

# 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

What difference does the gospel make in your relationships? In our Epistle reading today we have a snapshot of a Spirit-led church in action. Because the gospel creates a whole new self-image that is not based on comparisons to others, we learn to be neither self-confident nor self-disdaining; but rather, bold and humble. This allows us to become a true friend to others as we learn to "bear one another's burdens" (Gal 6:2).

### Collect:

O Lord, we implore You, let Your continual pity cleanse and defend Your Church; and because she cannot continue in safety without Your aid, preserve her evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Galatians 5:25-6:10

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

6 Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. <sup>4</sup> But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor. <sup>5</sup> For each will have to bear his own load.

<sup>6</sup> Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. <sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. <sup>8</sup> For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

### DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 1

<i>Sheep May Safely Graze</i>	JS Bach
<b><i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i></b>	<b>700</b>
Confession & Absolution (kneel)	151
<b>Kyrie</b>	<b>152</b>
<b>Gloria</b>	<b>154</b>
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Reading	1 Kings 17:8-16
Gradual	
Reading	Galatians 5:25-6:10
<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Matthew 6:24-34</b>
Anthem (10:30)	<i>Adagio</i> Mozart Renee Thompson, Clarinet
Sermon	
	"Gospel Friendship" Galatians 5:25-6:10
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Prayer of the Church</b>	
Offertory Hymn	849
<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	770
<b>Preface</b>	<b>160</b>
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Lord's Prayer	162
Memorial Acclamation (2 x)	
	Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.
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<b>Eucharist</b>	
<i>Psalms 146</i> (10:30)	
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<b><i>When Peace Like a River</i></b>	<b>763</b>
<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	JS Bach

\* bold indicates standing

Worship Assistants	
Pastor	Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

  

Serving Today at 8 AM	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Philip & Rachel Hawthorne
Crucifer	Jackson Huntley
Lector	Steve Hollman
Usher	Carl Lehman
Serving Today at 10:30 AM	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Cindy Hansen Kelley Schmidt
Crucifer	Andersen Lee
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Cantor	Richard Segarra
Usher	Harold Nichols
Serving 9/24 at 8 AM	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Spencer Huntley
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	Heath Russert
Serving 9/24 at 10:30 AM	
Elder	Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild	John Barber
Crucifer	Ted Nilsen
Lector	Rev. Ken Licht
Cantor	Sandi Garcia
Usher	Daryl Svensson

  

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

**WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO JAN FEHER**, our guest organist covering for Dale while he is at a conference.

**GRACE CHOIR** We’d love to have more voices! If you'd like to add your voice to our choir contact Dale, our music director at: [dalesorenson2@gmail.com](mailto:dalesorenson2@gmail.com) or on Sunday morning.

**CAPS WALK FOR LIFE AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR A NEW ULTRASOUND** on Sunday, October 22 at Liberty Station! Join us at 4 pm at Bldg. 177 at 2875 Dewey Rd. SD for the kick-off and opening prayer. Prayer points and a walk route are through the adjacent park. Join us back at Bldg. 177 for a light dinner and festivities at 5 pm. Please register for this free event [at www.capswalk.org](http://www.capswalk.org)

### PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Mike, John, and Hannah

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Daniel & Eileen Fohey, Jeremy & Jessica Belgau, 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

John Campisi, Tajy George, Nathan Farish, Philip Hawthorne, Matthew Morgan, Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

# TRINITY 15

Sept. 17, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am

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