

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.

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.



AS WE GATHER

Some of you came this morning with hearts overflowing with gratitude, and others came barely holding on. Either way, you’re in the right place. God isn’t waiting for you to feel thankful before He welcomes you—He’s the One who gives you something to be thankful for. So, take a deep breath. Today isn’t just about what’s on the table—it’s about the One who’s invited you to it. Let’s give thanks... even if you don’t quite feel like it yet. By the end of this service, you just might.

Collect

Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not despise prophecies, ²¹ but test everything; hold fast what is good. ²² Abstain from every form of evil. ²³ Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.



DIVINE SERVICE Setting 1

<i>Four settings of “Now Thank We All Our God”</i> G.F. Kaufmann, P. Post & M. Burkhardt	
<i>O Bless the Lord, My Soul</i>	814
Confession & Absolution (kneel)	151
Kyrie	152
Gloria	154
Salutation and Collect	156
Reading	Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Gradual	
Reading	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Alleluia	156
Gospel	Luke 17:11-19
Children’s Homily	
Anthem	Renee Thompson, clarinet
<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> arr. M. Burkhardt	
Sermon	Rev. Brian Thomas
<i>“Giving Thanks When You Don’t Feel Like It”</i> 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	
Nicene Creed	158
Prayer of the Church	
Offertory Hymn	
<i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	892
Preface	160
Sanctus	161
The Words of Our Lord (kneel)	162
Memorial Acclamation (2x)	
Christ has died,	
Christ is risen,	
Christ will come again.	
Lord’s Prayer	162
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<i>Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart</i>	806
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<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	Paul Manz
* bold indicates standing	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Pastor	Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music	Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	
Lector	Mark Jordan
Cantor	
Usher	Harold Nichols
SERVING 11/30/25	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Jack and Judy George
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Acolytes	Georgia Thompson and Leopold Fullam
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Cantor	

PRAYER LIST
<p>FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Mark, Kristi, Jacque, Dave, Phyllis, Floyd, Kathy, and Faye</p> <p>FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker</p> <p>FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher, <i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i></p> <p>FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel</p>


ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School for all ages begins at 10:15am.

Wednesday Bible Study is on recess until January 14th.

Advent Decorating Join us this Saturday, November 29th, at 9 am to decorate the church for the Advent season. All are welcome! Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday Soup Suppers Join us on December 3, 10, and 17 for dinner and fellowship before evening service. Please bring your favorite soup or dish to share. Sign-up sheet is available at the welcome desk.



UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

(In addition to Sunday services)

November 27 Thanksgiving Day service @ 9:00am

November 29 Advent Church Decorating @ 9:00am


December 3 Advent Midweek @ 6:30pm
Following soup supper

December 10 Advent Midweek @ 6:30pm
Following soup supper

December 17 Advent Midweek @ 6:30pm
Following soup supper

Christmas Eve @ 6:30pm

Christmas Day @ 9:00am



Annual Voters' Meeting – December 7 at 10:30 a.m. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for updates on our church happenings and to participate in approving next year's budget. Refreshments will be provided.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

November 27, 2025

9:00 am



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