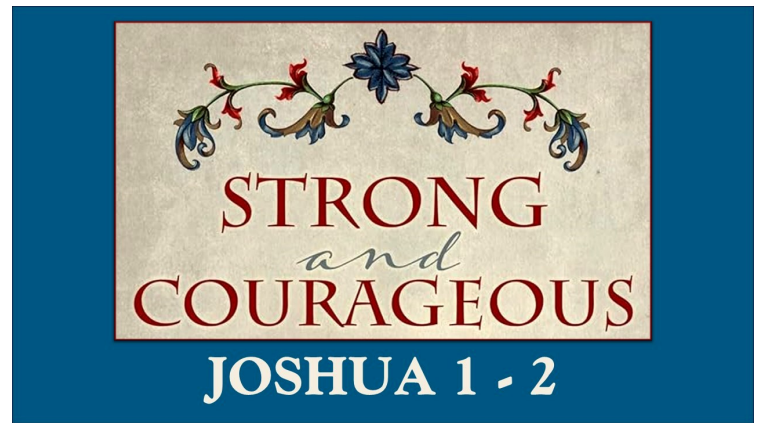




Sunday, September 7, 2025
9:30 AM Worship Service

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Altar Flowers given by:

Nat Davies, in honor of
Mortiz & Tami DeFord



Welcome and Opening Prayer

Opening Song: Every Praise

Chorus: Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God
Sing hallelujah to our God
Glory hallelujah is due our God
Every praise every praise is to our God

Bridge: God my Savior
God my Healer
God my Deliverer
Yes He is yes He is

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Ending: Every praise is to our God
Every word of worship with one accord
Every praise every praise is to our God

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: Most holy and merciful Father,

People: we confess to You, and to one another, and to the whole company of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault, in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

Pastor: We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy and lived as though You did not matter and we mattered most of all.

People: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess to You, O Lord, that we have done the evil Your Word prohibits and have not done the good You command.

People: Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: We confess that we have hidden our sin from You and from one another and have not confessed honestly before You or to those whom we have hurt.

People: We are truly sorry for the sins we have committed in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done that is wrong and by our failure to do what is right. Have mercy and forgive us, Lord.

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. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Share Grace

Old Testament Reading

Joshua 1:1-9

- 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant,
- 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.

- 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses.
- 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.
- 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.
- 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.
- 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go.
- 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.
- 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-35 (*Jesus speaks of the cost of discipleship and calls on those who would follow Him to deny themselves and take up the cross.*)

- 25 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them,
- 26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.
- 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.
- 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?
- 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,
- 30 saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'
- 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?
- 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace.
- 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.
- 34 "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?
- 35 It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Message Song: Here I Am, Lord

Verse 1: I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Chorus: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS

Verse 3: I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,
'Til their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

CHORUS (2X)

I will hold you people in my heart.

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Message: "Joshua's Calling!" - 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

Blessed Assurance

vs. 1-2

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

(CHORUS 2X)

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Communion

Your Table I Approach

LSB #628

vs. 1-6

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.

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.

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.

O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

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At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB #633
vs. 1-8

At the Lamb's high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine
Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured,
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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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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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

LSB #636
vs. 1-8

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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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, 2, 5, 6

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**

Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- ♦ "Strong and Courageous" Bible Study - Gym
 - ♦ Grace Youth (Grades 9 - 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
Brian Bassett	S
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THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 7, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages (including the beginning of the "Strong and Courageous" Bible Study in the Gym)
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room



YOUTH ADVENTURE LUNCH Sunday, 9/7 for Grades 6-12

Meet at In-N-Out Burger (1075 W Interstate 20, Arlington) @ 12:15 pm. 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!

1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - Hispanic Ministry office

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

- 9:30 AM Braille (Smiths' Group) - Braille Room: MR1
6:15 PM Women's Choir Rehearsal - Music Room
7:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting - Conference Room
7:30 PM Coed Community Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, September 10, 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
6:30 PM ESL Classes
6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

Thursday, September 11, 2025

- 12:00 PM Grace Seniors - Fireside Room
- Join us for a brisket lunch with all the fixings and enjoy a special dessert compliments of Morada Senior Living!

- Bring a helpful tip or idea that senior citizens in the Arlington area should know.
- Guest Speaker: Daniel Bautista, Executive Director from Morada Senior Living
- Devotion by Pastor Doug
- Contact Serena with questions.

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

Friday, September 12, 2025

- 7:00 PM Spanish Bible Study - Fireside Room

Saturday, September 13, 2025

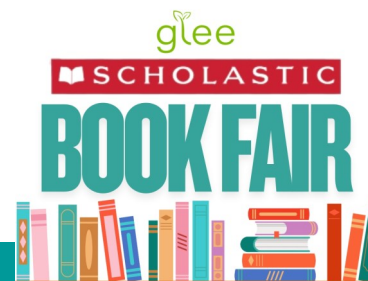
- 9:00 AM Altar Guild
2:00 PM Catechesis - Hispanic Ministry office (FLC)

Sunday, September 14, 2025

- 9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
10:45 AM Bible Classes for all ages (including the beginning of the "Strong and Courageous" Bible Study in the Gym)
12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room
1:00 - 2:00 PM Catechesis - Hispanic Ministry office

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st at 12:00 pm in the GYM: regarding the possible sale of 300 W. Park Row Dr., the one-acre lot which sits to the west of Pecan Street.

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