

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
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- 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

In a world filled with competing ideas about God, truth, and the path to salvation, Christianity makes a remarkable claim: Jesus is the only way to the Father. But this is not a message of exclusion—it is a message of grace. There is one Savior, but His invitation is extended to all. Today we will hear why Jesus alone can save, and why the narrow way of Christ is, in fact, wide open to “whosoever” will come.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation, grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

John 14:1-7

¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Divine Service
Setting 1

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Salvation Unto Us Has Come (vs. 1-5)	555
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* bold indicates standing	

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Daryl Newton
Usher	John Downey
	Harold Nichols
Serving 8/23/26	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	Jackson Huntley
	Daryl Svensson

Prayer List For Strength and Healing Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Kara, Kelly, Jose and Nancy 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, Jon Lushenko, Micah Berge, and Daniel Fohey (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	
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Announcements

Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are on recess for the summer.

Sacred Spaces

DISCOVER THE MEANING BEHIND THE ART, ARCHITECTURE, AND SYMBOLISM OF OUR HISTORIC CHURCH

SEE YOUR CHURCH AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE

DISCOVER THE GOSPEL HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

EVERY WINDOW, EVERY CARVING, EVERY SYMBOL TELLS A STORY

CELEBRATING THE FAITH OF GENERATIONS PAST WHILE BUILDING FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

DATE: **SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

TIME: **6:00–8:00 P.M.**

PRESENTED AS PART OF OUR **GENERATIONS** CAMPAIGN

Preserving our church for generations to come.

Pentecost 12

August 16, 2026

9:00 am

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