

WELCOME

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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

Today, we reflect on a truth that’s not always easy to hear but is full of grace: God disciplines those He loves (Hebrews 12:6). The word discipline can bring back memories of correction, frustration, or even pain, but in the hands of a loving Father, it means something deeper. It means we are not abandoned. It means we are God’s children. In a world where hardship often feels random or cruel, Scripture reminds us that God is not indifferent to our struggles. His correction is never punishment without purpose. It’s part of His refining work, shaping us into the likeness of Christ, strengthening our feeble knees, and preparing us to walk in His peace. So if your life feels more like a training ground than a playground, take heart. You’re not being forgotten—you’re being formed. And He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion.

Collect:

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hebrews 12:4-13

⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

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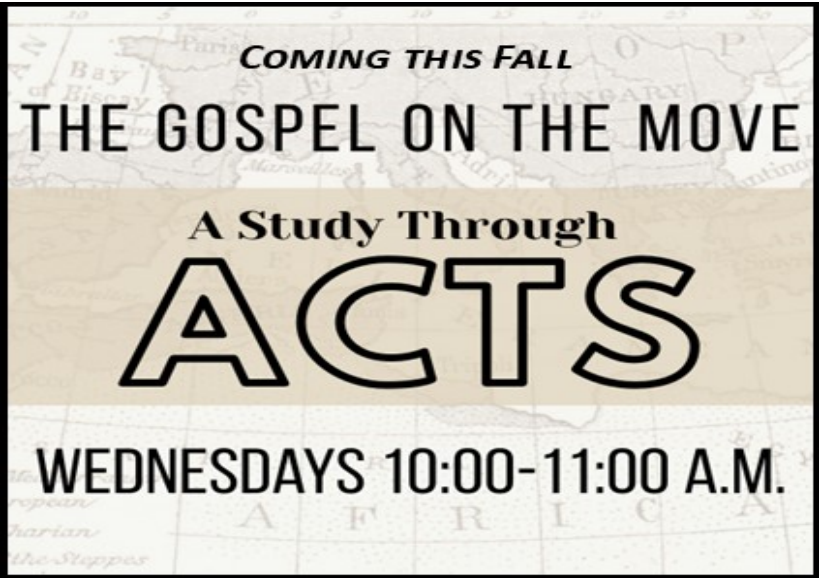
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Worship Assistants	
Pastor	Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

Serving Today	
Celebrant	Rev. Tardelli Voss
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Jason Huntley
Cantor	John Barber
Usher	Jackson Huntley
Serving 8/31/25	
Elder	Randy Houts
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Randy Houts
Cantor	Sandi Garcia
Usher	John Downey

Prayer List
<p>FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Steve, Kristi, and Floyd</p> <p>FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker</p> <p>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></p> <p>FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel</p>

THANK YOU REV. DR. TARDELLI VOSS



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 9:00 am



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