

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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AS WE GATHER

This Sunday is historically called *oculi*, Latin for "eyes," and more specifically it refers to the eyes of faith that we have been given by God—eyes that see the things of God that pertain to our life and salvation. If the curtain of the spiritual realm was revealed to sight, we would behold an array of angels and demons that would frighten us all. This unseen reality is upheld by Jesus as He is falsely accused of being in league with Satan. Right in the middle of Lent, we are reminded of the spiritual battle that is being waged, knowing in advance we are on the winning side since we are protected by the "stronger man" (Luke 11:22).

Collect:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luke 11:14-28

¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

²⁴ "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' ²⁵ And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. ²⁶ Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

²⁷ As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" ²⁸ But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

DIVINE SERVICE

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Mark Jordan
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Kelley Clark
Crucifer Bennett Lee
Lector Daryl Svensson
Usher Daryl Svensson

SERVING 3/10 AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher John Downey

SERVING 3/10 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Kelley Clark
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Pr. Ken Licht
Cantor Randy Houts
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:15 AM

St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE 9:20—10:10 AM

Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am

St. Mark Classroom

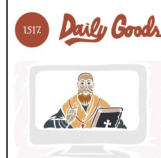
SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am

St. Mark Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOT CHOC RUN NEXT WEEK 3/10 Florida Street will be closed until 10:00 am.

MIDWEEK OFFERINGS During the season of Lent, our midweek offerings will support Rowan Turner, CTSFW seminary student.



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Altar Guild at 10:30, ushers, and coffee hour hosts. Please signup at the Welcome Desk or contact Gretchen in the office or Pastor Brian.

SERMON SERIES ON THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS



JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Soup Suppers 5:30 p.m. | Evening Prayer 6:30 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Mike, John, Heidi, Edward, Daniel, Nancy, Jan, Kathy, Karen, and Joe

PRAYERS AWAITING A CHILD OF GOD

Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, and Vicar Rowan Turner

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Tajy George, Daniel Fohey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

LENT III

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March 3, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 AM



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