

# 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

Jacob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him (Gen 32:22–32). So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and even reject her, she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help (Matt 15:21–28). Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: “Yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, one who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. Today we consider the nature of saving faith, one that is worth the fight.

### Collect:

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Matthew 15:21-28

<sup>21</sup>And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” <sup>24</sup>He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” <sup>26</sup>And he answered, “It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>27</sup>She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.” <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

## DIVINE SERVICE

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\* bold indicates standing

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

### SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** Jack & Judy George  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Usher** Heath Russert

### SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** John Barber  
**Crucifer** Andersen Lee  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** John Barber  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

### SERVING 3/3 AT 8 AM

**Elder** Steve Hollman  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Mark Jordan  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

### SERVING 3/3 AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
Kelley Clark  
**Crucifer** Bennett Lee  
**Lector** Daryl Svensson  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**Usher** Daryl Svensson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30 – 10:15 AM  
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

**SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE** 9:20—10:10 AM  
Music Room

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** 10:00 am  
St. Mark Classroom

**SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** 8:00 am  
St. Mark Classroom

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SERMON SERIES ON THE "I AM" SAYINGS OF JESUS



### PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Mike, John, Heidi, Edward, Daniel, Nancy, Jan, Kathy, Karen, and Joe

### PRAYERS AWAITING A CHILD OF GOD

Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

### PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. John Bombaro, Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss,  
and Vicar Rowan Turner

### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS

Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Tajy George, Daniel Fohey,  
Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher

### PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND

Joyce Rochester

## LENT II

*REMINISCERE*  
February 25, 2024  
8:00 and 10:30 AM



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