

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.

Lent is supposed to be the serious season—quiet music, no “alleluia,” and a lot of talk about sin and death. But today something strange happens. Easter peeks around the corner. God takes Ezekiel to a valley of dry bones and raises them. Jesus walks to a grave and calls a dead man out. Which is good news for people like us—people who know what it feels like when hope seems buried. Even in the middle of Lent, God is still in the business of raising the dead.

Collect

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling,^[c] and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

DIVINE SERVICE

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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SERVING TODAY

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Michael Tow
Crucifer Andrew Gertz
Acolytes Peter and Duncan
Lector Deaconess Doris Snashall
Cantor Jeremy Fullam
Usher John Downey

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, David,
Phyllis, Floyd, Harold, and Nancy

For Our Expectant Mothers

Jordan Gruetzmacher

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, Jeff Gruetzmacher,
and Wyatt Behl

*(If you are in the military, please send your
info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added
to the prayer list)*

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber,
and Janice Keitel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Sunday school from 10:30 to 11:15pm. All ages are welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study on the book of Acts meets in the St. Mark's
classroom @ 10:00am

Last Lenten Soup Supper and Vespers service this Wednesday 3/25. Dinner
theme for this week is Asian cuisine!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday
6:30 p.m.



Good Friday
Noon & 6:30 p.m.



Easter Vigil
9:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

LENT 5

March 22, 2026

9:00 am



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