# 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 the 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

The Ascension is a pivotal moment and a great comfort, but it is often misunderstood as some believe that like Elvis, Christ has left the building. But Jesus doesn't speak of the "right hand of God" as a locale in heaven. Rather, the right hand of God is His dominion over heaven and earth. Thus, the Ascension is not Jesus' disappearance but His physical veiling so that "He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things" (Eph. 4:10). At the right hand of God, Jesus can be present for us wherever He chooses, especially where He promises to be.

# Collect:

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

PastorRev. Brian ThomasDirector of MusicDale Sorenson

#### SERVING 5/12 AT 8 AM

ElderJason HuntleyAltar GuildHuntley FamilyCruciferSpencer HuntleyLectorJason HuntleyUsherHeath Russert

### Serving 5/12 at 10:30 am

ElderJeremy FullamAltar GuildCindy HansenCruciferKariff GomezLectorJeremy FullamCantorRichard SegarraUsherDaryl Svensson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:30 – 10:15 AM St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE 9:20—10:10 Music Room

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 10:00 am St. Mark Classroom

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY 8:00 am St. Mark Classroom

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

\* There is no Sunday service on June 2.

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING Dave, Phil, Mike, John, Heidi, Edward, Daniel, Nancy, Jan, Chris, Mary Jo, Marcia, Alicia, John and Marianne

**PRAYERS AWAITING A CHILD OF GOD** Jordan Gruetzmacher, Rachel Hawthorne, Teagan LeYanna

**PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS** 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

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