



Rev. Dr. Stephen P. Fritz, Pastor  
**Welcome to Wayside!**



They devoted themselves to the apostles'  
teaching and to the fellowship, to the  
breaking of bread and to prayer.  
Acts 2:42

**September 13, 2026**  
**10:00 am**

Staffed Nursery, Wheelchair/Walker, Large Print Bibles,  
and Hearing Assist devices available. See AV Desk.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost / Open House / Church Picnic**

*“Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way”*

*Welcome to Wayside! We are blessed to have first-time guests and returning friends in the assembly this morning! We hope the Lord speaks to your spirit in this hour of worship, and that you can remain for our picnic fellowship after the service. If you are without a church home, we encourage you to sojourn with us this fall. Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

**Gathering Song**                      Washed                      *Grace Notes*

**Greeting, Passing the Peace of Christ & Opportunities to Connect**      *Pastor Steve*  
*The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

**Responsive Call to Worship**      (from Acts 2 & Psalm 51)      *Jaxon Pabon, Liturgist*

One: Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

ONE: Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.

**ALL: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

ONE: They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**ALL: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

**Song of Praise**                      Reign Above It All

**Prayer of Adoration, Confession & Gratitude**

**Scripture Reading**                      Romans 14:1-12                      *Liturgist*

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. <sup>2</sup>One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the

Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. <sup>9</sup>For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup>You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. <sup>11</sup>It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' " <sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

**Kids' Message**                      Personal Testimony                      *Luke Holsey*

**Prayer Table for Tithes, Offerings & Lighting of Candles/Offertory**

**Morning Meditation**                      Ripe for Harvest                      *Pastor Steve*

**Hymn 393**                      Blest Be the Tie That Binds

**Prayers of the People, Pastoral Prayer, and The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn 595 (vv. 1, 3 & 4)**                      They'll Know We Are Christians

**Blessing & Sending**

**Parting Music**

*Please join us outside in the Pavilion for our annual Church Picnic!*

**NEXT WEEK:** We return to two-services Sunday with 9:00am traditional worship & 10:30 contemporary/praise worship, with Christian education for children, youth and adults at 10:30am.

