

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.

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AS WE GATHER

On this Second Sunday of Advent, we hear Isaiah’s promise that “a shoot shall come forth from the stump of Jesse” (Isaiah 11:1–10). Isaiah describes a world everyone longs for—a world where justice is real, peace is lasting, and nothing harms or destroys. Even skeptics feel the ache for such a place. Today we remember that this longing isn’t wishful thinking; it’s God’s promise. In Jesus, the long-awaited Branch, the future we hope for has already begun to break in.

Collect

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve. You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 11:1-10

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ² And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

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** bold indicates standing*

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Acolytes	Georgia Thompson
	Duncan Mellor
Lector	Mark Jordan
Cantor	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	John Downey
Serving 12/14/25	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Acolytes	Peter Gertz
	Leopold Fullam
Lector	Daryl Newton
Cantor	John Barber
Usher	Jackson Huntley

Prayer List
<p>FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING</p> <p>Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Kristi, Kathy, Faye, Jacque, Dave, Phyllis, Nora Jean, Francois, and Floyd</p> <p>FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker</p> <p>FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS</p> <p>Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher,</p> <p><i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i></p> <p>FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND</p> <p>Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School will be on recess during the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will resume our winter semester on Sunday, January 11.

Wednesday Bible Study is on recess until January 14th.

Annual Voters’ Meeting -TODAY- December 7 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for updates on our church happenings and to participate in approving next year’s budget. Refreshments will be provided.



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