

Morning Message

Ripe for Harvest: We, Not Me

Pastor Steve

Hymn 497 (seated)

Find us Faithful

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

***Hymn 560**

I Love to Tell the Story

Blessing & Sending

Parting Music

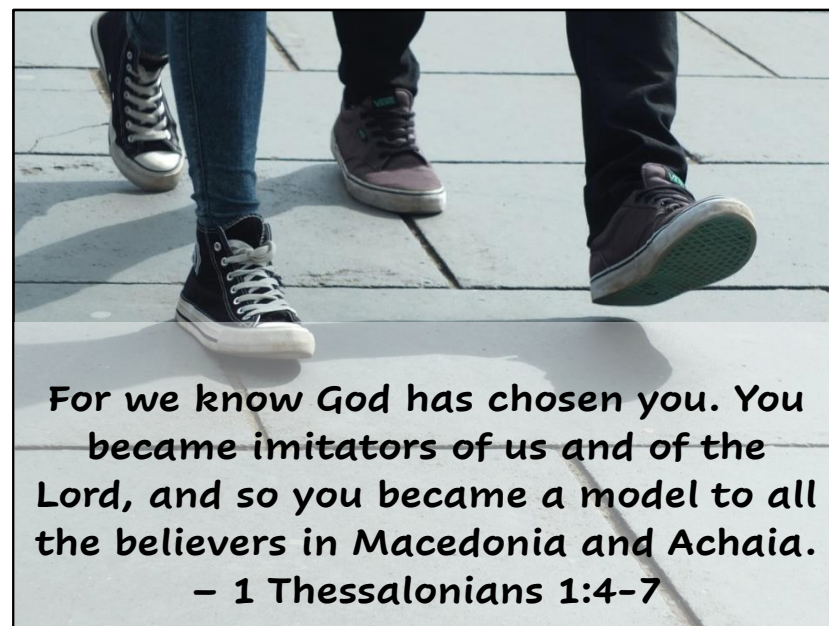
Today: Wayside is participating in the Lancaster CROP Walk. Thank you for walking and/or giving a donation to fight hunger.

This Week: Trunk 'n Treat on Wednesday Oct. 21. Be in place by 5:15 pm for trunks!

Next Week: Open House Sunday Oct. 25 with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.



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For we know God has chosen you. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, and so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia.

– 1 Thessalonians 1:4-7

CROP Walk for CWS

October 18, 2026

9:00 am

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY
21st Sunday after Pentecost / CROP Walk

"Walking with Jesus, sharing Christ along the way"

Welcome back to the House of the Lord! Scripture calls us to worship, and in worship God reclaims and refreshes us in body, mind and spirit for living a holy life. We pray God is pleased with our songs, prayers and meditations, and that your soul is blessed as well. If you are without a church home, return often to see if this ministry and people might work for your journey of life and faith. Shalom!

**Please stand in body or spirit as able*

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

Moment for Stewardship *Dean Zerbe*

Prelude *Deb Konupka, Accompanist*

Responsive Call to Worship Psalm 96:1-9 *Lori Nimmon, Liturgist*

ONE: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord , all the earth.

ALL: Sing to the Lord , praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

ONE: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

ALL: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

ONE: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

ALL: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

ONE: Ascribe to the Lord , O families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

ALL: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

ONE: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.

ALL: Let us worship God together.

***Hymn 9 (vv. 1, 3 & 4)** Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

Unison Prayer of Confession *Liturgist*

Lord, we confess that we love to sing your praises and receive your blessings, but

too often we choose sin over the holiness you expect of us. In our hearts, we have coveted our neighbor's possessions and privileges. In our bodies we have defiled your temple by doing what you hate and failing to do what you love. In our minds, we let confusion steal the confidence in your peace that passes understanding. Hear us in spirit as we admit the specifics of our wandering ways, and bring us home to you again, that we may be transformed to better represent our Lord Jesus, in whose name we pray. *(continue in silent personal confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

ONE: God loved the world so much that he sent his son Jesus from heaven, not to condemn us, but to save us from the pressures within and without that tempt us away from holiness and undermine our bliss. Salvation is available here and now to any who confess the name of Jesus and believe God's power that raised him from the dead will raise us also to eternal life.

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 Tithes, Offerings & Lighting of Candles/Offertory



Bell Anthem "Handbell Medley" *Louise Duncan, Director*

Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 *Pastor Steve*
Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ²We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. ³We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia--your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead--Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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