

# 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

In a world—and a church—often divided by loyalties, opinions, and labels, God gathers us today around something deeper and stronger: the word of the cross. What looks like foolishness to the world is, for us, the very power of God unto salvation. Here, there is no boasting, no ranking, no “us and them”—only sinners welcomed by grace. As the light of Epiphany continues to shine, may Christ draw us together at the foot of the cross, where mercy speaks louder than wisdom and love has the final word.

Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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<b>* bold indicates standing</b>	

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

SERVING TODAY	
Elder	Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Daryl Svensson
Cantor	John Barber
Usher	Harold Nichols
SERVING 2/1/26	
Elder	Jason Huntley
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Jason Huntley
Cantor	Sandi Garcia
Usher	John Downey

PRAYER LIST
<p><b>FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING</b>            Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Kristi,            David, Phyllis, Ruth, and Floyd</p> <p><b>FOR OUR MISSIONARIES &amp; SEMINARIANS</b>            Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner,            and Vicar William Baker</p> <p><b>FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS</b>            Rev. Mario Ancira, Micah Burge,            Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish,            Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons,            and Jeff &amp; 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><b>FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND</b>            Joyce Rochester, Herb &amp; Marge Foelber,            and Janice Keitel</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DINNER + DEVOTION

SHROVE TUESDAY



FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> | 6:00 P.M

PANCAKES, CREPES, DUTCH BABY, LATKES, OH MY!

Share Your Favorite for the Feast Before the Fast

February 18th

ASHWEDNESDAY

BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

NOON & 6:30 P.M.



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