

# 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

Luke 14:1–14 is all about table manners with Jesus—where He changes the seating chart. The proud get moved down, the humble get moved up, and the guest list suddenly includes people nobody else invited. No matter where you’ve been sitting—at the head table or hiding in the corner—Jesus says, “Sit next to Me.” This is His table, and you’re in His house. Welcome.

#### Collect:

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. <sup>3</sup>And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” <sup>4</sup>But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. <sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” <sup>6</sup>And they could not reply to these things.

<sup>7</sup>Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, <sup>9</sup>and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. <sup>11</sup>For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

### DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

<i>Antiphons III &amp; IX</i>	Marcel Dupre
<b><i>I come, O Savior, to Thy Table</i></b>	<b>618</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	Proverbs 25:2-10
Gradual	
Reading	Hebrews 13:1-6
<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 14:1-14</b>
Children’s Homily	
Organ Anthem	<i>Praise and Thanksgiving</i>
Sermon	Pr. Brian Thomas
“A Cafeteria Gospel is Good for Everyone”	Luke 14:1-14
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
Offertory Hymn	
<i>Praise and Thanksgiving</i>	789
<b>Preface</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Sanctus</b>	<b>161</b>
The Words of Our Lord (kneel)	162
Memorial Acclamation (2x)	
Christ has died,	
Christ is risen,	
Christ will come again.	
Lord’s Prayer	162
<b>Pax Domini</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Agnus Dei</b>	<b>163</b>
<b>Eucharist</b>	
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<i>O Living Bread from Heaven</i>	642
<b>Thank the Lord</b>	<b>164</b>
<b>Post Communion Collect</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Benediction</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>Crown Him with Many Crowns</b>	<b>525</b>
<i>Chaconne</i>	<i>Louis Couperin</i>

\* bold indicates standing

Worship Assistants

Pastor

Rev. Brian Thomas

Director of Music

Dale Sorenson

Serving Today

Elder

Randy Houts

Altar Guild

Jack & Judy George

Crucifer

Greta Rucks

Lector

Randy Houts

Cantor

Sandi Garcia

Usher

Harold Nichols

Serving 9/7/25

Elder

Jeremy Fullam

Altar Guild

Michael Tow

Crucifer

Andrew Gertz

Lector

Jeremy Fullam

Cantor

Randy Houts

Usher

Harold Nichols

Prayer List

For Strength and Healing

Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle,  
Steve, Kristi, Charlie, and Floyd

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,  
Matthew Morgan, Joshua Simmons,  
and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher,  
(If you are in the military, please email your  
info to be added to the prayer list.  
gjordan@gracesandiego.com

For Those Unable to Attend

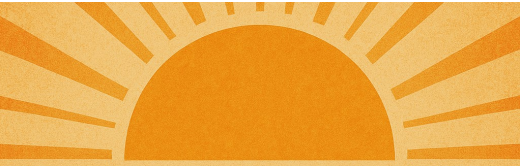
Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber,  
and Janice Keitel

Announcements

Welcome Home Pr. Brian and Rachel!

First Holy Communion on Sept. 7th for several of our Grace Lutheran children.


Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study is starting soon. Pr. Brian will  
announce the dates today.



Under the Sun

Finding meaning in a  
meaningless world

Bible Study on Ecclesiastes



The Gospel on the Move

A Study Through


Acts

Wednesdays 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Pentecost 12

August 31, 2025

9:00 am



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