

# WELCOME

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## 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 Pastor Brian 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 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
- Text the amount to 84321
- On the Grace Giving Page at [gracesandiego.com](http://gracesandiego.com)
- Time and talents—please see Pr. Brian



Please silence cell phones and be mindful of those preparing for worship.

Restrooms are in the hallway outside the sanctuary chapel.

## AS WE GATHER

By faith, the children of God are grafted into the flesh and blood of Jesus, the mitigator of fear and the destroyer of death. Thus, we are mightily fortified with Christ our champion to withstand temptation's assault because He is our merciful companion in every respect on this journey called life.

## Collect:

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with Your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

## Hebrews 2:14-18

<sup>14</sup> Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. <sup>16</sup> For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. <sup>17</sup> Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 1

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Anthem	Parish Choir
	<i>Eternal Father, Who Hast Called Us</i>
Sermon	Pastor Brian
	"But Now a Champion Comes to Fight"
	Hebrews 2:14-15
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>158</b>
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<i>March of the Priests</i>	Mendelssohn

\* bold indicates standing

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

**SERVING TODAY AT 9:00 AM**

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

**SERVING 2/9/25 AT 9:00 AM**

**Elder** Randy Houts  
**Altar Guild** Jack & Judy George  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Randy Houts  
**Cantor** Jeremy Fullam  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

If you are interested in serving on Sundays on the Altar Guild, as a Crucifer, as a Cantor, or Usher, please contact Pastor Brian.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:15 – 11:00 AM

St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

10:00—11:00 am

St. Mark Classroom



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP** Please sign up to host the coffee fellowship after the service. Bring a refreshment to share and clean-up at 10:30. Please do not bring food into the sanctuary.



All materials provided. Please sign-up at the welcome desk, but walk-ins are welcome.

**PRAYER LIST**

**FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

Dave, Mike, Heidi, Arleen, Pr. Ken, Laura, Carlitos, Eddie, Charlie, Thomas, and Randy

**FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Elsy Lehman

**FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS**

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker

**FOR OUR MILITARY MEMBERS**

Micah Burge, Henry Casey, Nick Collum, Nathan Farish, Matthew Morgan, Jeff & Jordan Gruetzmacher, Joshua Simmons, and Thomas Spencer

**FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND**

Joyce Rochester, Herb & Marge Foelber, Janice Keitel

**EPIPHANY 4**

February 2, 2025

9:00 am



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