

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

In Acts 17, the Apostle Paul stood in a city full of smart, religious people and pointed to an altar labeled "To the Unknown God." Then he said, in effect, "Let me tell you who that is." Not a distant force. Not a vague spirituality. But the God who made you, who gives you breath, who isn't far from any one of us—and who has made Himself known in Jesus Christ. That's the claim we're gathering around today. The unknown God is no longer unknown. He has a face. A name. A cross. An empty tomb.

Collect

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration, grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶ Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²² So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

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O Worship the King	804
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Gradual	
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	<i>Halle, Halle, Halle</i> Martyr Haugen
Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas
"The Unknown God is No Longer Unknown"	
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	Christ is risen,
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<i>Immortal, Invisible</i>	Michael Burkhardt
* bold indicates standing	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SERVING TODAY

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Gloria Berge
Crucifer Greta Rucks
Acolytes Georgia & Leo
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher Jackson & Harold

SERVING 5/17/26

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Ande Gertz
Acolytes Peter & Duncan
Lector Carl Lehman
Usher Harold & John

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd,
Harold, Lynn, Nancy, and Kara

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, and Jeff Gruetzmacher,
*(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

Sunday School continues from 10:30am to 11:15am. All ages are welcome!

Wednesday Bible study on the study of Acts meets at 10:00am in the St. Mark's classroom.

Member Meeting: We will hold a mid-year voters' membership meeting after the service on June 14 at 10:15 a.m.



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EASTER 6

May 10, 2025

9:00 am



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