	Daryl Newton
Usher	Harold Nichols Jackson Huntley

Serving 10/25/26

Elder	
Altar Guild	
Crucifer	
Lector	
Usher	

Prayer List

For Strength and Healing
Dave, Jose, Dale, Richard, Madison, and Scott

For Our Missionaries & Seminarians Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker

For Our Military Members
Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Joshua Simmons, Jon Lushenko, and Daniel Fohey

(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 Foelber, and Janice Keitel