

# WELCOME

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | **LENT** | EASTER | PENTECOST

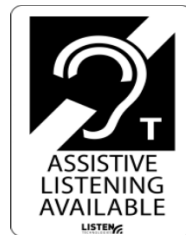
**To our visitors** We are glad you have joined us to share in the gifts of our gracious Lord as we worship Him together in spirit and truth by receiving His Word and Sacraments. We invite you to pick up information and our Wittenberg Way newsletter at our welcome desk. If you have questions concerning 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.

## Giving to Grace

- Your weekly envelopes or those in the pews
- Online from your bank website
- Scan the QR code to the right
- On the Grace Giving Page at [gracesandiego.com](http://gracesandiego.com)
- Time & Talents - contact Pr. Brian



Please silence cell phones and be mindful of those preparing for worship.

Restrooms are available in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

## AS WE GATHER

### The Great Vigil of Easter

In the ancient church, the Vigil of Easter was the most important Service of the Church Year. Christians would gather after sunset on Holy Saturday and hold vigil ("keep watch") throughout the night, praying, listening to readings of Holy Scripture, and singing psalms and hymns, culminating in the celebration of the resurrection of Christ at dawn. Our Service tonight will not be nearly as elaborate or lengthy, but it will be based upon the themes of that ancient Service. We pray for the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you receive His Divine Gifts this evening.

### Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which we share in His victory over death by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments.

### Collect

P: O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### C: Amen.

### Blessing of the Paschal Candle

P: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

*(The cross is traced on the paschal candle.)*

P: The Alpha and the Omega.

*(The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.)*

P: By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*(The cross and nails are placed into the paschal candle.)*

P: May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*(The paschal candle is lit.)*

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

Renewal of the Pascal Candle (Narthex)

Procession to the Baptismal Font

Service of Light 243

Phos Hilaron 244

Thanksgiving for Light 245

Psalmody 246

### Easter Proclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Remembrance of Holy Baptism

**All Who Believe and Are Baptized** 601

Easter Vigil Readings

The Creation

Genesis 1:26–2:4

The Crossing of the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10–31

Come, All You Who Are Thirsty

Isaiah 55:1–11

Buried and Raised with Christ

Romans 6:3–11

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Matthew 28:1–10

Sermon Rev. Brian Thomas

"Of Tombs and Wombs"

### Service of Holy Communion

Collect for Holy Saturday

Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Benediction

**Now All the Vault of Heaven** 465

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

**SERVING TONIGHT**

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** Jackson Huntley  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Altar Guild**

**SERVING EASTER SUNDAY AT 8:00 AM**

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Acolytes** Andrew Gertz  
Peter Gertz  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Cantor** Sandi Garcia  
**Usher** Harold Nichols  
Jackson Huntley

**SERVING EASTER SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM**

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Michael Tow  
**Crucifer** Claire Latham  
**Acolytes** Leopold Fullam  
Georgia Thompson  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** John Barber  
**Usher** John Downey  
Ted Nilsen

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Easter Brunch** From 9:15 to 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall. See signup sheet if you would like to bring something.

**There will be an Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids during brunch — please have them bring their own basket or bag.

**Wednesday Bible Study** is on recess until April 15th

**Sunday School** is on recess until April 19th



**PRAYER LIST**

**FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

Dave, Eddie, Michelle, David, Shannon, Floyd, Harold, Lynn, Paul, Gloria and Nancy

**FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Jordan Gruetzmacher

**FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS**

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker

**FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS**

Rev. Mario Ancira, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, Jeff Gruetzmacher, and Wyatt Behl

**FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, Janice Keitel

**EASTER VIGIL**

April 4, 2025

9:00 pm



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

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH**