

# 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

VDMA is an acronym that stands for the Latin slogan: *Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum*, which translated means, "the Word of the Lord remains forever," taken from Isaiah 40:8 and later repeated by the Apostle Peter (1 Peter 1:24-25). The unchanging faithfulness of God to his Word is at the very heart of the gospel. Today, we consider the power of that faithful Word as Jesus speaks words that bring forth faith and lead to further words of healing to bless two very different "daughters."

### Collect:

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of Your faithful people that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by You be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Matthew 9:18-26

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> And behold, a woman who had suffered from a discharge of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment, <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup> And when Jesus came to the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this went through all that district.

✠ **TODAY'S OFFERTORY HYMN LSB 786** - The third stanza is a Trinitarian Doxology - denoted with the little triangle - which reminds us to stand during this stanza to acknowledge and glorify our Triune God. We do something special at that moment because we are clearly setting ourselves apart from others who would claim Christianity, but deny the Triune God.

## DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING 1

*Settings of "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

**O God, Our Help in Ages Past** 733

Confession & Absolution (kneel) 151

**Kyrie** 152

**Gloria** 154

**Salutation and Collect** 156

Reading Isaiah 51:9-15

Gradual

Reading Colossians 1:9-14

**Alleluia** 156

**Gospel** **Matthew 9:18-26**

**Anthem**(10:30) *What a Voice of Singing*  
Parish Choir

Sermon  
"When Jesus Speaks, Faith Happens"  
Matthew 9:18-26

**Nicene Creed** 158

**Prayer of the Church**

Offertory Hymn

*Lord of All Good* (stand for last stanza) 786

**Preface** 160

**Sanctus** 161

The Words of Our Lord 162

Memorial Acclamation (2 x)

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Lord's Prayer 162

**Pax Domini** 163

**Agnus Dei** 163

**Eucharist**

*Psalm 126*

*Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious* 548

**Thank the Lord** 164

**Post Communion Collect** 166

**Benediction** 166

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer** 918

*Fugue/Finale on "O God Our Help in Ages Past"*

\* bold indicates standing

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Pastor** Rev. Brian Thomas  
**Director of Music** Dale Sorenson

#### SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** Carl Lehman

#### SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
Kelley Schmidt  
**Crucifer** Kariff Gomez  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** Randy Houts  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

#### SERVING 11/26 AT 8 AM

**Elder** Steve Hollman  
**Altar Guild** Judy & Judy George  
**Crucifer**  
**Lector** Mark Jordan  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

#### SERVING 11/26 AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** John Barber  
**Crucifer**  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Cantor** John Barber  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE - NOV. 23RD AT 9:00 AM**
- ✠ **THANKSGIVING DINNER** - Thanksgiving is almost here and it's time to eat, drink, and be thankful! If you would like to join some of the Grace family members for a meal and fellowship, contact Pr. Brian at 619-402-8291 or brianwilliamthomas@gmail.com.
- ✠ **GRACE ANNUAL MEETING - SUNDAY NOV. 26TH AT 9:15 AM**  
Meet in the Fellowship Hall to review and vote on the 2024 budget and slate of new Council officers.
- ✠ **GIVING TUESDAY - TUESDAY NOV. 28TH** A global day inspiring you to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. If you would like to give something extra to Grace Lutheran you can do so at: <https://gracesandiego.churchcenter.com/giving>.
- ✠ **ADVENT DECORATING - SATURDAY, DEC. 2ND AT 9:00 AM** Everyone is welcome to come and join the fun. Help decorate the sanctuary and our beautiful Christmas tree. Breakfast goodies will be served.
- ✠ **ADVENT SOUP SUPPERS & MIDWEEK SERVICE** - Every Wednesday in Advent (12/6, 12/13, 12/20) there will be a soup supper at 5:50 pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by a service in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Join us for a nice evening as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ. If you would like to bring something for the Soup Supper, please sing up at the Welcome Desk.

#### PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Mike, John, Rita,  
Grace, Jim, Nancy, and Doris

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Jeremy & Jessica Belgau and Carl & Elsy 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

Rev. Mario Ancira, John Campisi, Tajy George, Daniel Fohey,  
Nathan Farish, Philip Hawthorne, Matthew Morgan,  
Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

**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

## TRINITY 24

November 19, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am



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