

# 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

Jeremiah was charged with speaking evil when he spoke the word of the Lord (Jer 26:1–15). So also, Jesus is accused of doing evil when in fact He is doing good. He casts out a demon from a mute man so that he is able to speak (Lk 11:14–28). But some said Jesus did this by the power of Beelzebub (i.e. Satan). They did not recognize the finger of God, the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through Jesus. Jesus is the Stronger Man who overcomes the strong man. He takes the devil's armor of sin and death and destroys it from the inside out by the holy cross.

### Collect:

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Luke 11:14-28

<sup>14</sup> Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. <sup>15</sup> But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the prince of demons," <sup>16</sup> while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. <sup>17</sup> But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. <sup>18</sup> And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebub. <sup>19</sup> And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. <sup>20</sup> But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; <sup>22</sup> but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. <sup>23</sup> Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

<sup>24</sup> "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and finding none it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' <sup>25</sup> And when it comes, it finds the house swept and put in order. <sup>26</sup> Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there. And the last state of that person is worse than the first."

<sup>27</sup> As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" <sup>28</sup> But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 2

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\* bold indicates standing

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Pastor** Rev. Brian Thomas  
**Director of Music** Dale Sorenson

#### SERVING TODAY AT 8:00 AM

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Martin Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** Carl Lehman

#### SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** John Barber  
**Crucifer** Claire Latham  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Cantor** Randy Houts  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

#### SERVING 3/19 AT 8:00 AM

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

#### SERVING 3/19 AT 10:30 AM

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
Kelley Schmidt  
**Crucifer** Anderson Lee  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

9:30 am to 10:15 am

#### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY—ON RECESS

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### MARCH WITTENBERG WAY IS AVAILABLE TODAY!

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** - All children are invited to join Robin Segarra for the Children's Choir as they rehearse a song for Easter. They meet each Sunday morning in our music room 10:15-10:30 a.m.



O Mensch, Bewein dein Sünde Groß (O Man, Bewail Thy Sins So Great)  
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

This Lutheran Passion hymn with text written by Sebald Heyden in 1530 was originally written as a reflection of Christ's Passion based on the four Gospels in 23 stanzas of 12 lines each. It narrates the Lutheran stations of the cross and adds the context of Heilsbedeutung (meaning for salvation), beginning with man's sinful condition and ending with thanks. In all its beauty, intensity, and calm, this piece is the best of the master composer/theologian Bach. It represents the 'holy grail' of chorale-paraphrases from Bach's Orgelbüchlein ('Little Organ Book.) The tune and text are not in hymnals anymore. However, our choir anthem today presents two stanzas. The text of the first is as follows:

O man, bewail thy sins so great,  
for which Christ left His Father's bosom  
and came to earth;  
from a virgin pure and tender  
He was born here for us,  
He wished to become our Intercessor,  
He gave life to the dead  
and laid aside all sickness  
until the time approached  
that He would be offered for us,  
bearing the heavy burden of our sins  
indeed for a long time on the Cross.



**LENT MIDWEEK**

Wednesday Evenings

Soup Suppers 5:30 pm  
Evening Prayer 6:30 pm

**SERMON SERIES**

*Servant Songs of our Savior*

#### PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Joyce, Dave, Bill, Phil, Edward, Colter, Connor, Mary, Daniel,  
Larry, Taj, Charlotte, Pr. Burkey, and the Ramey Family

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Joshua Salas, Lorenzo Murrone, Luiz Lange,  
Michael & Nance Morizio (Lutheran Church planters & seminarians in Italy)

#### PRAYERS FOR OUR MILITARY SERVICE MEMBERS

John Campisi, Tajy George, Jack George, Jr., Jeff and Jordan Gruetzmacher,  
Philip Hawthorne, Josh Martin, Matthew Morgan, Nathan Farish,  
and Elliott Perko

#### PRAYERS FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND SERVICES

Joyce Rochester

## OCULI LENT 3

March 12, 2023

8:00 and 10:30 am



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