

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 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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AS WE GATHER

In the Church of the Holy Nativity in Bethlehem, there's a mosaic of St. Thomas with our Lord's words spoken to him in John 20: *Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.* At first, that might seem odd. Why would our Lord's appearance to Thomas after he rose from the dead make its way to the Church of the Nativity? Upon reflection, it makes perfect sense. Visitors come to the place of Jesus' birth not seeing the things Jesus did for us 2000 years ago, and yet believing in Him--His birth, life, death, and resurrection for us. This Sunday we find ourselves in a similar situation as Thomas did. Not seeing, and yet believing. We look out at the world around us, at our sinful flesh within us and everything we see looks the opposite of what Jesus says in his word. That's why we can be thankful for Thomas, doubts and all.

Collect:

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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O Sons and Daughters of the King

* 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 John Downey

SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Lector Rev. Ken Licht
Cantor Randy Houts
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 4/14 AT 8 AM

Elder Steve Hollman
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Mark Jordan
Usher Heath Russert

SERVING 4/14 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Cindy Hansen
Lector Pr. Ken Licht
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY begins this week on April 10, 2024.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICE ON Thursday May 9, 2024 @ 6:30 pm followed by "elevated" appetizers.

THURSDAY NIGHT THING
APRIL 11
4 - 7 PM

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EASTER 2

April 7, 2024
8:00 and 10:30 AM



PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Bill, Phil, Mike, John, Heidi, Edward, Daniel, Nancy, Jan, Barbara, and Karen

PRAYERS AWAITING A CHILD OF GOD

Jordan Gruetzmacher, Rachel Hawthorne, Teagan LeYanna

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 – 10:15 AM

St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE 9:20—10:10

Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am

St. Mark Classroom

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am

St. Mark Classroom

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