

# WELCOME

ADVENT | CHRISTMAS | EPIPHANY | LENT | EASTER | TRINITY

**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

### Greetings of Christmas Morning

P: Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for unto You is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

C: **Let every heart prepare Him room!**

P: You will find the baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a manger.

C: **There was no room for him in the inn.**

P: But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

C: **Oh, dwell in my heart, Lord Jesus; there is room in my heart for you.**

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

C: **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

P: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, and do not fear. Here is your God! He will come and save you!"

C: **Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

### Collect:

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## DIVINE SERVICE

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\* bold indicates standing

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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

### SERVING CHRISTMAS AT 9 AM

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** Randy Houts  
**Usher** Harold Nichols

### SERVING 12/29 AT 9:00 AM

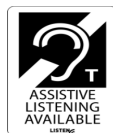
**Elder** Randy Houts  
**Altar Guild** Michael Tow  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Randy Houts  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**Usher** Jackson Huntley

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 – 10:15 AM  
St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den  
*Resumes on 1/12/25*

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:00 am  
St. Mark Classroom  
*Resumes on 1/15/25*



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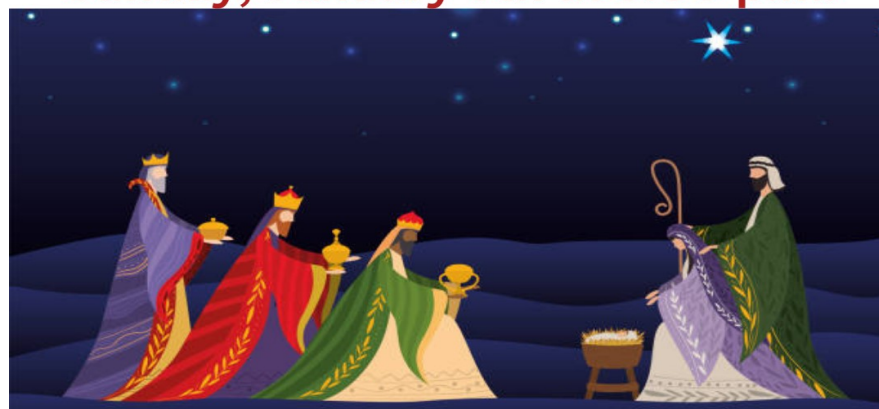
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** will be in your mailboxes on Sunday 12/29. If you don't have a mailbox or a box of envelopes, please notify Gretchen in the office at: [gjordan@gracesandiego.com](mailto:gjordan@gracesandiego.com).

# EPIPHANY

## International Pot Luck

### Sunday, January 5th at 5:00 p.m.



The Gospel is for all nations. Join us as we kick-off the Epiphany season with a global dinner celebrating the culinary diversity of God's goodness in creation.

**Sign-up at the Welcome Desk**

### PRAYER LIST

#### FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Mike, Heidi, Arleen, Christi, and Carlitos

#### FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Elsy Lehman

#### FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss and Vicar Rowan Turner

#### 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

## CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2024

9:00 AM



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