

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

Welcome to the season of Advent—a time when the church slows down long enough to remember what the world forgets: that God came near, really near, and He’s coming again. Advent is all about waiting—but not the anxious, “Did I leave the oven on?” waiting. It’s the hopeful kind. The kind where you know the ending is good because the Author already wrote himself into the story. While the world rushes toward Christmas with shopping lists and glitter, we get to sit quietly at the edge of eternity and whisper, “Come, Lord Jesus.” He will. And when He does, it’ll be better than you ever dreamed.

Collect

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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* bold indicates standing	

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Jack and Judy George
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Acolytes	Georgia Thompson
	Leopold Fullam
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Harold Nichols
Serving 12/7/25	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Acolytes	Georgia Thompson
	Duncan Mellor
Lector	Mark Jordan
Cantor	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	John Downey

Prayer List
<p>For Strength and Healing</p> <p>Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Mark, Kristi, Jacque, Dave, Phyllis, and Floyd</p> <p>For Our Missionaries & Seminarians</p> <p>Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker</p> <p>For Our Military Members</p> <p>Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, and Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher,</p> <p><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</p> <p>Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School will be on recess during the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will resume our winter semester on Sunday, January 11.

Wednesday Bible Study is on recess until January 14th.

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.

Advent Soup Supper

DECEMBER 3RD

DECEMBER 10TH

DECEMBER 17TH

5:30 pm dinner

6:30 pm service

Join us on Wednesdays during Advent for dinner and fellowship, followed by evening service. Sign up available at welcome desk.

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