

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

The Church is not a club for the improved or the well-intentioned. It is a congregation of the ransomed—people bought back at a price we could never pay, gathered by a Lord who refuses to leave us to ourselves. In a world that runs on earning, achieving, and proving, here is a different economy: “not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ.” That means you are here not because you are worthy, but because Christ has declared you worth dying for—and rising for.

Collect

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 Peter 1:17–25

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for

“All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.

The grass withers,
and the flower falls,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

Partita on “Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven 477

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Reading Acts 2:14, 36-41

Gradual

Reading 1 Peter 1:17-25

Alleluia 156

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Children's Homily

Anthem Ande and Peter Gertz, violin

Make Songs of Joy

Sermon Rev. Brian Thomas

“Ransomed”

1 Peter 1:17–25

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Christ is risen,

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Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free 473

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Deaconess Doris Snashall
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Gloria Berge
Crucifer Ande Gertz
Acolytes Peter Gertz
Georgia Thompson
Lector Mark Jordan
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher Jackson Huntley

SERVING 4/26/26

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Greta Rucks
Acolytes Leopold Fullam
Duncan Mellor
Lector Daryl Newton
Cantor Jeremy Fullam
Usher John Downey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School resumes today, April 19th, All ages are welcome!

Save The Date We will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord on Thursday, May 14, at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a meal at 5:30 p.m.



EASTER 3

April 19, 2026

9:00 am



PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Kristi, David, Phyllis, Floyd, Harold and Kara

FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Jordan Gruetzmacher

FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

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

FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, Jeff Gruetzmacher, Jon Lushenko, and Wyatt Behl

(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)

FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

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