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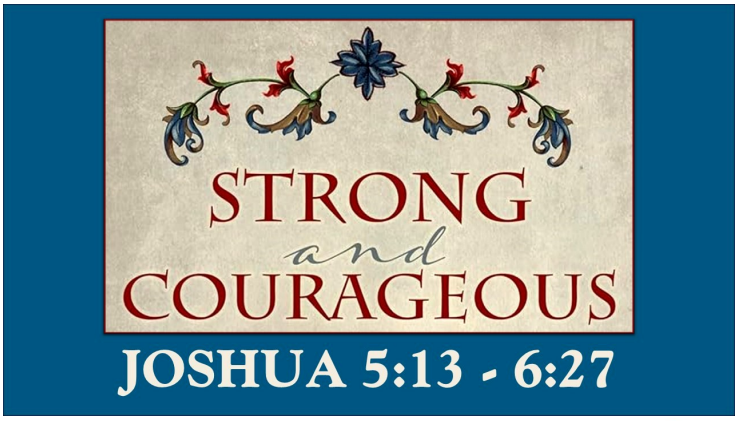
Sunday, September 21, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Altar Flowers given by:
Nancy McCormick,
in memory of loved ones

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

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.

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Old Testament Reading

Joshua 5:13 - 6:7

13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, a man was standing before him with his drawn sword in his hand. And Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you for us, or for our adversaries?"

14 And he said, "No; but I am the commander of the army of the LORD. Now I have come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?"

15 And the commander of the LORD's army said to Joshua, "Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so.

1 Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in.

2 And the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor.

3 You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days.

4 Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets.

5 And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him."

6 So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord."

7 And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Special Music: Dona Nobis Pacem

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-15

1 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.
2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'
3 And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.
4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'
5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
6 He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'
7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'
8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.
9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.
10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.
11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?
12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?
13 No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."
14 The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.
15 And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB #918
vs. 1-3

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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Message: "What is your Jericho?" - 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

Handbell Choir: "How Great Thou Art"

Communion

Agnus Dei

Verse: Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For the Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia

Chorus: (You are) Holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy holy
Are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen

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As The Deer

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone will my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You

I want you more than gold or silver
Only you can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye *[Refrain]*

You're my friend and You are my Father
Even though you are my King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything *[Refrain]*

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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB #702
vs. 1-4

My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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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: Onward, Christian Soldiers LSB #662 vs. 1-4

Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the royal master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle
See His banners go! *Refrain*

Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.

Men only: Like a mighty army
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity. *Refrain*

Women only: Crowns and thrones may perish,
Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus
Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never
'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise,
And that cannot fail. *Refrain*

Onward, then, ye faithful,
Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor
Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages
Men and angels sing. *Refrain*

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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.

~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- "Strong and Courageous" Bible Study - *Gym*
- Grace Youth (Grades 6 - 12) - *Youth Shed*
- Confirmation (Grades 6 - 8) - *Meeting Room 4*
- 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
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This Week's Schedule

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*

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

9:30 AM Braille (Cross of Christ) - *Braille Room: MR1*
10:00 AM Memorial Service for Ruth Currie *(Reception following)* - *Sanctuary/Narthex*
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 25, 2025

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

Friday, September 26, 2025

5:45 - 9:00 PM Parents' Night Out
6:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - *Conference Room*

Saturday, September 27, 2025

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

Sunday, Sept. 28, 2025

9:00 AM Acolyte Training - *Sanctuary*
9:30 AM Worship Service
10:45 AM Bible Classes
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - *Sanctuary*
1:30 PM Catechesis - *Hispanic Ministry office*

YOUTH ADVENTURE LUNCH
Sunday, September 28
(12:30 PM for Grades 6-12)
Meet at In-N-Out Burger
(1075 W Interstate 20, Arlington).
Bring a friend and a question or comment to share about your faith. Youth are covered by Grace for this one—and always covered by His grace!

PLEASE CHECK IN!

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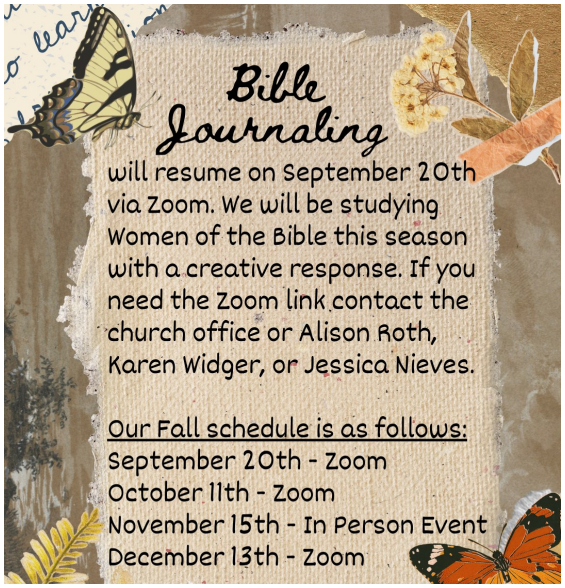
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