

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
- 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 the closing pages of Scripture, God gives us a breathtaking glimpse of the end of the story—and the beginning of eternity. John sees a new heaven and a new earth, where the brokenness of this world is gone for good. No more death. No more mourning. No more crying or pain. Why? Because God Himself will dwell with His people. The voice from the throne declares, “Behold, I am making all things new.” This is not just a promise for the distant future—it’s the heartbeat of the gospel even now.

Collect:

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.” ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting 4

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Anthem	Renee Thompson, clarinet
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Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas
	“All Things New”
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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 9:00 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Gloria Berge
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Acolytes Georgia Thompson
JJ Sorrells
Lector Daryl Svensson
Usher John Downey

SERVING 5/25 AT 9:00 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Michael Tow
Crucifer Citlali Gomez
Lector Daryl Newton
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today at 10:15 am

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Join us in the music room at 10:15-11

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

St. Mark's Classroom at 10:00 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ASCENSION THURSDAY SERVICE - MAY 29 @ 6:30 PM

SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE - MAY 31 @ 6:30 PM Followed by dessert and wine in the courtyard. There is no Sunday service on June 1 due to the Rock n Roll marathon.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME AND TALENTS There are always projects to be done at Grace. Kitchen clean-up, filing in the office, sprucing up the campus, etc. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pr. Brian or Gretchen in the office.



Spring Cleaning? Please consider donating your gently used items. Bring donations any time & store in classroom.

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Mike, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Steve, Mark, Kristi, Kelley, and Alma

FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

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

FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Micah Burge, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher, Joshua Simmons, and Thomas Spencer

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, Janice Keitel

EASTER 5

May 18, 2025

9:00 am



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



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