

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

Advent Traditions

The Church year begins with Advent, which means "coming" or "arrival," a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. During this season we will trace a journey of hope coming into the world.

- The color for Advent is blue, symbolizing anticipation and hope in our coming King;
- We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis during Advent. This is the angel's song at Christmas, so during these four weeks we pass over this traditional hymn in silent anticipation;
- We also use a traditional Advent wreath with four candles to mark the season. As these candles are lit each week, our anticipation grows as we look forward to Christmas;

We gather for midweek suppers and services to heighten our awareness and anticipation of Christ's coming in the flesh and His eventual return to consummate His kingdom.

Collect:

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING 1

<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	J.S. Bach
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Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30 am)	
	Selah Jules Fohey
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Reading	Jeremiah 23:5-8
Gradual	
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Gospel	Matthew 21:1-9
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Sermon	
	"What Time is It?"
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<i>Savior of the Nations, Come</i>	Paul Manz

* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher Heath Russert

SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Kelley Schmidt
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Rev. Ken Licht
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/10 AT 8 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Judy & Judy George
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Mark Jordan
Usher Carl Lehman

SERVING 12/10 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor John Barber
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:15 AM
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den
On Recess thru 1/14/24


CHOIR PRACTICE 9:20—10:10 AM
Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00—11:00 am
St. Mark Classroom
On Recess thru 1/10/24

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEC/JAN WITTENBERG WAY - This issue is available now as well as **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS**, "Peace Came to Earth".

WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPERS - Please sign up to bring a soup or side at the Welcome Desk. Supper is at 5:30. Evening Prayer at 6:30.



AN ADVENT MIDWEEK SERMON SERIES
MAGNIFICENT VERBS OF THE MAGNIFICAT

Join us this Advent Season on Wednesdays
He Regards - 12/6/23
He Exalts - 12/13/23
He Remembers - 12/20/23

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

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS Saturday, January 6th



Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
Epiphany Dinner 6:00 p.m.

ADVENT MIDWEEK
WED. DEC. 6, 13, 20
Soup Supper at 5:30 pm
Evening Prayers at 6:30 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE
SUNDAY DECEMBER 24TH
10:00 AM AND 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY
MONDAY DECEMBER 25TH
10:00 AM

EPIPHANY
SATURDAY JANUARY 6TH
Worship Service at 5:00 pm
Epiphany Dinner at 6:00 pm

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Mike, John, Rita,
Grace, Jim, and Doris

PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Jeremy & Jessica Belgau and Carl & Elsy Lehman

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange,
Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in
Italy), Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, and Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, John Campisi, Tajy George, Daniel Fohey,
Nathan Farish, Philip Hawthorne, Matthew Morgan,
Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

ADVENT 1

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December 3, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am



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