

WELCOME

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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

Today we remember that every life—fragile, complicated, unfinished, and sometimes unwanted by the world—is wanted by God. So wanted, in fact, that Christ didn’t love us from a safe distance. He loved us all the way to a cross. Sanctity of Life Sunday isn’t about pretending life is easy or that choices are simple. It’s about confessing that life is sacred because Jesus says it is, and He proved it by giving His own for ours. That means the unborn, the aging, the disabled, the broken, the tired, and the person sitting right where you are—every one of them bears a worth that no diagnosis, mistake, or circumstance can erase.

Collect

Almighty God, giver of all life, who formed us in the womb and knows our every day: grant us grateful hearts to cherish every person made in your image, from beginning to end. Teach us to speak truth with love, to protect the vulnerable, and to trust in the mercy of Jesus Christ, who took our flesh and redeemed our lives, and lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 139:13-18

¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Huntly Family
Crucifer	Greta Rucks
Lector	Daryl Newton
Cantor	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Daryl Svensson
Serving 1/25/26	
Elder	Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild	Jack & Judy George
Crucifer	Andrew Gertz
Lector	Daryl Svensson
Cantor	John Barber
Usher	Harold Nichols

Prayer List
<p>For Strength and Healing</p> <p>Dave, Arleen, Eddie, Michelle, Kristi, Mark, Hugo, 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

Offering Statements for 2025 are in mailboxes. If you have not received one or have any questions, please contact Elsy in the office.

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