# **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 the 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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- Text the amount to 84321
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- Time & Talents contact Pr. Brian



**Please silence cell phones** and be mindful of those preparing for worship.

**Restrooms** are in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

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#### As We Gather

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: "See, I have prepared my dinner . . . Come to the wedding" (Matt 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. The wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: "You who have no money, come, buy and eat... Let your soul delight itself in abundance" (Is 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit's work and refusing to be dressed in Christ's righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us.

#### Collect:

O Lord, grant to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Isaiah 55:1-9

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup> Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Isl

because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> "Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

#### **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

### **SERVING 10/29 AT 8 AM**

**Elder** Steve Hollman

Altar Guild Philip & Rachel Hawthorne

Crucifer Jackson Huntley
Lector Mark Jordan
Usher Carl Lehman

## **SERVING 10/29 AT 10:30 AM**

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor John Barber
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**

MUSIC NOTES ON TODAY'S ANTHEM This text for Entrust Your Days and Burdens (LSB 754) is by pastor, theologian, and master hymn writer Paul Gerhardt. He endured incredible trials in his life (Black Plague, 30 Years War, deaths of numerous of his children) and ministry (theological attacks on Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, political pressure to accept false doctrine). This beautiful text shows his great faith in God's loving, personal care through all this, and encourages us to do the same. The tune is new for our 2006 LSB, well-written and fitting the text nicely, using memorable musical motives that repeat in various phrases, relating to each other, making a cohesive, appealing whole. We will be singing this hymn on Thanksgiving Day during communion.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY NOV. 5.** Turn your clocks back when you go to bed on Saturday night.



**VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION** Veterans (past or present), you and your family are invited to join Pr. Brian and Rachel at the parsonage on **Sat, Nov. 11**<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm-8 pm, for an opportunity to honor those who have served our country. Food & beverages will be served.

**GRACE ANNUAL MEETING** Will be held on **Nov. 26th** between the services to review and vote on 2024 budget and slate of new Council officers.

#### 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

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# **TRINITY 20**

October 22, 2023 8:00 am and 10:30 am



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