

# 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
- Online from your bank website
- Scan the QR code to the right
- On the Grace Giving Page at [gracesandiego.com](http://gracesandiego.com)
- 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 Luke 8:26–39, we witness the astonishing mercy of Jesus as He crosses a stormy sea to meet one tormented man living among tombs. This story reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of Christ's rescuing love. Whether our chains are visible or hidden in the heart, Jesus steps onto the shores of our brokenness, silences our tormentors, and makes us whole. And like the healed man, we are called not just to enjoy the freedom of Christ, but to go and tell how much God has done for us.

### Collect

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts by Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Luke 8:26-39

<sup>26</sup> Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” <sup>29</sup> For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup> Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

### DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

*Five settings of “Now Thank We All Our God”*

<b>Rite of Holy Baptism</b>	Arthur Donathan Franklin Donathan
<b>Rise, Shine, You People</b>	<b>825</b>
Confession & Absolution (kneel)	151
<b>Kyrie</b>	<b>943</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>946</b>
<b>Salutation and Collect</b>	<b>156</b>
Reading	Isaiah 65:1-9
Gradual	
Reading	Galatians 3:23-4:7
<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 8:26-39</b>
Anthem	Myra Thrower, cello <i>Church of God, Elect and Glorious</i>
Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas “The Graveyard Man” Luke 8:26-39
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
Offertory Hymn	
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<b>Thank the Lord</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Post Communion Collect</b>	<b>166</b>
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<b>Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness</b>	<b>849</b>
A Festive Trumpet Tune	D German

*\* bold indicates standing*

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

Serving Today at 9:00 AM	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Spencer Huntley
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	John Downey
Serving June 29 at 9 AM	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Spencer Huntley
Lector	Mark Jordan
Usher	Harold Nichols

Prayer List	
<b>FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING</b> Dave, Mike, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Steve, Kristi, and Floyd	
<b>FOR OUR MISSIONARIES &amp; SEMINARIANS</b> Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker	
<b>FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS</b> Micah Burge, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher, Joshua Simmons, and Thomas Spencer <i>(If you are in the military,            please email your info to the church at:            gjordan@gracesandiego.com to be added.</i>	
<b>FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND</b> Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, Janice Keitel	

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LONGTIME MEMBER** Ilene Swartz died on June 15. Ilene has been living in Wash. DC close to her daughter, Amy since 2015. A service will be held at Grace in July. Details to follow.



**BBQ  
BRUNCH**  
**SUNDAY  
JULY 6TH**  
**COURTYARD**  
(AFTER THE 9 AM SERVICE)

*STAY FOR THE FELLOWSHIP AND GOOD FOOD  
FOR GRACE'S ANNUAL SUMMER CELEBRATION!*

Sign up to bring a dish at the Welcome Desk.  
Try out one of the interesting recipes on the desk or bring your favorite.

SAVE THE DATE

19  
JULY



20  
25

**A MID-SUMMERS  
NIGHT PARTY**

FOOD | FUN | FESTIVITIES  
5-8 pm in the Grace Courtyard

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# PENTECOST 2

June 22, 2025  
9:00 am



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