

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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AS WE GATHER

Dear brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, on this day the Church begins a holy season of prayerful and penitential reflection. Our attention is especially directed to the holy sufferings and death of the Lord Jesus.

From ancient times the season of Lent has been kept as a time of special devotion, self-denial, and humble repentance born of a faithful heart that dwells confidently on His Word and draws from it resurrection life and hope.

Let us pray that our Father in heaven, for the sake of His beloved Son and in the power of His Holy Spirit, might richly bless this Lententide for us so that we may come to Easter with glad hearts and keep the feast in sincerity and truth.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, You despise nothing You have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and contrite hearts that lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from You full pardon and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Imposition

Almighty God, You have created us out of the dust of the earth: Grant that these ashes may be to us a sign of our mortality and penitence, that we may remember that it is only by Your gracious gift that we are given everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 51:1-13

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

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Psalm 51:1-13 (chanted responsively)	
Anthem Sandi Garcia, soprano solo (6:30)	
<i>From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee</i>	
Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas
"Create in Me a Clean Heart"	
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* **bold indicates standing**

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Elder Ted Nilsen
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Crucifer Andrew Gertz
Acolytes Peter and Georgia
Lector Carl Lehman
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher John Downey

SERVING 3/1/26

Elder Daryl Newton
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Crucifer Greta Rucks
Acolytes Johnathan and Tobias
Lector Daryl Newton
Cantor Jeremy Fullam
Usher Harold Nichols

PRAYER LIST

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to the prayer list)*

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber,
and Janice Keitel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If faith hasn't turned out the way you hoped—if God feels silent, slow, or absent—you're not alone. This Lent, we invite you to join us for midweek worship as we bring our disappointments honestly before God.



WEDNESDAYS

Soup Suppers | 5:30 p.m.
Vespers Service | 6:30 p.m.

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WHEN GOD FAILS TO MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS

ASH WEDNESDAY

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12pm and 6:30pm



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