

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.



AS WE GATHER

You know that line from Amazing Grace—“I once was lost, but now am found”? That’s not just a lyric, it’s our story. Every one of us here has wandered, gotten ourselves turned around, and ended up in places we swore we’d never go. And then—Jesus came looking. That’s who He is: the Shepherd who goes after the one sheep that’s gone missing. He doesn’t scold, He doesn’t shame—He carries. And when He brings us back, heaven throws a party. So if you came in this morning a little lost—or even a lot lost—welcome. You’re in the right place. The One who knows your name has already found you, and He’s glad you’re here.

Collect:

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luke 15:1-10

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: ⁴“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸“Or what woman, having ten silver coins,[a] if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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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	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Daryl Svensson
Cantor	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Harold Nichols

Serving 9/21/25	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Daryl Newton
Cantor	John Barber
Usher	Jackson Huntley

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RETIREMENT BRUNCH Join us in the fellowship hall to celebrate Gretchen Jordan’s 15 years of faithful service as our church office administrator.

CHOIR IS STARTING Please see Dale Sorenson if you are interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for children five and above begins today at 10:15 a.m. in the Den. Children under five can join us in the nursery.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, a Bible study on Ecclesiastes will begin next week.



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September 14, 2025

9:00 am



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