

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

As we gather for the Feast of the Ascension, we rejoice that the risen Christ has ascended to the Father's right hand, where he reigns over all things for the sake of his Church. Though hidden from our sight, Jesus has not abandoned his people. He continues to come to us through his Word and Sacraments, giving forgiveness, life, and peace. Welcome in the name of our ascended Lord, who promises: "Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Collect:

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²² And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

DIVINE SERVICE

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Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas	
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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd,
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 is in summer recess.

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

Due to the Rock n' Roll
Marathon on Sunday morning,
our worship service will be

Saturday Evening
May 30th
5:00 p.m.

Courtyard Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

May 14, 2026

6:30 pm



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