

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

There's an old, uncomfortable question that shows up more and more these days: how can a loving God let His Son suffer on a cross? Isn't that just cruelty dressed up in religious language? It's a fair question, and it deserves a real answer. This morning we're looking at Romans 3:21-26 — where Paul tells us God is both just and the justifier of everyone who trusts in Jesus. Not one or the other. Both, at the same cost, in the same act. The judge didn't look away from what we've done. He stepped down and took the sentence Himself.

Collect:

Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Deaconess Snashall
Usher	Harold Nichols
Serving 9/6/26	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	
Lector	Chris Latham
Usher	Jackson Huntley Daryl Svensson

Prayer List	
For Strength and Healing Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Jose, Nancy, Dale, Richard and Randy	
For Our Missionaries & Seminarians Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker	
For Our Military Members Rev. Mario Ancira, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, Jon Lushenko, Micah Berge, Kariff Gomez, and Daniel Fohey <i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i>	
For Those Unable to Attend Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel	

Announcements

We are grateful to have Jan Feher as our guest organist today.

Sunday School resumes September 13th and Wednesday bible study resumes September 16th.

Sacred Spaces

DISCOVER THE MEANING BEHIND
THE ART, ARCHITECTURE,
AND SYMBOLISM OF OUR
HISTORIC CHURCH

SEE YOUR CHURCH AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE

DISCOVER THE GOSPEL HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT

EVERY WINDOW, EVERY CARVING, EVERY SYMBOL TELLS A STORY

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DATE: **SEPTEMBER 26, 2026**

TIME: **6:00–8:00 P.M.**

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