

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

Light eradicates darkness, illuminates creation's glory, and strips away the shroud of mystery. Christ is the light to which all kings and authorities bow down. The Word and will of the Lord are no longer possessed by a singular people, nor is it cloaked in any kind of ambiguity. All are summoned and blessed to worship Christ the King. Welcome to the Epiphany season.

Collect:

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ² saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶ “‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING 1/8/23 AT 8:00 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Philip & Rachel Hawthorne
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Steve Hollman
Usher Heath Russert

SERVING AT 10:30 AM

Elder Travis Wheeler
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Devin Houts
Lector Pr. Ken Licht
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 1/15/23 AT 8:00 AM

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

SERVING 1/15 AT 10:30 AM

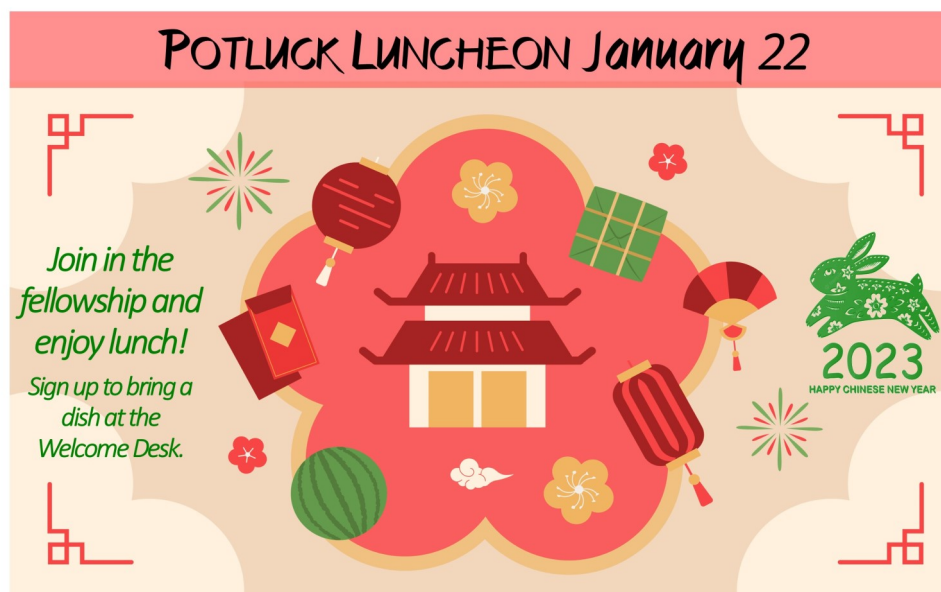
Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Kelley Schmidt
Crucifer Citlali Gomez
Lector Daryl Svensson
Cantor Randy Houts
Usher Daryl Svensson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 ARE IN YOUR MAILBOX. If you did not receive a box and would like one, please contact Gretchen in the office. Offering Statements for 2022 will be available by January 27th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN RESUMES today at 9:30 am and **BIBLE STUDY** on Wed. Jan. 11 at 10 AM.

COURTYARD COFFEE IS INSIDE! Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to bring a refreshment to share or to help clean-up.



PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Joyce, Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Colter, Dale, and the Newton Family

PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange, Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy)

PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

Tajy George, Jack George, Jr., Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher, Philip Hawthorne, Josh Martin, Matthew Morgan, Nathan Farish, and Elliott Perko

PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

Joyce Rochester

EPIPHANY

January 8, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 am



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