



**Sunday, September 14, 2025**  
**9:30 AM Worship Service**



*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**Altar Flowers given by:**

Jim & Jan Runzheimer,  
in honor of Rachels' 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday



**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song:** Reckless Love

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

*Chorus:* O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God

O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found  
Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it  
Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless  
Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

**CHORUS**

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up  
Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down  
Coming after me

**CHORUS**

## Confession and Absolution

Pastor: O Lord, my God, I cry to You for help.

People: Heal and restore me, O Lord.

Pastor: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: like sheep, O Lord, we have strayed and wandered from You. We have sinned against You and one another. We have done the evil You forbid, and we have not done the good You desire. There is no health in us. O merciful and divine Shepherd, cover our sins with Your forgiveness, clothe us with Your perfect righteousness, and preserve us in this faith and fear, that we may be kept to the day when Your Son comes to judge all people. Have mercy, O Lord, and fulfill Your Word to us in Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore 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.

Pastor: He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. His peace be with you.

People: And also with you.

## Share Grace

### Old Testament Reading

*Joshua 4:1-7*

- 1 When all the nation had finished passing over the Jordan, the Lord said to Joshua,
- 2 "Take twelve men from the people, from each tribe a man,
- 3 and command them, saying, 'Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood firmly, and bring them over with you and lay them down in the place where you lodge tonight.' "
- 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men from the people of Israel, whom he had appointed, a man from each tribe.
- 5 And Joshua said to them, "Pass on before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take up each of you a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the people of Israel,
- 6 that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?'
- 7 then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message - Pastor Doug Widger

### **Gospel Reading:** Luke 15:1-10 *(Jesus tells the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.)*

- 1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.
- 2 And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."
- 3 So he told them this parable:
- 4 "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?
- 5 And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.
- 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.'
- 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.
- 8 "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?
- 9 And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.'
- 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Message Song:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB #686  
vs. 1, 3, 4, 2

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
Prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom'd soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,  
Hither by Thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

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**Message: "What do these stones mean?"  
- 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**

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)

Dad gracias de corazón, dad gracias al Santísimo  
 Dad gracias porque ha dado a su hijo Jesús. (2x)

Y ahora diga el débil fuerte soy  
 Diga el pobre rico soy  
 Por lo que hizo el Señor por mí. (2x)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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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: Lift High the Cross

LSB #837  
 vs. 1-3

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
 Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
 Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain*

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
 The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *Refrain*

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
 Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *Refrain*

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## ~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ "Strong and Courageous" Bible Study - Gym
- ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 6 - 12) - Youth Shed
- ♦ Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-5)  
- 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
Ernie Owens	T-Z

Head Elder:  
Joe Masterson

## THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Sunday, September 14, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 1:30 PM Catechesis - Hispanic Ministry office

### Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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

### Wednesday, September 17, 2025

- 6:30 PM Grace FC Soccer Ministry - Joeckel Field
- 6:30 PM Grace Kids (Elementary) - Meeting Room 4
- 6:30 PM Grace Youth - Youth Shed
- 6:30 PM ESL Classes
- 6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

### Thursday, September 18, 2025

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

### Friday, September 19, 2025

- 6:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - Conference Room

### Saturday, September 20, 2025

- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
- 9:00 AM Explore Grace - Conference Room

This three hour seminar is designed to be your gateway into our family of faith. Explore Grace offers a genuine understanding of what it really means to be part of the community here at Grace Arlington. You will have the opportunity to get to know Pastor Widger, as well as learn what makes this place tick. This is the first step in the process of affiliation with our family of faith. Contact the church office at 817-274-1626 or churchoffice@grace.lc for more information and/or to RSVP.

- 10:00 AM Bible Journaling Workshop - ZOOM Gathering
- 2:00 PM Catechesis - Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)
- 6:00 - 8:00 PM Family Game Night - Gym  
Nachos, Interactive Games,  
Team Competitions and More  
Family Fun!

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### Sunday, September 21, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages
- 12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Special Voters' Meeting - Gym
- 1:30 PM: Catechesis- Hispanic Ministry office

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



## Come join us for a Special Voters' Meeting

This meeting is regarding the possible sale of 300 W. Park Row Dr., the one-acre lot which sits to the west of Pecan Street. A light lunch will be provided.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025**  
**MEETING TIME: 12:00 PM**  
**IN THE GYM**