



Sunday, August 24, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



*The
Narrow
Door*

LUKE 13:22-30

Pastor Doug Widger

**Altar Flowers
given by:**

Gary & Susan White, in honor of those
with birthdays in July, August & September



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease

My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord, and grant us Your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may be reconciled to You and at peace with all people. We trust in Christ alone for the forgiveness that we seek today and at all times. Give us the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us into paths of righteousness and finally bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 50:1–15

People: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Women: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes; He does not keep silence; before Him is a devouring fire, around Him a mighty tempest.

Men: He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that He may judge His people: "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me by sacrifice!"

People: The heavens declare His righteousness, for God Himself is judge!

Women: "Hear, O My people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before Me.

Men: *I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is Mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is Mine.*

Women: *"If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are Mine.*

Men: *Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?*

People: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

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 12:4–9 (An exhortation to faithful, peaceful living.)*

- 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.
- 5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.
- 6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."
- 7 It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline?
- 8 If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.
- 9 Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message – Dr. Serena Pace

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22–30 (*Jesus shares insights into His kingdom that is to come.*)

- 22 He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.
- 23 And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them,
- 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

- 25 When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.'
- 26 Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.'
- 27 But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!'
- 28 In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out.
- 29 And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God.
- 30 And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB #915
vs. 1-4

Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;
His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

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Message: "The Narrow Door" - Pastor Doug Widger

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

The Church's One Foundation

LSB #644
vs. 1-4

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious shall be the Church at rest.

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Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer

Ways to Follow Jesus

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord make his countenance to shine upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LSB #790, vs. 1-4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

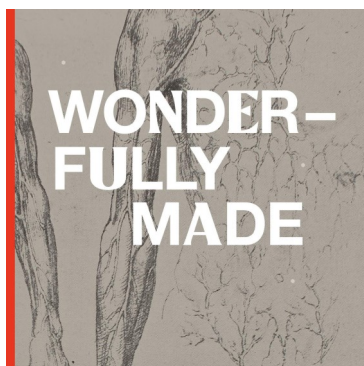
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, When heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.

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

"Wonderfully Made" is a new adult Sunday school class which began 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.



Spirit Night Fundraiser

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August 26th, 2025

5:00-8:00 PM

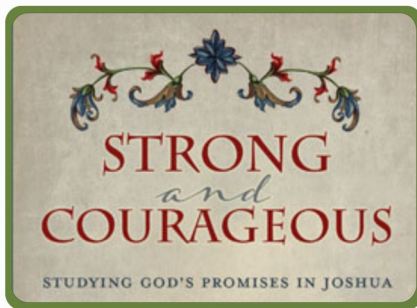
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Back-To-School
SWIM PARTY

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!*



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~ 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
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Rev. Dr. Russell Hildebrandt, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

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*

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

- 9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - *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 ESL Classes
- 6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - *Sanctuary*
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - *Music Room*

Thursday, August 28, 2025

- 3:00 PM Braille (WWFF Braille Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*
- 6:00 PM Braille (Thumbprint Group) - *Braille Room: MR1*

Friday, August 29, 2025

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

Saturday, August 30, 2025

- 8:00 AM Zumba: Hermanas en Cristo - *Gym/Fireside Room*
- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 2:00 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)*

Sunday, August 31, 2025

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



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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Denton, TX 76208

\$50 per person; Registration is OPEN!

Theme: Inner Armor

Speak with Serena for details.



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