

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

While the Easter season brings firm confidence in the work Jesus has done for us, we also know that our time on this earth is not over. We still must stand firm in the faith and trust in God's promises (even through our experience of life's difficulties), relying upon a freshly renewed perspective full of the joys the Easter season brings. When Jesus tells his disciples, "A little while and you will see me no more because I go to the Father," the Church must move further into the joy of the season. It is not that Jesus is telling his Church that He will no longer be with He; instead, He is reminding Her that this place is not our final home. Thus, when St. Peter appeals to Christians as "aliens and sojourners" in our epistle lesson, he is encouraging us to have a light grip on the transitory things of this world.

Collect:

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

John 16:16-22

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

DIVINE SERVICE

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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING 4/21 AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 4/21 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Bennett Lee
Lector Daryl Svensson
Cantor Randy Houts
Usher Daryl Svensson

SERVING 4/28 AT 8 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Daryl Newton
Usher John Downey

SERVING 4/28 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Crucifer Andersen Lee
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:15 AM

St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE 9:20—10:10

Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am

St. Mark Classroom

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am

St. Mark Classroom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL WITTENBERG WAY IS AVAILABLE HERE AND ON OUR WEBSITE.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP There is a new sign-up sheet to help with the refreshments before and after the services. Please sign up to bring something to share or to clean up afterwards.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED If you would like to offer your time and talent to GLC, we need ushers at both services, Altar Guild members for the 10:30 service (training provided), and part-time office help. If you are interested, please see Pr. Brian or Gretchen Jordan in the church office.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Phil, Mike, John, Heidi, Edward, Daniel, Nancy, Jan, Chris and Alicia Kirschten Huntley and family on the death of her father Bill

PRAYERS AWAITING A CHILD OF GOD

Jordan Gruetzmacher, Rachel Hawthorne, Teagan LeYanna

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss and Vicar Rowan Turner

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Tajy George, Daniel Fohey, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

EASTER 4

April 21, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 AM



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