

WELCOME

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | TRINITY

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

Greetings of Christmas Morning

P: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto You is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

C: **Let every heart prepare Him room!**

P: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger.

C: **There was no room for him in the inn.**

P: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

C: **Oh, dwell in my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for you.**

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, and do not fear. Here is your God! He will come and save you!"

C: **Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

Collect:

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Titus 3:4-7

⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Therefore let your own thoughts and feelings go, and think of the Scriptures as the loftiest and noblest of holy things, as the richest of mines, which can never be worked out, so that you may find the wisdom of God that He lays before you in such foolish and simple guise, in order that He may quench all pride. Here you will find the swaddling-clothes and the mangers in which Christ lies, and to which the angel points the shepherds. Simple and little are the swaddling-clothes, but dear is the treasure, Christ, that lies in them.

- Martin Luther

DIVINE SERVICE

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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING 12/25 AT 10 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Cantor John Barber
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/31 AT 8 AM

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

SERVING 12/31 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher Harold Nichols

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailboxes. If you don't have a mailbox or a box of envelopes, please let Gretchen know at gjordan@gracesandiego.com.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY begins on Saturday Jan. 6th at 8 am in the St. Mark's Classroom. This study of the Book of Acts will be led by member Zaro Razak. For more info contact Zaro at 619-840-2252 or by email at zaro56@cox.net.

Kids for CAPS Saturday Jan. 20 @10 am Kids will view a real ultrasound, hold a model of preborn baby in their hands, and see the size of a growing preborn. CAPS wants to help parents and grandparents make sure the value of life is taught to our children. Register at: friendsofcaps.org/kidsforcaps

EPIPHANY

LESSONS & CAROLS
Saturday, January 6th



Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
Epiphany Dinner 6:00 p.m.

EPIPHANY SERVICE & DINNER

Following our service the main course will be provided. We ask members to provide a side dish or salad. RSVP at the Welcome Desk.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Mike, John, Arleen, Doris, and Heidi

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss,
and Vicar Rowan Turner

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Henry Casey, Tajy George,
Daniel Fohey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan,
Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 – 10:15 AM
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den
Resumes on 1/14/24

CHOIR PRACTICE

9:20—10:10 AM
Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:00 am
St. Mark Classroom
Resumes on 1/10/24

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2023

10:00 AM



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