

# 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

If you came looking for spiritual self-improvement, clever answers, or a faith that finally makes sense of you, you're probably going to be disappointed—and that's good news. Today, the Church points us again to the Cross, where God refuses to play by our rules. What looks like weakness is power. What sounds like foolishness is wisdom. And what appears to be defeat is how God saves sinners like us. Here, God doesn't impress us—He rescues us. And He doesn't give us advice—He gives us His Son, crucified, risen, and reigning in love.

Collect:

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

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"The Cross Alone is our Theology"	
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* <b>bold indicates standing</b>	

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

<b>SERVING TODAY</b>	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Jason Huntley
Cantor	Sandi Garcia
Usher	John Downey

<b>SERVING 1/11/26</b>	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Mark Jordan
Cantor	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Harold Nichols

**PRAYER LIST****FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Kristi,  
David, Phyllis, Floyd, Ruth, and Harold

**FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS**

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner,  
and Vicar William Baker

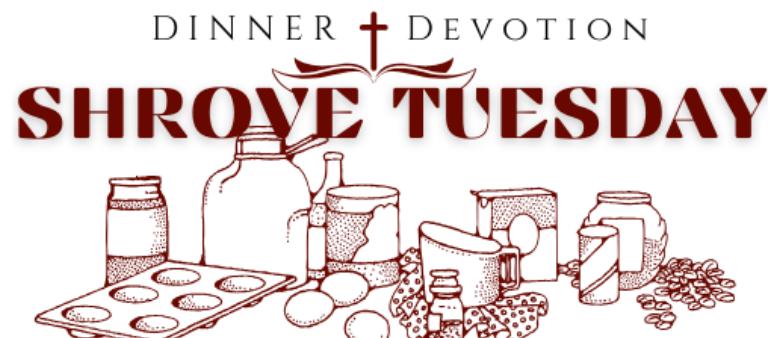
**FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS**

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge,  
Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish,  
Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons,  
and Jeff Gruetzmacher

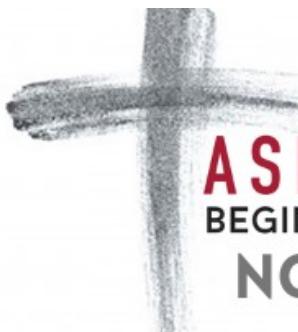
*(If you are in the military, please send your  
info to [elsyglc@gmail.com](mailto:elsyglc@gmail.com) to be added  
to the prayer list)*

**FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber,  
and Janice Keitel

**ANNO****UNCE****FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> | 6:00 P.M.****PANCAKES, CREPES, DUTCH BABY, LATKES, OH MY!**

Share Your Favorite for the Feast Before the Fast

**February 18th**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT  
**NOON & 6:30 P.M.**

**EPIPHANY 4**

February 1, 2026

9:00 am



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