

# 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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## AS WE GATHER

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy, He descends to us (Gen 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation, He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" (Matt 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic, but He also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Luther's Small Catechism).

## Collect:

Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness, keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Matthew 9:1-8

And getting into a boat he crossed over and came to his own city. <sup>2</sup>And behold, some people brought to him a paralytic, lying on a bed. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." <sup>3</sup>And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." <sup>4</sup>But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sup>5</sup>For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? <sup>6</sup>But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he then said to the paralytic—"Rise, pick up your bed and go home." <sup>7</sup>And he rose and went home. <sup>8</sup>When the crowds saw it, they were afraid, and they glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

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*Prelude*

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"Is That It?"  
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*Postlude*

\* bold indicates standing

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

**SERVING 10/15 AT 8 AM**

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Philip & Rachel Hawthorne  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** Carl Lehman

**SERVING 10/15 AT 10:30 AM**

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
Kelley Schmidt  
**Crucifer** Andersen Lee  
**Lector** Pr. Ken Licht  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

**SERVING 10/22 AT 8 AM**

**Elder** Steve Hollman  
**Altar Guild** Jack & Judy George  
**Crucifer**  
**Lector** Steve Hollman  
**Usher** Heath Russert

**SERVING 10/22 AT 10:30 AM**

**Elder** Ted Nilsen  
**Altar Guild** John Barber  
**Crucifer** Andersen Lee  
**Lector** Daryl Svensson  
**Cantor** Sandi Garcia  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

9:30 – 10:15 AM  
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

**CHOIR PRACTICE**

9:20—10:10 AM  
Music Room

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

10:00—11:00 am  
St. Mark Classroom

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WITTENBERG WAY**

The October issue of the Wittenberg Way is available at each entrance.

**FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS**

If you have enjoyed the refreshments on Sunday we need volunteers to help clean up after the 10:30 service. Sign up for one week or as many as you want at the Welcome Desk.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

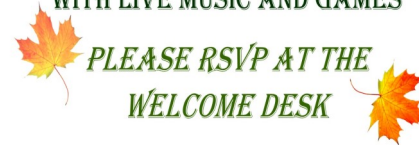
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**OCTOBER 21, 2023**  
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**PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Mike, John, Rita, Grace, Deborah

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD**

Jeremy & Jessica Belgau and Carl & Elsie Lehman

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange, Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy), Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, and Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS**

Rev. Mario Ancira, John Campisi, Tajy George, Nathan Farish, Philip Hawthorne, Matthew Morgan, Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Joyce Rochester

**TRINITY 19**

October 15, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am



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