



Sunday, August 10, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

ANXIOUS?

THERE
IS HOPE!



Altar Flowers given by:

Jim & Jan Runzheimer, in honor of James' 1st Birthday



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Goodness Love And Mercy

Verse: Oh Lord You're my Shepherd
You make me lie in fields of green
You lead me by the still waters
You restore righteousness to me
Though I walk through the valley
I will fear no evil thing

For You are with me and You comfort me

Chorus: Surely goodness love and mercy
Will follow wherever I go

Bridge: I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: We now confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have given in to anxiety and have not always put our trust in God and His gracious provision for our lives. We have not always been good stewards of the many gifts that God graciously gives us and have focused on keeping things for ourselves rather than sharing them with others. We have missed opportunities to share the love of Christ with those around us and have not sought out the best for the people of our family circles, our neighborhoods, and our communities. We pray our God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, to lead us into lives of growing faith and increasing charity, and finally to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: God is faithful and keeps His promises of full pardon for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, granting mercy and forgiveness for those who repent and turn to Him. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I remind you that you are forgiven of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Share Grace

Old Testament Responsive Reading

Psalm 33:12–22

People: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage!

Women: *The LORD looks down from heaven; He sees all the children of man; from where He sits enthroned He looks out on all the inhabitants of the earth, He who fashions the hearts of them all and observes all their deeds.*

Men: *The king is not saved by his great army; a warrior is not delivered by his great strength. The war horse is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue.*

Women: *Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His steadfast love, that He may deliver their soul from death and keep them alive in famine.*

Men: *Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.*

People: Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 11:1–16 *(The examples of faith exhibited by some of God's people.)*

- 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.
- 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.
- 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.
- 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.

- 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.
- 7 By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.
- 8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.
- 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.
- 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.
- 11 By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.
- 12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.
- 13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.
- 14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.
- 15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.
- 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message - Jessica Nieves

Hymn: Consider How the Birds Above

LSB #736

vs. 1-4

Consider how the birds above
Feed day by day with carefree ease—
Does God not keep them in His love?
Are we not worth much more than these?

The lilies grow, they do not toil;
How fair is their fragility—
If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,
Will He not clothe both you and me?

Set not your heart on food or drink,
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
About such things the godless think,
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.

Be on your guard against all greed,
For life is more than what we own.
Our Father knows our ev'ry need
Before our needs to us are known.

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Gospel Reading

Luke 12:22-34

- 22 And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on.
23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.
24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!
25 And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?
26 If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest?
27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith!
29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.
30 For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them.
31 Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.
32 "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
33 Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.
34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB #735
vs. 1-2

Have no fear, little flock;
Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen
To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock;
Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you
In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!

Message: "Anxious? There Is Hope!" - Pastor Doug Widger

Message Song: Have No Fear, Little Flock

LSB #735
vs. 3-4

Praise the Lord high above;
Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you,
Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God;
Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you,
In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Connection Points

Offering

When Peace, Like a River

LSB #763
vs. 1-4

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

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Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20–21

Pastor: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Sending Song: Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB #912
vs. 1-3

Christ is our cornerstone,
On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone
The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love
Our hopes we place
Of present grace
And joys above.

Here may we gain from heav'n
 The grace which we implore,
 And may that grace, once giv'n,
 Be with us evermore
 Until that day
 When all the blest
 To endless rest
 Are called away.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise
 These hallowed courts shall ring;
 Our voices we will raise
 The Three in One to sing
 And thus proclaim
 In joyful song,
 Both loud and long,
 That glorious name.

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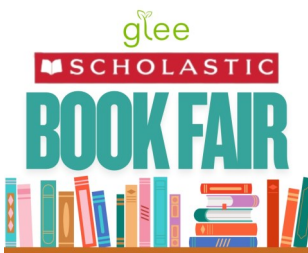
FAMILY MINISTRIES

2025-26 PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, August 17th
 12:15 — 1:45 PM

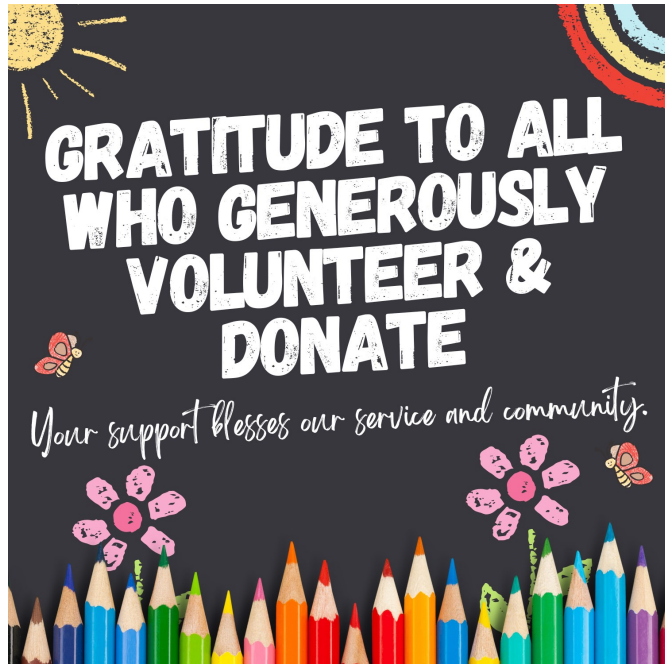
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RSVP for lunch with
 Serena by 8/14.

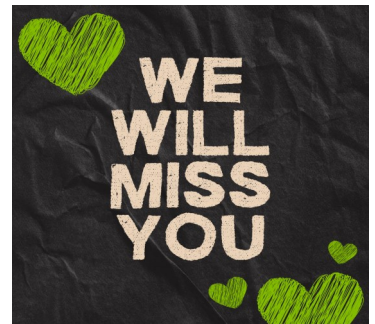


SEPTEMBER 2ND-8TH

TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY TO MAKE
 OUR BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING SERVICE AND
 SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION A HUGE SUCCESS:



THRIVENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND YOUR GENEROUS
 FINANCIAL AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS
 COVERED THE COST! THANK YOU!



Jim and Stephanie Schmidt
 will be moving to the
 Nashville area in
 mid-August.

On Sunday, August 17, we
 will pray over and bless
 them during the service
 and have a reception in
 the Narthex following the
 service. They have each
 invested mightily in the
 ministry of Grace over the
 past decades. Jim has
 served as congregational
 president twice, many
 years as an elder, while
 Stephanie has always been
 eager to serve behind the
 scenes. With sadness for
 our loss we pray for God to
 open many new doors for
 them in this transition.



A bright yellow graphic with a grid pattern. At the top, the words "WE ARE" and "HIRING" are in large, bold, black letters inside white rectangular boxes. Below "HIRING" is a yellow smiley face. To the left, a blue starburst points to a white box that says "JOIN OUR TEAM!". In the center, a pink box says "APPLY NOW" with a pink thumbs-up icon to its left. To the right, there are two white boxes. The top one says "glee" in green, followed by "Positions Available" in blue, "AFTERNOON TEACHERS" in bold black, and "infant & preschool classrooms" in black. The bottom one says "Contact Laura Scott for more details." in green, followed by an email icon and "lscott@grace.lc" and a phone icon and "817-274-1626".

WONDER-FULLY MADE

Jim Runzheimer's Sunday Bible Class: A New Topic!

"Wonderfully Made" will be a new adult Sunday school class beginning August 17, 2025, in the Fireside Room. Wonder-Fully Made: A Protestant Theology of the Body, will be the textbook used. The class theme is taken from Psalm 139:13-18. The author is Dr. John W. Kleinig. Dr. Kleinig has been a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Australian Lutheran College. He is also the author of the Hebrews and Leviticus Commentaries in the Concordia Commentaries series. Wonder-Fully Made is available online from multiple outlets, including christianbook.com, eBay, Wal-Mart, and thriftbooks.com. For more information please call Jim Runzheimer at (817) 795-2020 (office) or email at runz-law@att.net.

A graphic for a Back-To-School Swim Party. It has a blue background with water ripples and splashes. In the center, the text "Back-To-School" is in a cursive font, "SWIM PARTY" is in large, bold, blue letters, "SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH" is in white letters inside a blue box, and "12:15PM TO 2:30PM" is in white letters inside a blue box. Below that, it says "LOCATION: MANGELS' HOUSE FOR GRACE KIDS/GRACE YOUTH" and "Pizza and water will be available. Bring a side or dessert to share. RSVP with Serena!".

Puzzle Exchange

Bring a puzzle and exchange it for another! If you don't have a puzzle, just take one and return when completed. **Located in the NARTHEX.**

PLEASE CHECK IN!

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Scan the QR code or type the link above to check in, submit prayer requests, and more!

~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ Jim Runzheimer's Bible Class - *Fireside Room*
- ♦ Pastor Doug Widger's Class - *Meeting Room 2*
- ♦ Biblical Parenting Group - *GLEE Wing*
- ♦ Young Adult Bible Study - *Conference Room*
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 7 - 12) - *Youth Shed*
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - *Preschool Wing Classrooms*
- ♦ Babies - 3 year olds - *Nursery*
(throughout the morning)
Comfort & Nursing Rooms are available.

ELDERS AND THEIR ASSIGNED MEMBERS

Joe Masterson	A-B
Hank Jacobs	C-E
Keith Mangels	F-H
Mike Kennedy	I-L
Mike Curtis	M-O
Ernie Owens	P-R
Brian Bassett	S
Jim Schmidt	T-Z

Head Elder:
Joe Masterson



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Mrs. Laura Scott, Director of Early Education
Rev. Dr. Russell Hildebrandt, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 10, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

- 9:30 AM Braille (Smiths' Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting - *Conference Room*
- 7:30 PM Coed Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

- 1:00 PM Braille (Holy Cross Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 6:30 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - *Joeckel Field*
- 6:30 PM Youth Girls' & Guys' Bible Studies - *Youth Shed*
Food, Games, Praise Time, Study & Prayer for
Grades 6-12
- 6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*

Thursday, August 14, 2025

- 6:00 PM Braille (Sandra's Braille Buddies) - *Braille Room: MR1*

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Fireside Room*

Saturday, August 16, 2025

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office*
- 12:15 PM Family Ministry 2025-26 Planning Meeting
- *Conference Room*



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**COME
JOIN US!**

Choir & Joybells

**STARTING UP AGAIN ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13**

COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Contact Will Land for questions at wland@grace.lc

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Friday & Saturday, Oct. 3 - 4, 2025; Grades 5-8

Camp Copass: 8200 E McKinney St.
Denton, TX 76208

\$50 per person; Registration is OPEN!

Theme: Inner Armor

Speak with Serena for details.