

# 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

### The Great Vigil of Easter

It is ironic that the farther removed in time we are from the early church the more important it seems for Christians to understand and reclaim their ancient heritage. Perhaps most visible among the church's "practices" is the way congregations worship. Many, if not most, of our worship traditions, have undergone change even to the point of losing some of the rituals treasured by our ancient forebears.

The holiest worship event in the ancient church was the Great Vigil of Easter. It began on Holy Saturday, late at night when it was dark and concluded with the light of Easter dawn. The principal parts of the service were Baptism of Christian converts and the recital of the overarching storyline of the Bible. Today, the Church reclaims this holy liturgy and offers it to the faithful as a renewed experience of the faith once delivered to the saints.

This three-part liturgy begins with the Service of Light where the new fire is blessed and the people follow the lighted Paschal Candle just as the Israelites followed the pillars of cloud and fire when they were delivered from bondage. The second part of the service is for the Baptism of new converts; and for those already baptized, a time to affirm the vows made at Baptism and to once again die with Christ and be raised with Him to eternal life. The last part consists of several readings from the Old and New Testament. All of them focus on God's saving mercy to redeem His people. They help to sum up the Church's understanding of God's redemptive power and our covenant relationship with the Lord. Along with the scripture readings, there will be opportunities for the assembly to participate in music and prayer.

### Collect for Holy Saturday

O God, the creator of heaven and earth, grant that as the crucified body of Your dear Son was laid in the tomb and rested on this holy Sabbath, so we may await with Him the coming of the third day, and rise with Him to newness of life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## SERVICE OF LIGHT

<b>Renewal of the Pascal Candle (Narthex)</b>	
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P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!	
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!	
<b>Remembrance of Holy Baptism</b>	
<b>The Story of Christ:</b>	
The Story of His Creation	Col. 1:15-18
The Solution to Our Sin	1 John 1:8-2:2
The Promised Inheritance Gifted	Gal. 3:23-29
The Deliverance from Death in His Life	John 20:1-18
The Story of His New Creation	Rev. 21:1-7
<b>Sermon</b>	
"His Story is Your Story"	
<b>Service of Holy Communion</b>	
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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

**SERVING EASTER AT 8 AM**

**Elder** Jason Huntley  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jason Huntley  
**Usher** Jackson Huntley  
John Downey

**SERVING EASTER AT 10:30 AM**

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Cindy Hansen  
**Crucifer** Kate Latham  
**Lector** Rev. Ken Licht  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**Usher** Daryl Svensson

**SERVING 4/7 AT 8 AM**

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** Jack & Judy George  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Usher** John Downey

**SERVING 4/7 AT 10:30 AM**

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

**SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY** will resume on April 6.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will resume on April 7.

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** on April 10.

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**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

**EASTER VIGIL**

March 30, 2024

9:00 pm



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