

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

Greetings of Christmas Morning

P: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto You is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

C: Let every heart prepare Him room!

P: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger.

C: There was no room for him in the inn.

P: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

C: Oh, dwell in my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for you.

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, and do not fear. Here is your God! He will come and save you!”

C: Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Collect:

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hebrews 1:1-6

¹Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”?

Or again,

“I will be to him a father,
and he shall be to me a son”?

⁶And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God's angels worship him.”

DIVINE SERVICE

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Christmas Greeting

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Kirsten Huntley, Sandi Garcia, vocalists

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March on “O Come, All Ye Faithful” Burkhardt

* bold indicates standing

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Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
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SERVING CHRISTMAS
Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Jack and Judy George
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Daryl Svensson
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 12/28/25
Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Greta Rucks
Acolytes Johnathan & Tobias Sorrels
Lector Carl Lehman
Cantor Jeremy Fullam
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30 – 10:15 AM
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den
Resumes on 1/11/26

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
10:00—11:00 am
St. Mark Classroom
Resumes on 1/14/26



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us this Sunday, December 28th, in celebrating the feast day of Holy Innocents .

Winter studies returning in January

THE GOSPEL ON THE MOVE
A Study Through
ACTS
WEDNESDAYS 10:00-11:00 A.M.

SUNDAY MORNINGS 10:30 A.M.



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GOD'S GIFT OF BAPTISM FOR YOU

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING
Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Kristi, Mark, Hugo, Jacque, Dave, Phyllis, and Floyd

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, and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher (*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, Janice Keitel

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 2025
9:00 AM



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