

# 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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- Time & Talents - contact Pr. Brian



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## AS WE GATHER

Standard etiquette guides like Emily Post's classic advise us that polite dinner conversations among friends and family should leave two particular topics off the table: religion and politics. Apparently, the Pharisees had not received that memo. In our Gospel passage, the Church and State combine their efforts to "catch" Jesus in order to discredit Him with both politicians and religious adherents. As usual, Jesus has a way of turning the tables to show how we all have failed to "fear, love, and trust God above all else." In the end, politics and religion cannot save you, but Jesus can and does, which is why we render to Him alone our faith.

## Collect:

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that from the bonds of our sins, which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup>They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

## DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING 1

<i>Immortal, Invisible</i>	Burkhardt
<b>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</b>	<b>802</b>
Confession & Absolution (kneel)	151
<b>Kyrie</b>	<b>943</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>946</b>
<b>Salutation and Collect</b>	<b>156</b>
Reading	Proverbs 8:11-22
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<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 22:15-22</b>
<b>Anthem(10:30)</b>	<i>Blessed City, Heavenly Salem</i> Arr. Robert Wetzler
Sermon	
"Politics, Religion, and Death, Oh My"	Matthew 22:15-22
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>158</b>
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<b>What is the World to Me</b>	<b>730</b>
<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i> arr. Whilowsky	
<i>The Marines' Hymn</i>	Offenbach

\* bold indicates standing

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Pastor** Rev. Brian Thomas  
**Director of Music** Dale Sorenson

### SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

**Elder** Steve Hollman  
**Altar Guild** Judy George  
Kirschten Huntley  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Steve Hollman  
**Usher** Heath Russert

### SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Ted Nilsen  
**Altar Guild** John Barber  
**Crucifer** Bennett Lee  
**Lector** Daryl Svensson  
**Cantor** John Barber  
**Usher** Daryl Svensson

### SERVING 11/19 AT 8 AM

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** Carl Lehman

### SERVING 11/19 AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
Kelley Schmidt  
**Crucifer** Kariff Gomez  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** Randy Houts  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30 – 10:15 AM  
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

**CHOIR PRACTICE** 9:20—10:10 AM  
Music Room

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** 10:00—11:00 am  
St. Mark Classroom

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE - NOV. 23RD AT 9:00 AM**
- ✠ **THANKSGIVING DINNER** - Thanksgiving is almost here and it's time to eat, drink, and be thankful! If you would like to join some of the Grace family members for a meal and fellowship, contact Pr. Brian at 619-402-8291 or brianwilliamthomas@gmail.com.
- ✠ **GRACE ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY NOV. 26TH AT 9:15 AM**  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall to review and vote on the 2024 budget and slate of new Council officers.
- ✠ **GIVING TUESDAY - TUESDAY NOV. 28TH** A global day inspiring you to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. If you would like to give something extra to Grace Lutheran you can do so at: <https://gracesandiego.churchcenter.com/giving>.
- ✠ **ADVENT DECORATING - SATURDAY, DEC. 2ND AT 9:00 AM**  
Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun. Help decorate the sanctuary and our beautiful Christmas tree. Breakfast goodies will be served.

### MEET US ON THE MESS DECK POTLUCK



**Sunday Nov. 12th @ 1130 hours**

*In honor of our veterans we invite you to taste some of the delicious foods that nourished our men and women of the armed forces!*

#### PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Mike, John, Rita,  
Grace, Jim, and Nancy

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Jeremy & Jessica Belgau and Carl & Elsie Lehman

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange,  
Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy), Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, and Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, John Campisi, Tajy George, Nathan Farish, Philip Hawthorne, Matthew Morgan, Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

## TRINITY 23

November 12, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am



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