

WELCOME

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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

Most of us spend a lot of our lives thinking we see clearly—until something happens that reminds us we don't. The Bible calls that blindness. Not the kind you fix by seeing an optometrist, but the kind Jesus loves to heal. The good news is that church isn't for people who have everything figured out. It's for people who need light. And today, we meet the One who opens eyes to understand the truth.

Collect

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

⁹As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam". So he went and washed and came back seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

³⁴They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

SERVING TODAY

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

SERVING 3/22/26

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Michael Tow
Crucifer Andrew Gertz
Acolytes Peter and Duncan
Lector Deaconess Snashall
Cantor .Jeremy Fullam
Usher John Downey

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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

FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Jordan Gruetzmacher

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 10:30am to 11:15am. All ages are welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study on the book of Acts meets in the St. Mark's classroom @ 10:00am

Soup Supper and Vespers Service this Wednesday 3/18. Dinner theme for this week is Irish cuisine!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m.



Maundy Thursday
6:30 p.m.



Good Friday
Noon & 6:30 p.m.



Easter Vigil
9:00 p.m.

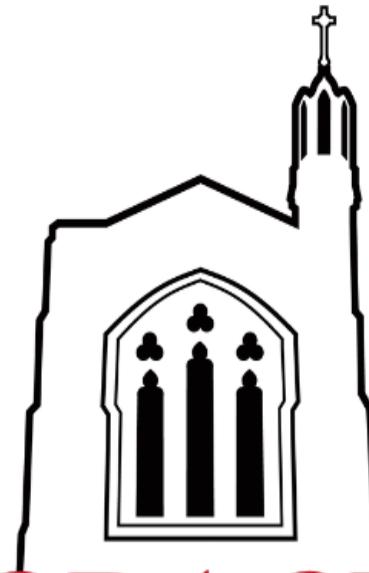


Easter Sunday
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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March 15, 2026

9:00 am



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