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### **OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

Office Hours Tuesday– Friday

9:00 am—2:00 pm

Closed Monday for Labor Day

Thank you to those serving in our worship.

Officiant & Preacher: José González

Scripture Reader: Jessica Smith

Pianist: Vera Vasilenko

Worship Team: Rachel Johnson

Jan Dwight

Greeter: Jessica Smith

Usher: Don Putman

A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez

*We exist to glorify God  
-Father, Son and Holy Spirit -  
-By becoming mature disciples of  
Jesus Christ  
-And inviting others to join us.*



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**September 14, 2025**

# Celebration of Worship

# Sermon Notes

## Prelude

Vera Vasilenko

## Gathering Song

*"Come, Celebrate the Presence of the Lord" CHW #512*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

*Written by Beth Merrill Neel*

*Blog Post "Hold Fast to What is Good" Used with Permission*

## Opening Worship

*"Come Unto Jesus"*

*"Thy Holy Wings, Dear Savior"*

*CHW #80*

## Prayer

## Mutual Blessing \*

## Scripture

Jessica Smith

*Exodus 7:1-13 [11:1-10 ; 12:1,3,5-7, 21-23, 29-36]*

## Sermon

José González

*"Exodus: Fallout & Freedom"*

## Sending Hymn

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

*CHW #412*

## Benediction

## Postlude

Vera Vasilenko

\*Following the blessing, children aged preschool through 5th grade are invited to Sunday School.

### **Welcoming The Stranger**

As we seek biblical wisdom on how we engage the topic of immigration, we invite you to participate in a Liturgical Common Read of *Welcoming the Stranger*. This book offers theological insights and real stories that help us understand the people behind a complex issue. Through this communal Covenant-wide reading experience, we'll explore what God's Word says about caring for immigrants and refugees. Join us as we prayerfully discern together, practice solidarity as a denominational family, and live into our calling as followers of Christ who welcome the stranger. To get the most from our time, you will need to order the book *Welcoming the Stranger*, available at [covbooks.com](http://covbooks.com) and various outlets online. Please contact Pastor José if you are interested or have an issue obtaining the book. Our first meeting will be **Tuesday, September 16th at 6pm.**

**September Men's Luncheon** Our next men's luncheon is Tuesday, **Sept. 16**, at 11:45 at Hackney's on Lake, 1514 East Lake Ave., Glenview. .

**Women Ministries Coffee**— Please join the ladies of the church on Wednesday **September 17th** at 9:30 a.m. for our coffee and fellowship time. Contact Beth Olson with any questions.

**Adult Sunday School, now Faith Life Together, will be kicking off today, September 14 from 9:15 - 10:15.** Our first Study will be from "The Bible Project" using short videos and discussion format led by members of the class. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions may be directed to Debbie Poterek or Olga Vasquez.

**Monthly Midweek Ministry** -- On Wednesday, **September 24** all ages are welcome for this special gathering of neighboring Covenant churches for a night of fellowship, food, and faith. Hosted at Libertyville Covenant Church. 5:30 PM -- Dinner. 6:30 PM -- Programming. Donations for dinner appreciated.

**Feed My Starving Children (Outreach Event)** -- Join us and other North Shore district Covenant Churches to pack food for the malnourished across the world on **Saturday, October 4** at 5 - 6:30 PM at the Libertyville FMSC location (742 E Park Ave). RSVP your spot by September 21 (contact Pastor Rachel for more details). Dinner to follow at Culver's.

## **NORTHBROOK NEWS**

**September 14, 2025**

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>Today Sep 14</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life Together (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Jessica Smith</i> <i>Usher: Don Putman</i> <i>Reader: Jessica Smith</i> <i>A/V Slides: Olga Vasquez</i> <i>Counters: Kris Gallegos &amp; Don Putman</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i> <i>Kristin Gonzalez</i>
<b>Tues</b>	11:45 am	Men's Luncheon at Hackney's
<b>Tues</b>	6 pm	Welcoming the Stranger Small Group
<b>Wed</b>	9:30 am	WM Fellowship Coffee
<b>Wed</b>	6 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
<b>Next Sun Sep 21</b>	9:15 am 10:30 am	Faith Life Together (Adult Sunday School) Worship <i>Greeter: Beth Olson</i> <i>Usher: Laurie Johnson</i> <i>Reader: Betty Olson</i> <i>A/V Slides: Kristin González</i> <i>Counters: Kris Gallegos &amp; Bob Olson</i> <i>Sunday School Volunteers: Rachel Johnson</i> <i>Debbie Poterek</i>
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>		
<b>Sep 24</b>	5:30 pm	Monthly Midweek Ministry-Libertyville
<b>Oct 4</b>	5-6:30pm	Feed My Starving Children Packing Event
<b>Oct 8 &amp; 22</b>	9:30 & 6	Let's Journey Together Women's Group
<b>Oct 15</b>	9:30 am	WM Fellowship Coffee
<b>Oct 19</b>	11:45 am	Fellowship Meal followed by YMCA Trunk or Treat (Volunteers Needed)