

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
- 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

Holy Baptism is the beginning of a new story. It was for Jesus as He stepped into the waters to identify with us sinners; it is for us as we step into the waters to identify with Jesus. He was baptized to "fulfill all righteousness" so we can be declared righteous in Him. Today on the Baptism of our Lord we consider this miraculous gift of God and why many Christians fail to recognize and honor it as such.

Collect:

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 9:00 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Kelley Clark
Crucifer Bennett Lee
Lector Mark Jordan
Cantor Richard Segarra
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 1/19/25 AT 9:00 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Usher John Downey

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:15 – 11:00 AM

St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den
Resumes Today

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

10:00—11:00 am

St. Mark Classroom
Resumes on 1/15/25



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES TODAY FROM 10:15 AM TO 11:00 AM.



Next week we celebrate **SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**. Representatives from CAPS will be here to share what God is doing with this vital ministry to promote life.



TNT - January 30th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Common Theory for Happy Hour at: 4805 Convoy St. SD 92111. Check out their menu at: <https://commontheorysd.com/convoy-menus/>

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.

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

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

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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025

9:00 am



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