



Sunday, August 17, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Altar Flowers given by:

Nat Davies, in honor of Betty Sanders' Birthday



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: How Great Is Our God

Verse 1: The splendor of the King clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see how great,
How great is our God

Verse 2: Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

CHORUS

Bridge: Name above all names, worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God

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Confession and Absolution

P: Lord, forgive our sins.

C: Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.

P: Lord, forgive our pride.

C: Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements and those when I have failed to boast in Your works.

P: Lord, forgive us for being judgmental.

C: Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided.

P: Lord, forgive us for hurting others.

C: Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole.

P: God promises that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Sing to the Lord a new song because He has forgiven you of your sins, in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Share Grace

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:16-22

- 16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD.
- 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.' "
- 18 For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened?
- 19 Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked.
- 20 The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.
- 21 "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied.
- 22 But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:49-53

- 49 "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!
- 50 I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!
- 51 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

- 52 For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three.
- 53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

LSB #660
vs. 1-4

Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

Message: "The Gospel is Divisive" - Pastor Steve Roth

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

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB #806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (2x)

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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Communion

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

LSB #643
vs. 1-2

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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Your Table I Approach

LSB #628
vs. 1-4

Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB #709
vs. 1-6

The King of love my shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.
Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!
And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

LSB #549
vs. 1-7

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.
[Bring forth the royal diadem and crown Him Lord of all.]
Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown Him Lord of all.
[Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown Him Lord of all.]
Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.
[Hail Him who saves you by His grace and crown Him Lord of all.]
Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.
[The God incarnate, man divine, And crown Him Lord of all.]
Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet and crown Him Lord of all.
[Go, spread your trophies at His feet And crown Him Lord of all.]
Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.
[To Him all majesty ascribe and crown Him Lord of all.]
Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.
[We'll join the everlasting song and crown Him Lord of all.]

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Send Off and Prayer for Jim & Stephanie Schmidt

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: Jesus Shall Reign

LSB #832
vs. 1-5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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COMMUNION NOTES

A traveling tray will be available for those who desire it.
Gluten-free wafers are available. Grape juice is provided on the inner ring of the communion tray.

We ask ourselves questions of examination:

- Do I believe that I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that through faith in Him my sins are forgiven?
- Do I believe that in this meal I receive the true Body and Blood of Jesus, for the forgiveness of my sins, not just a symbol of it?
- Do I intend, with the help of God, to live a Christian life?

We welcome to the altar all who answer yes to these questions and believe as we do.

Those who have never communed with us before are asked to speak to the Pastor or Elder before the service. If you're not ready to participate in the Lord's Supper with us, please feel free to come forward. Folding of your arms will indicate to the Pastors your desire to receive a blessing.

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.

Back-To-School SWIM PARTY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH
12:15PM TO 2:30PM

LOCATION: MANGELS' HOUSE
FOR GRACE KIDS/GRACE YOUTH

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.**



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MEN'S MINISTRY

BREAKFAST BREAKFAST BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast:

Saturday, September 6th
from 8:00 - 9:30 AM, in the
Fireside Room, featuring
Coach Tom Mueller.

Tom has been a football coach at five colleges and universities including TCU. He has also served as Men's Ministry staff leader for St. Paul Lutheran Church in Fort Worth, leads a jail ministry, a ministry in a

senior adult center, longtime Bible Study Fellowship participant and has worked for Young Life. His passion for ministry and love for God's Word are infectious and will bless all who attend.

COME JOIN US!

Choir & Joybells

**JUST STARTED UP AGAIN ON
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13**

THERE'S STILL TIME TO JOIN US!

Contact Will Land for questions at wland@grace.lc





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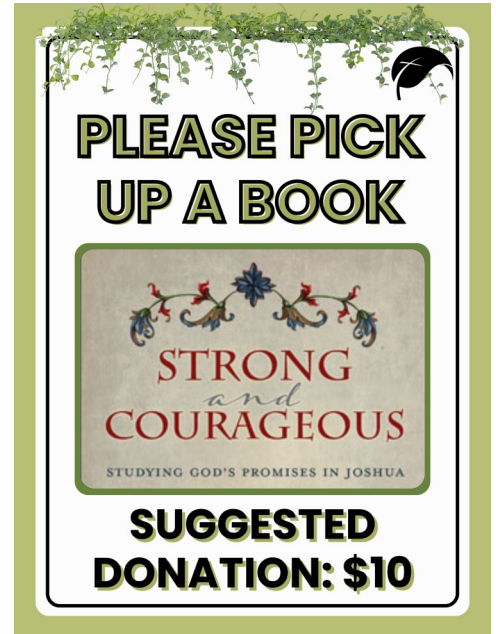
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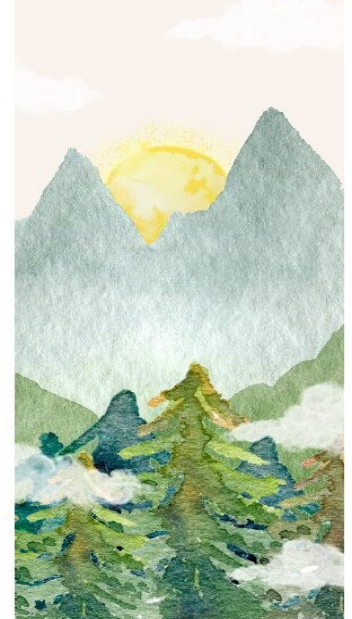
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*Love the Lord
your God with
all your heart*
Matthew 22:37



~ 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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Rev. Dr. Russell Hildebrandt, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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*
- 12:15 PM Family Ministry 2025-26 Planning Meeting - *Conference Room*
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

- 6:15 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*
- 7:30 PM Coed Community Basketball - *Gym*

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- 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 21, 2025

- 7:00 PM Braille (Shepherd of Life Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 7:00 PM Board of Elders Meeting - *Conference Room*

Friday, August 22, 2025

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

Saturday, August 23, 2025

- 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Strategy Operation Retreat - *MR2*
- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 2:00 - 3:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*

Sunday, August 24, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Fireside Room*
- 12:15 - 2:30 PM Back-to-School Swim Party - *Mangels' home*
This is for Grace Kids & Grace Youth.
Pizza and water will be available. Please bring a side dish to share.
- 1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office*



On Sunday, August 31, we will join together our two worship services (*English speaking and Spanish speaking*) at 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Immediately following we will have a time of fellowship in the Gym. There'll be breakfast tacos, fruit, juices, coffee, donuts, and an opportunity to connect with new people. Please plan to attend the post service fellowship event.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

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

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Theme: Inner Armor

Speak with Serena for details.



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