

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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As We Gather

Most of us like answers. God often gives us something better—His presence. Today we'll explore Romans 8:28–39, a passage that's frequently reduced to a slogan but is actually one of Scripture's greatest declarations of hope. The promise isn't that everything in life will make sense. The promise is that nothing in all creation can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus. That's good news for every sinner and every sufferer.

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Serving Today	
Elder	Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild	Michael Tow
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Carl Lehman
Usher	John Downey
Serving 8/2/26	
Elder	Steve Hollman
Altar Guild	Gloria Berge
Crucifer	Ande Gertz
Lector	Mark Jordan
Usher	Harold Nichols

Prayer List
For Strength and Healing Dave, Eddie, Michelle, Floyd, Kara, Kariff, Jose, and Nancy For Our Missionaries & Seminarians Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker For Our Military Members Rev. Rev. Mario Ancira, Hannah Downey, Nathan Farish, Gavin Robillard, Joshua Simmons, Jon Lushenko, Micah Berge, 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 & Marge Foelber, and Janice Keitel

Announcements

Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are on recess for the summer.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate the baptism of Whitney Mellos. Please join us as we welcome and rejoice with Whitney on this special occasion.

Thank you to all who came out in support of our concert and fellowship event last night.

Pastor Thomas is guest-hosting the podcast "30 Minutes in the New Testament" through Paul's Letter to the Colossians for the next few weeks. You can find it on any podcast platform or watch it on YouTube.



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