

# 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.

### Giving to Grace

- Your weekly envelopes or those in the pews
- Online from your bank website
- Scan the QR code to the right
- Text the amount to 84321
- On the Grace Giving Page at [gracesandiego.com](http://gracesandiego.com)
- Go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select Grace as your charitable organization to give .5% to GLC
- Time & Talents - contact Pr. Brian



Please silence cell phones and be mindful of those preparing for worship.

Restrooms are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

### AS WE GATHER

A blessing is neither earned nor deserved but received. A blessing comes from God and connects back to Him. Life is what God blesses us with and what He blesses us for—life together and life forever! It was for this reason that Jesus Christ came into this world: to give His life as a ransom for all who would believe in His holy name. It is our mission as His Church to proclaim that life for all.

### Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Deuteronomy 30:15-20

<sup>15</sup> “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

### Matthew 5:13-15

<sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup> “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Welcome back and thank you to Jan Feher, our organist today.

### DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 1

<i>Prelude</i>	
<b>Holy, Holy, Holy</b>	<b>507</b>
Confession & Absolution (kneel)	151
<b>Kyrie</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Salutation and Collect</b>	<b>156</b>
Reading	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Gradual	
Reading	Ephesians 1:3-10
<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 5:13-16</b>
CAPS Ministry Update	
Sermon	
“Choose Life”	
Deuteronomy 30:15-20	
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
Offertory Hymn	
<i>We Give Thee But Thine Own</i>	781
<b>Preface</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>161</b>
The Words of Our Lord (kneel)	162
Memorial Acclamation (2 x)	
Christ has died,	
Christ is risen,	
Christ will come again.	
Lord’s Prayer	162
<b>Pax Domini</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	
<i>Psalms 43 (10:30)</i>	
<i>O Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	814
<b>Thank the Lord</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Post Communion Collect</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Almighty Father, Bless the Word</b>	<b>923</b>
<i>Postlude</i>	

\* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Pastor	Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 8:00 AM	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	Spencer Huntley
Lector	Mark Jordan
Usher	Heath Russert
SERVING AT 10:30 AM	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	John Barber
Crucifer	Claire Latham
Lector	Daryl Newton
Cantor	Richard Segarra
Usher	Harold Nichols
SERVING 1/29 AT 8:00 AM	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Philip & Rachel Hawthorne
Crucifer	Spencer Huntley
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	Carl Lehman
SERVING 1/29 AT 10:30 AM	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Cindy Hansen
	Kelley Schmidt
Crucifer	Andersen Lee
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Cantor	Randy Houts
Usher	Daryl Svensson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**  
 9:30 am to 10:15 am  
**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**  
 10 am to 11 am

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE NEED YOU!** *Grace needs help all year round.* From hosting potlucks and soup suppers, to ushering, altar guild, singing in the choir, to greeting visitors and helping with fellowship events. If you’d like to help, please contact Pr. Brian or Gretchen in the office and we’ll add you to the list of volunteers.

**CHINESE NEW YEAR POTLUCK TODAY in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am.**

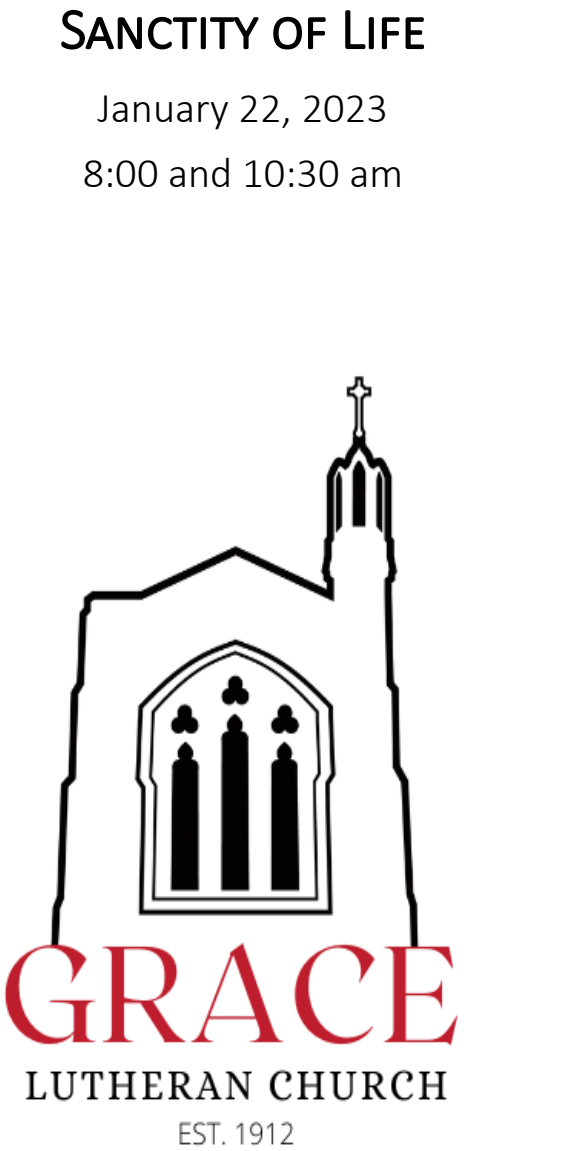
**WEEKLY EMAILS** We send an email on Friday to remind you of important events and updates. If you are not receiving the email, please notify the office. If you receive the emails but do not read them your email goes in the inactive file and you will not receive one until you notify the office to resume.

**COURTYARD COFFEE** Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to bring a refreshment to share or to help set-up or clean-up.

**CHILDREN’S BULLETIN** We’ll be printing a children’s bulletin each week that follows the one year lectionary. Please pick up a copy for your family.

**GRACE BOOK SHELF** We have several new books for adults and children in the book nooks behind the Welcome Desk for sale. All books are priced at \$2, \$5 & \$10. If someone is not at the desk, place your payment in the box provided.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING
Joyce, Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Colter, and Larry
PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES
Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange, Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy)
PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS
Tajy George, Jack George, Jr., Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher, Philip Hawthorne, Josh Martin, Matthew Morgan, Nathan Farish, and Elliott Perko
PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES
Joyce Rochester



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