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 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.

Giving to Grace

- Your weekly envelopes or those in the pews
- Online from your bank website
- Scan the QR code to the right
- On the Grace Giving Page at gracesandiego.com
- Time & Talents - contact Pr. Brian

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

Restrooms are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING AVAILABLE

As We Gather

Is life a talent show, with God sitting in the audience judging our performance? Not according to Jesus. In today's Gospel, the ultimate question isn't how impressive we can be, but whether we live faithfully in light of His coming. This powerful parable reminds us that everything we have is a gift, that we live our lives in joyful service to the Master, and that our confidence rests entirely on the saving work of Jesus Christ, who stood in our place as the One who was judged.

Collect:
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 25:14-30

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted
to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five
talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So
also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received
the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after
a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20
And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more,
saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents
more.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have
been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your
master.' 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you
delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' 23 His master said
to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I
will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' 24 He also who had
received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard
man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25
so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is
yours.' 26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew
that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then
you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should
have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and
give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be
given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he
has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In
that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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Worship Assistants

Pastor	Rev.BrianThomas
Deaconess	Doris Snashall
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

Serving Today

Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Jason Huntley
Usher	Jackson Huntley

Serving 11/22/26

Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	Georgia Thompson
Acolytes	Leo & Duncan
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	John Downey
	Daryl Svensson

Prayer List

For Strength and Healing

Dave, Jose, Dale, and Madison

For Our Missionaries & Seminarians

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker

For Our Military Members

Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Joshua Simmons, Jon Lushenko, and Daniel Fohey

(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 Foelber, and Janice Keitel

Announcements

Sunday School for all ages today at 10:30 a.m. Children will meet in the den; Adults in St. Mark's Classroom.

Join us for Advent Decorating on Saturday, November 28, at 9:00 a.m.



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