

A prophet named Anna — a widow — was there;  
her life was a pattern of worship and prayer.  
So when she saw Jesus, she spoke of the boy;  
her heart overflowed with God's good news of joy.

O God in this pairing — in two stories told —  
may we find new hope through these ones who were old.  
May we see, through them, what's in front of our eyes —  
the blessing of Jesus who changes our lives.

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (by distribution) assisted by: *Dean & Beth Zerbe,  
Barb Sager, Sue Chambers, Jim Henderson*

**Hymn 711**      Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

**Responsive Benediction & Sending** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16      *Pastor Steve*

ONE: Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers,  
for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

**ALL: Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those  
who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.**

ONE: Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for  
God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

**ALL: Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you  
have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."**

ONE: So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.  
What can man do to me?"

**ALL: Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the  
outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.**

**Parting Music**

**Next Week:** *Open House and Church Picnic. Guests encouraged. Invite a family  
member, friend, neighbor, coworker or someone you meet this week in the  
journey of life and faith.*



**Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor**



*You have been my hope, O Sovereign Lord, my confidence  
since my youth...Do not cast me away when I am old; do  
not forsake me when my strength is gone. - Psalm 71:5&9*

**August 31, 2025**

**10:00 am**

*Combined summer worship schedule. Staffed Nursery, Wheelchair, Hearing  
Assist System & Large Print Bibles available. See the A/V booth for assistance.  
Children begin in worship, then leave for classes. Communion is served to  
them in the Atrium.*

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### *"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"*

Welcome to Wayside! We are a spiritual community of all ages and stages on a journey of life and faith. If you are without a church home, we encourage you to gather with us often to discern whether Wayside might be a good fit for your needs. Check out our small group opportunities and join us for a church picnic on September 7th. Beginning September 14th, Wayside will return to a schedule of two distinct Sunday worship experiences, a traditional style service at 9:00am and a contemporary praise style service at 10:30am following a combined Fellowship Time in our narthex. Thank you for joining us today. In our Presbyterian Tradition, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is open to all who love the Lord Jesus and want a closer walk with God.

**Gathering Music** We Praise You *Grace Notes*  
*Lighting of the Worship & Peace Candles - Acolyte*

**Greeting / Passing the Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect** *Pastor Steve*  
ONE: The Lord be with you. **ALL: And also with you.**

**Call to Worship** Micah 6:6-8 *Kathy Smith, Liturgist*  
ONE: With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?

**ALL: Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?**

ONE: Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?

**ALL: Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?**

ONE: He has showed you, O man, what is good.

**ALL: And what does the Lord require of you?**

ONE: To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

**ALL: Bowing our hearts in reverence, let us worship God together.**

**Song of Praise** Goodness of God

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Gratitude**

**Kids' Message / Dismissal to Classes**

**Scripture Reading** Luke 2:22-40 *Liturgist*

<sup>22</sup>When the time of their purification according to the Law of Moses had been completed, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord"), <sup>24</sup>and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: "a pair of doves or two young pigeons." <sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in

Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup>Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, <sup>28</sup>Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: <sup>29</sup>"Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. <sup>30</sup>For my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup>which you have prepared in the sight of all people, <sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." <sup>33</sup>The child's father and mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, <sup>35</sup>so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too." <sup>36</sup>There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, <sup>37</sup>and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. <sup>38</sup>Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. <sup>39</sup>When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. <sup>40</sup>And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was upon him.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Prayer Table for Giving Tithes & Offerings, and Lighting Candles**  
**Offertory – Deb Konupka**

(QR code links directly to online giving via Wayside's website)



**Time of Prayer: Joys, Concerns, Testimonies; Pastoral Prayer, The Lord's Prayer**

**Morning Message** God of the Ages: Older Adult *Pastor Steve*

**Hymn** The Old Ones Among Us  
(tune "Away in a Manger" Hymn 203, Murray, words by Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

The old ones among us have wisdom to share;  
we learn from their joy and the pain that they bear.  
Their years of experience point to the way  
that we can be faithful and hopeful each day.

Old Simeon knew he had waited so long.  
So when he held Jesus, his heart filled with song:  
"My eyes have now seen the salvation God brings;  
this baby will bring us incredible things!"