

# WELCOME

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## 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](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

Speaking with authority, clarity, and absolute truth, Jesus was the most effective preacher who ever lived. His listeners, though, did not always like what they heard. While teaching in His hometown of Nazareth, Jesus proclaimed Himself the long-expected Messiah. The people's reaction? Well...let's say it's a real cliffhanger.

### Collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### Luke 4:16-30

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives  
and recovering of sight to the blind,  
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,  
<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.

## DIVINE SERVICE SETTING 1

<i>Prelude in D Major</i>	JS Bach
<b>God Has Spoken by His Prophets</b>	<b>583</b>
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Gradual	
Epistle	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
<b>Alleluia</b>	<b>156</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>Luke 4:16-30</b>
Anthem	Renee Thompson, Recorder
	<i>Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet</i>
Sermon	Pastor Brian
	"Nazareth Homecoming"
	Luke 4:16-30
<b>Nicene Creed</b>	<b>158</b>
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	Christ has died,
	Christ is risen,
	Christ will come again.
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	<i>We Know That Christ is Raised</i>
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<b>Post Communion Collect</b>	<b>166</b>
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<b>The People That in Darkness Sat</b>	<b>412</b>
<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i>	arr. Wilhowsky

\* bold indicates standing

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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

**SERVING TODAY AT 9:00 AM**

**Elder** Jeremy Fullam  
**Altar Guild** Kelley Clark  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Jeremy Fullam  
**Usher** Jackson Huntley

**SERVING 2/2/25 AT 9:00 AM**

**Elder** Daryl Newton  
**Altar Guild** Huntley Family  
**Crucifer** Spencer Huntley  
**Lector** Daryl Newton  
**Usher** Daryl Svensson

If you are interested in serving on Sundays on the Altar Guild, as a Crucifer, as a Cantor, or Usher, please contact Pastor Brian.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

10:15 – 11:00 AM

St. Mark Classroom, Nursery, & Den

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY**

10:00—11:00 am

St. Mark Classroom



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING STATEMENTS FOR 2024** Check your mailbox for your statement. If you don't have one, please contact Gretchen in the church office.

**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.

**THURSDAY NIGHT THING (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-menu/>



**SAVE THE DATE** Friday Feb. 14th is Valentine's Day and we have a fun evening planned here at Grace. No reservations needed. Watch for event information this week.

**PRAYER LIST**

**FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

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

**FOR OUR EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Elsy Lehman

**FOR OUR MISSIONARIES & SEMINARIANS**

Rev. Dr. Tardelli Voss, Vicar Rowan Turner, and Vicar William Baker

**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

**EPIPHANY 3**

January 26, 2025

9:00 am



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