

WELCOME

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | TRINITY

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 in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

AS WE GATHER

THE DECLARATION OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: The Light of God shines on us tonight.

P: For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

C: The Light of God shines on us tonight.

P: For to us a child is born, to us a son given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C: The Light of God shines on us tonight.

Collect:

O God, You make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when he comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 John 4:7-16

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

DIVINE SERVICE - SETTING 1

Christmas Carol Arrangements
Go Tell It on the Mountain trad. Spiritual
Grace Children's Choir

Candle Lighting Ushers will proceed down the center with torches. Dip your candle into the flame and pass it along to your neighbor.

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Joy to the World arr. Burkhardt

* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TONIGHT AT 6 PM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Citlali Gomez
Lector Rev. Ken Licht
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/25 AT 10 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Cantor John Barber
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/31 AT 8 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Daryl Newton
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/31 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher Harold Nichols

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES are in your mailboxes. If you don't have a mailbox or a box of envelopes, please let Gretchen know at gjordan@gracesandiego.com.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY begins on Saturday Jan. 6th at 8 am in St. Mark's Classroom. This study of the Book of Acts will be led by member Zaro Razak. For more info contact Zaro at 619-840-2252 or by email at zaro56@cox.net.

Kids for CAPS Saturday Jan. 20 @10 am Kids will view a real ultrasound, hold a model of preborn baby in their hands, and see the size of a growing preborn. CAPS wants to help parents and grandparents make sure the value of life is taught to our children. Register at: friendsofcaps.org/kidsforcaps

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS Saturday, January 6th



Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
Epiphany Dinner 6:00 p.m.

EPIPHANY SERVICE & DINNER
Following our service the main course will be provided. We ask members to provide a side dish or salad. RSVP at the Welcome Desk.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Mike, John, Arleen, Doris, and Heidi

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss,
and Vicar Rowan Turner

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Henry Casey, Tajy George,
Daniel Fohey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan,
Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023

6:00 PM



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