

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

If God is good, why is there evil? It is a question we all face when suffering enters our lives. Today, we bring that question to God's Word and discover that God's answer is not merely an explanation, but the revelation of a Savior. In Jesus, God enters our suffering, bears our sin, conquers death, and promises to make all things new.

Collect

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Fall Semester Bible Studies

Starting Sunday, September 13th

Starting Wednesday, September 16th



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** bold indicates standing*

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Claire Latham
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	Jackson Huntley
	Daryl Svensson
Serving 8/30/26	
Elder	Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Deaconess Snashall
Usher	Harold Nichols

Prayer List	
For Strength and Healing Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Kara, Kelly, Jose, Nancy, and Dale	
For Our Missionaries & Seminarians Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker	
For Our Military Members Rev. Mario Ancira, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, Jon Lushenko, Micah Berge, Kariff Gomez, and Daniel Fohey <i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i>	
For Those Unable to Attend Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel	

Announcements

We are grateful to have Jan Feher as our guest organist today.

Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are on recess for the summer.



Sacred Spaces

DISCOVER THE MEANING BEHIND
THE ART, ARCHITECTURE,
AND SYMBOLISM OF OUR
HISTORIC CHURCH



SEE YOUR
CHURCH
AS YOU'VE
NEVER
SEEN IT
BEFORE



DISCOVER THE
GOSPEL
HIDDEN IN
PLAIN SIGHT



EVERY WINDOW,
EVERY CARVING,
EVERY SYMBOL
TELLS A STORY



CELEBRATING THE
FAITH OF GENERATIONS
PAST WHILE BUILDING
FOR GENERATIONS
TO COME

DATE:

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

TIME:

6:00–8:00 P.M.



PRESENTED AS PART OF OUR

GENERATIONS

CAMPAIGN

*Preserving our church
for generations to come.*

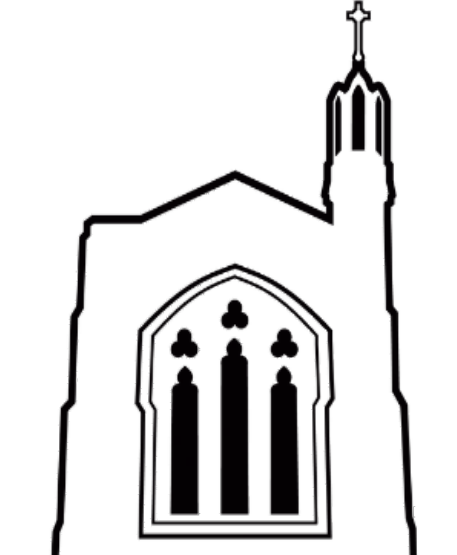




Pentecost 13

August 23, 2026

9:00 am



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