

Great Participation and Support!

A big shoutout for the enthusiastic and faithful engagement in our Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers and Vespers Services! The soups and desserts have been delicious, the fellowship sweet, and the worship soul sustaining.

As is our custom, all funds raised during our Soup Suppers will support the work of our mission partner, *India Transformed*.

During our Vespers service we have been focusing on the blessings and benefits of baptism. In this service, each week, we are responsively reading Luther's explanation of baptism from The Small Catechism. We are learning (or being reminded) that baptism marks our identity. It defines who we are as God's covenant people and how we are to live as those who are sealed by the Spirit and forever marked by the sign of the cross.

As of 3.19.25, we have seen that in holy baptism we are signed, claimed, and named. Between now and Easter Sunday, we will explore how through baptism we are enlightened, appointed, washed, and raised.

In the Larger Catechism Luther wrote:

"In baptism, therefore, every Christian has enough to study and to practice all his life. He always has enough to do to believe firmly what baptism promises and brings: victory over death and the devil, forgiveness of sin, God's grace, the entire Christ, and the Holy Spirit with his gifts."

Strengthen your faith and enjoy the fellowship at Grace by continuing to attend (or by starting to attend) our soup suppers and vespers service.

Childcare is available.