

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
- 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

We spend a lot of our lives keeping score—who worked harder, who deserves more, who got what they had coming. And then Jesus tells us about a God who doesn't seem terribly interested in our systems of accounting. Today we'll hear about a vineyard owner who gives generously, and Isaiah reminds us that God's ways are higher than ours. That's good news, because none of us comes to God with a perfect record. You come to receive what Christ has already done for you.

Collect:

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to 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.

Matthew 20:1-16

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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* **bold indicates standing**

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Daryl Newton
Altar Guild	Huntley Family
Crucifer	
Lector	Daryl Newton
Usher	Harold Nichols
	Jackson Huntley
Serving 9/27/26	
Elder	Jeremy Fullam
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Acolytes	Georgia & Peter
Lector	Jeremy Fullam
Usher	Daryl Svensson
	John Downey

Prayer List	
For Strength and Healing	
Dave, Jose, Dale, and Richard	
For Our Missionaries & Seminarians	
Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker	
For Our Military Members	
Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, Jon Lushenko, Micah Berge, Kariff Gomez, and Daniel Fohey	
<i>(If you are in the military, please send your info to elsyglc@gmail.com to be added to the prayer list)</i>	
For Those Unable to Attend	
Joyce Rochester, Herb Foelber, and Janice Keitel	

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Pentecost 17

September 20, 2026

9:00 am

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

Pastor
 Deaconess
 Director of Music

Elder
 Altar Guild
 Crucifer
 Lector
 Usher

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