

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 to the right
- Text the amount to 84321
- On the Grace Giving Page at gracesandiego.com
- Time & Talents - contact 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

You can sometimes be so heavenly-focused focused you are of no earthly good. This is often the case with believers when they become so preoccupied with the coming of Jesus Christ. This is the lesson with the five foolish bridesmaids in our Gospel reading today. Whether married or single, you are betrothed to Jesus Christ in the Church. He is returning one day soon to wed His holy bride and we are called to remain vigilant and awake until that day. Since we do not know when that day will be, we focus our attention on our groom and do all the ordinary daily activities of serving in His household as we wait.

Collect

Almighty God, we implore You, show Your mercy to Your humble servants that we, who put no trust in our own merits, may not be dealt with after the severity of Your judgment but according to Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



DIVINE SERVICE

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* bold indicates standing

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor Rev. Brian Thomas
Director of Music Dale Sorenson

SERVING TODAY AT 8 AM

Elder Jason Huntley
Altar Guild Jack & Judy George
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Jason Huntley
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING TODAY AT 10:30 AM

Elder Ted Nilsen
Altar Guild Michael Tow
Crucifer Citlali Gomez
Cantor Sandi Garcia
Lector Daryl Svensson
Usher Harold Nichols

SERVING 11/24 AT 8 AM

Elder Daryl Newton
Altar Guild Huntley Family
Crucifer Spencer Huntley
Lector Daryl Newton
Usher John Downey

SERVING 11/24 AT 10:30 AM

Elder Randy Houts
Altar Guild Kelley Clark
Crucifer Bennett Lee
Cantor Randy Houts
Lector Richard Segarra
Usher Daryl Svensson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WINTER WITTENBERG WAY IS AVAILABLE TODAY!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS CHOIR Children can meet in the music room at 10:15 am.

A FRENCH TWIST - Friday, Dec.6th at 7:00 p.m. @ Grace Lutheran
À LA VIERGE • MUSIC FOR THE VIRGIN MARY AND THE NATIVITY
Repertoire by Charpentier, Poulenc, and Villetta covering a span of over three hundred years, yet connected aesthetically by way of musical sensuousness and elegance. Bach Consortium SD welcomes Guest Director, Dana Marsh. For discount tickets: <https://bachcollegiumsd.org/afrenchtwist> with the code GRACE30.

HOLIDAY IDEAS Order your See’s candy gifts from our special yum-raising store front to support our *Generations* Capital Campaign. Here is the link to place an order and GLC will receive a nice portion of all sales through 12/31/24. https://yumraising.com/secure/gracelcs_grace_lutheran_san_diego92/reJor9062/candy

Advent Midweek Services

Wednesday Evenings Dec. 4, 11, and 18

Soup Suppers 5:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer 6:30pm

Advent People: What time is it?

PRAYER LIST

FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

Dave, Mike, Heidi, Chris, Marcia, Charlie, Eddie, Marge, Arleen, Barbara, Christi, Judy George and family, Valda Houts and family

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

TRINITY 25

November 17, 2024

8:00 and 10:30 am



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



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