

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

Lent has a way of surfacing the quiet burdens we carry: the promises we haven't kept, the disciplines we haven't maintained, the nagging sense that we should be doing better. But Sunday is not another item on the spiritual to-do list. It's not a "have-to." It's a get-to. We get to meet with the living God—not the version who keeps score, but the One who speaks comfort to the weary and mercy to the undeserving. We get to hear a Word that does not crush but raises the dead. We get to come empty-handed and receive, in the Lord's Supper, not a reward for the strong but healing food for the weak. Lent tells the truth about us. Jesus tells the truer truth about God. And that's why we're here

Collect

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

DIVINE SERVICE

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	* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SERVING 3/1/26

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Gloria Berge
Crucifer
Acolytes Leo and Duncan
Lector Daryl Newton
Cantor John Barber
Usher Jackson Huntley

SERVING 3/15/26

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Greta Rucks
Acolytes Leopold and Georgia
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher John Downey

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, David,
Phyllis, Floyd, Jason and Harold

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, Jeff Gruetzmacher,
and Wyatt Behl

*(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

Join us for Sunday School from 10:30-11:15. All ages welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study at 10:00 am in the St. Mark's Classroom.

SUNDAYS 10:30-11:15 A.M.

YOUR TABLE | APPROACH



GOD'S GIFT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER FOR YOU
ST. MARK'S CLASSROOM

If faith hasn't turned out the way you hoped—if God feels silent, slow, or absent—you're not alone. This Lent, we invite you to join us for midweek worship as we bring our disappointments honestly before God.



WEDNESDAYS

Soup Suppers | 5:30 p.m.
Vespers Service | 6:30 p.m.

A LENTEN SERMON SERIES

WHEN GOD FAILS TO MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS

Dinner theme for next Wednesday, March 11th is French cuisine.

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LENT 3

March 8, 2026

9:00 am



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