

# 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

Today we celebrate the Ascension—the day our Savior was taken up into heaven, exalted to the right hand of the Father, where He now reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords. Though He has ascended, He has not left us alone. Christ is still with us—by His Word, through His Spirit, and in the sacramental gifts of His Church. His ascension is not His absence but His enthronement, and it assures us that He is ruling all things for the good of His people.

#### Collect:

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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\* bold indicates standing

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**  
**Pastor** Rev. Brian Thomas  
**Director of Music** Dale Sorenson

**SERVING TODAY AT 6:30 PM**  
**Elder** Ted Nilsen  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Acolytes** Toby Sorrells  
JJ Sorrells  
**Lector** Deac. Doris Snashall  
**Usher** Daryl Svensson

**SERVING SAT. MAY 31 AT 6:30 PM**  
**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Acolytes** Georgia Thompson  
Duncan Mellor  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** Jackson Huntley

**Grace Rummage Sale**  
*Sat. June 7 8 - 11 am*  
*Volunteers are needed to help with the sale. Please contact Rachel Thomas if you would like to help.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** and **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** are on recess until September.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION INSTRUCTION** will begin on June 19. Please let Deaconess Doris or Pastor Brian know if you or others you know may be interested in attending.



**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, Kristi, Alma, and Floyd

**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  
*(If you are new to Grace and in the military, please email your info to the church at: [gjordan@gracesandiego.com](mailto:gjordan@gracesandiego.com), so we can add you to our prayer list.)*

**FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND**  
Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, Janice Keitel

**ASCENSION**  
May 29, 2025  
6:30 pm



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