

with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Morning Message My Tribute: The Apostle Paul *Pastor Steve*

Musical Reflection *Deb Konupka*

Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
In Jesus' name. Hear our prayer, O Lord.

***Hymn 356** (*all four verses*) I Will Sing of My Redeemer

***Benediction**

***Parting Music**

TODAY: Please stay and enjoy Fellowship Time in the narthex and have your picture taken for our updated Church Directory. Join in the opening singing of the 10:30 Contemporary Service or attend the Adult Class in the Conference Room.

NEXT WEEK: Picture-taking continues for our updated Church Directory. Have yours taken before or after services.



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor



*Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor
and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance
and unbelief. – 1 Timothy 1:13*

September 14, 2025
9:00 am

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY
14th Sunday after Pentecost

"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"

Welcome to Wayside! We're glad you decided to join us this week for worship and hope you will return often. Check out our website and hardcopy handouts for ways you can connect with fellow Christians for mutual support on this journey of life and faith. Make an appointment with our Pastor for a more personal conversation. May God bless you and yours on this first day of the rest of your life and in this new week. Shalom!

**Please stand as able in body or spirit.*

Greeting / Passing the Peace of Christ / Ways to Connect *Pastor Steve*

Prelude *Deb Konupka, Accompanist*
Lighting of the Worship & Peace Candles - Acolyte

Responsive Call to Worship (based on Psalm 122) *Marilyn Aurand, Liturgist*

ONE: I rejoiced the day someone invited me to attend worship saying, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

ALL: I knew people gathered here to praise the Lord, and I longed to meet God myself.

ONE: Here our sin is called out and God's grace is freely given. May you experience the peace of God in body, mind, and spirit today.

ALL: Here I am to worship; I give the Lord my tribute of praise. And to my brothers and sisters I say, "Peace be within you."

***Hymn 66** *To God Be the Glory*

Call to Confession *Psalm 14:1-3* *Liturgist*

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. ²The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. ³All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Liturgist

We confess, O God, that we think too highly of ourselves - of our worship, politics, success - even our generosity and service to our neighbor. We fail to consult your Word in making decisions. Our best efforts are like filthy rags compared to what is "good" in your eyes. Our family knows what we are like behind closed doors, but you know our sinful leanings and our thoughts before they come out of our mouth. Have mercy upon us in our ignorance and in our deliberate disobedience. Do not take your Holy Spirit from us but grant us your peace. We pray in Jesus name.

(continue in silent personal confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Reading of Luke 15:1-10

Liturgist

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear (Jesus). ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ⁸"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

ONE: Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

ALL: In Jesus Christ we are, I am, forgiven.

***Hymn 734**

Glory Be to the Father / Gloria Patri



Prayer Table for Giving & Lighting Candles / Offertory

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Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Pastor Steve

¹²I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along