

# 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 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 at the bottom
- 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

In light of what Jesus was born to do for us sinners, there can be no greater confession for the whole church than to join Mary in praising, "My soul magnifies the Lord." Mary serves as a wonderful role model for us all. She sings her song of faith even though the news of God's plans is a complete surprise, interrupting the life plans she and Joseph must already have made. Today, we consider the blessed interruptions of life.

## Collect

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Luke 1:39-56

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;

<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones

and exalted those of humble estate;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich he has sent away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,

to Abraham and to his offspring forever."

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

## DIVINE SERVICE

SETTING 3

|  |                                      |
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| <i>O Come, O Come Emmanuel</i>                 | P. Manz                              |
| Lighting of the Advent Wreath                  |                                      |
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| <b>Alleluia</b>                                | <b>190</b>                           |
| <b>Gospel</b>                                  | <b>Luke 1:39-56</b>                  |
| Anthem   | Men's Chorus                         |
|  | <i>What Hope! An Eden Prophesied</i> |
| Sermon   | Pastor Brian                         |
|  | "Blessed Interruption"               |
|  | Luke 1:39-56                         |
| <b>Nicene Creed</b>                            | <b>191</b>                           |
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| <i>Joy to the World</i>                        | M Burkhardt                          |

\* bold indicates standing

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

**SERVING 12/22 AT 9:00 AM**

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** Jack & Judy George  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Cantor** Sandi Garcia  
**Usher** John Downey

**SERVING CHRISTMAS EVE AT 6 PM**

**Elder** Randy Houts  
**Altar Guild** Jack & Judy George  
**Crucifer** Devin Houts  
**Lector** Randy Houts  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**Usher** John Downey

**SERVING CHRISTMAS AT 9 AM**

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Cantor** Richard Segarra  
**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



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH POTLUCK TODAY!** Join us in the Fellowship Hall after the service for some delicious food and Christmas merriment!

**POINSETTIAS, PLEASE** Bring poinsettias to adorn the sanctuary for Christmas on Mon-Wed from 9-2. Call the office when you arrive. 619-299-2890

**CHRISTMAS GOODIES** Order your See's candy gifts from our store front and GLC will receive a nice portion of all sales. [https://yumraising.com/secure/gracelcs\\_grace\\_lutheran\\_san\\_diego92/GreJor9062/candy](https://yumraising.com/secure/gracelcs_grace_lutheran_san_diego92/GreJor9062/candy)

**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.

*CHRISTMAS SERVICES*

*Christmas Eve*  
6:00 pm

*Christmas Morning*  
9:00 am.

**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, Chris, Marcia, Charlie, Eddie, Marge, 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

**ADVENT 4**

Dec. 22, 2024  
9:00 am



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