# **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 the 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 in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

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#### AS WE GATHER

It is obvious to any reader that the Bible contains a lot of words about God. Some of these are marked as words that God spoke; others are words of the people who report them. So it comes as a surprise to discover that all the many words of God are regarded as a single Word, a single speech with a single message by Jesus and His Apostles. Just as God is one, so His Word is one, and that one message is His love for His creation through Jesus Christ, the "Word made flesh." Today we encounter that Word and consider its efficacy, for it not only informs us about God but gives us the very life of God.

#### Collect:

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### Isaiah 55:10-13

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

#### **DIVINE SERVICE** SETTING 1 Dearest Jesus, at Thy Word JS Bach God Has Spoken by His Prophets 583 Baptism of Sheldon Lee (10:30) Confession & Absolution (kneel) 151 Kvrie 152 Gloria 154 Salutation and Collect 156 Reading Isaiah 55:10-13 Gradual Reading Hebrews 4:9-13 Alleluia 156 Luke 8:4-15 Gospel Ande Gertz, violin Anthem Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Sermon "Words That Do What They Say" Isaiah 55:10-13 **Nicene Creed** 158 **Prayer of the Church** Offertory Hymn Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word 655 **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 First Holy Communion Sheldon Lee **Eucharist** Psalm 84 Almighty God, Your Word is Cast 577 Thank the Lord 164 **Post Communion Collect** 166 **Benediction** 166 On What Has Now Been Sown 921 Trumpet Tune Fred Swann

\* 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**

Ted Nilsen

Altar Guild Cindy Hansen Kelley Clark
Crucifer Bennett Lee
Lector Rev. Ken Licht
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

Elder

## SERVING 2/11 AT 8 AM

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

## **SERVING 2/11 AT 10:30 AM**

Elder Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild John Barber
Crucifer Kariff Gomez
Lector Jeremy Fullam
Cantor John Barber
Usher Harold Nichols

**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

St. Mark Classroom

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER** Don't forget to RSVP at the Welcome Desk. We need volunteers to help clean up afterwards.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** are at Noon & 6:30 pm on February 14th.

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & SERVICE** Please join us each Wednesday in Lent (2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20) for a delicious soup supper at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by evening prayer at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk to bring a homemade soup.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help with Sunday fellowship. Sign up at the Welcome Desk to bring something to enjoy in between the services. We supply the beverages and setup. We need help cleaning up for a few minutes, too.



### **PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

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

## **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

# **SEXAGESIMA**

February 4, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 AM



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