

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 all know what it is to keep score—to remember who hurt us, who disappointed us, and who still owes us. But the Gospel announces something far better: in Christ, the ledger against us is closed. Our debt has been forgiven, not because we could pay it, but because Christ paid it for us. Today we gather to hear that good news again—and to discover the freedom that comes when forgiven people no longer have to keep score.

Collect

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt.³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Harold Nichols John Downey

Serving 9/13/26	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	
Lector	Daryl Newton
Usher	Harold Nichols Jackson Huntley

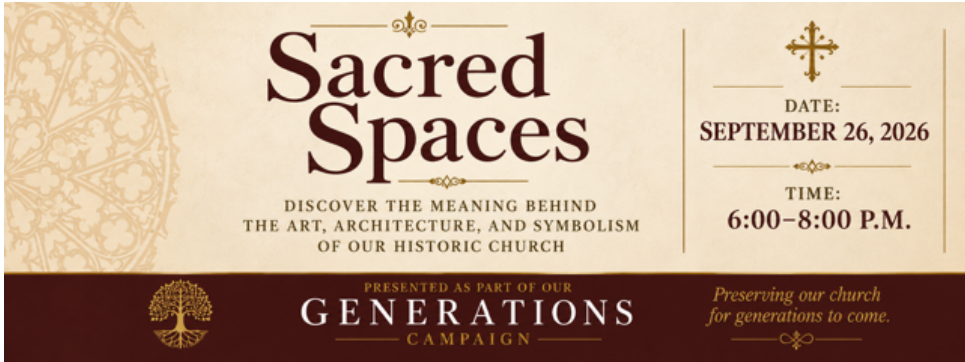
Prayer List	
For Strength and Healing	
Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Jose, Dale, Richard and Randy	
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Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker	
For Our Military Members	
Rev. Mario Ancira, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin 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 for all ages begins today at 10:30 a.m. Children will meet in the den; Adults in St. Mark's Classroom.

Want to stay updated on everything happening around Grace? Simply fill out one of the information sheets at the welcome desk, or send an email to elsyglc@gmail.com and we'll add you to the weekly newsletter list.



Why are the church doors red? Why does the church face east? What do we sit in pews? All of these questions and more will be answered as Pastor Thomas gives us a tour of our beautiful church. Whether you’ve worshiped here for decades or only a few weeks, you’ll discover details you’ve never noticed and gain a deeper appreciation for this sacred space.

6:00pm-light refreshments in the courtyard
6:30-tour begins
7:15- desserts, coffee and wine in the courtyard

Stay with us after the tour for an opportunity to bid on a few unique items and experiences, participate in a raffle, and support the Generations Campaign through a special offering.

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Pentecost 16

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9:00 am



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