

**September 14, 2025** Creation Time 1 in the season of Pentecost

**Thought to ponder:** *"In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."*

- Jesus from Luke 15

**Welcome**

**Announcements, Life & Work of the Church**

**Prelude: Congregational Sing-a-long:**

**Happy in Your Faith**

**If you're happy and you know it  
clap your hands XX**

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clap your hands XX**

**If you're happy and you know it,  
then your faith will surely show it**

**If you're happy and you know it  
clap your hands. XX**

**If you're happy and you know it,  
stomp your feet XX**

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stomp your feet XX**

**If you're happy and you know it,  
then your faith will surely show it**

**If you're happy and you know it,  
stomp your feet XX,  
and clap your hands! XX**

**If you're happy and you know it,  
praise the Lord (A-men!)**

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**If you're happy and you know it,  
praise the Lord (A-men!)  
And stomp your feet XX,  
and clap your hands! XX**

**Passing the Peace:**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you  
all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Acknowledgement of the Territories:**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

**Call to Worship:**

One: Today we gather to worship our God!

**All: Let us worship our Creator,**

One: The God who connects us all: different  
peoples, different lives, different histories.  
Let us worship God.

**All: We give you thanks for your  
diverse creation, and the love and  
respect evident in this church.**

One: We will give thanks to the Lord with  
our whole heart; we will tell of all God's  
wonderful deeds.

**All: We will be glad and exult in you;  
we will sing praise to your name, O  
Most High.**

One: Let us praise God.

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn: MV #122 *This Is the Day***

**This is the day that God has made;  
 We will rejoice and be glad!  
 This is the day that God has made;  
 We will rejoice and be glad!  
 Singing hallelu, singing hallelu  
 Singing hallelu,  
 We will rejoice and be glad!  
 Singing hallelu, singing hallelu  
 Singing hallelu,  
 We will rejoice and be glad!**

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**Gathering Prayer:**

**Storytelling God, we have gathered in  
 this space to celebrate your love in our  
 lives. We come to find ways to have  
 our faith stories to merge with the  
 stories of your people over the  
 centuries. You are the source of  
 wisdom we seek, your mercy eases the  
 troubles that stir our hearts, and we  
 come to praise you for your stories  
 have the power to challenge us and  
 change us. Draw near to us as we  
 draw near to you this day. Tell us the  
 stories that will change our lives,  
 through the grace of Jesus Christ and  
 the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Time for Young at Heart:**

***Caring for One Another***

**Hymn: MV #183 Shout Out Your Love**

I'm gonna shout, shout,  
 Shout out my love for Jesus, for Jesus!  
 I'm gonna shout, shout,  
 Shout out my love  
 for God's most holy child!

**For whatever I might do today,  
 At home, at school, at work, at play,  
 I've Jesus' love deep down  
 inside of me!**

I'm gonna raise, raise,  
 Raise up my hands  
 for Jesus, for Jesus!  
 I'm gonna raise, raise,  
 Raise up my hands  
 for God's most holy child!

**Refrain**

I'm gonna dance, dance,  
 dance all around for Jesus, for Jesus!  
 I'm gonna dance, dance,  
 dance all around  
 for God's most holy child!

**Refrain**

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**Prayer of Illumination:**

**Scripture:**

**Luke 15: 1-10** The parable of the Lost sheep  
 and the lost coin

**Ministry of Music: God of Wonders**

**Reflection: Lost sheep and found blessings**

### **Blessing of the Backpacks:**

Today, we have before us...

... Whose backpacks are these?

*Everyone who brought a bag call out their name*

One: Will you fill the backpacks and work bags of these people with your love, prayers, and support?

**All: We will.**

### **Litany of Blessing:**

One: When I am ready to go,

**All: I know you are with me, God.**

One: When I am not sure about anything,

**All: I know you are with me, God.**

One: When I am scared,

**All: I know you are with me, God.**

One: When I am embarrassed,

**All: I know you are with me, God.**

One: When I am delighted,

**All: I know you are with me, God.**

One: When I am trying something new,

**All: I know you are with me, God.**

One: Allow my work to be a gift to you,

**All: God, I trust in you.**

One: Allow me to find my rest in you,

**All: God, I trust in you.**

One: Allow me to know that you will always hear me,

**All: God, I trust in you.**

One: Allow me to feel your love in all my moments,

**All: God, I trust in you.**

One: Allow me to know that my life is a gift,

**All: God, I trust in you.**

One: Let us pray. O God...

Let the people say

**All: "Amen!"**

**Hymn: TLUS #6 God Lights A Lamp 2x**

**God lights a lamp  
and she searches everywhere  
For the hidden, lonely heart.  
God lights a lamp  
and she searches everywhere  
When she finds you, oh she sings;  
"I have found my treasure,  
my precious silver coin.  
I have found my love!"  
Even an-gels will hear the news:  
What once was lost is found.**

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and she searches everywhere  
For the hidden, lonely heart.  
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## **Prayers of the People**

One: God of mercy,

**All: Draw near to all who need you.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom  
come, thy will be done on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily  
bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, for ever and  
ever. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Generosity:**

### **Prayer of Dedication:**

**Lord God, receive our gifts offered in a  
spirit of generosity and humility. Bless  
and use them for the work that you  
long to do in the world, in Jesus'  
name. Amen.**

### **Hymn: MV #191 What Can I Do? 2x**

**What can I do? What can I bring?  
What can I say? What can I sing?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

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 What can I say? What can I sing?  
 I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
 I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

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## **Benediction:**

### **Sung Benediction: TLUS #4**

#### **Glory to The Creator**

**Glory to the Creator,  
 And the Christ and the Spirit so near,  
 As it was from the start  
 So it shall be forever one God,  
 Always here.**

**Glory to the Creator,  
 And the Christ and the Spirit so near,  
 As it was from the start  
 So it shall be forever one God,  
 Always here,  
 One God, always here,  
 One God, always here.**

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## **Announcements**

**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after  
Pentecost**

**Reader for this week: Gord**

**Reader for next week: Elaine**

**Greeter this week: Eunice**

**Greeter next week: Muriel and John**

**Tellers this week: Jo Ann and Al**

**Tellers next week: Susan and Lori**

**A/V this week: Lloyd**

**A/V next week: John**

### **Sunday**

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Service – Kickoff Sunday

Corn boil to follow the service.

### **Monday**

6:00 Board Meeting

### **Wednesday**

7:00 Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday**

1:30 St. Paul's Ladies

### **Friday**

6:30 Youth Group

### **Next Sunday**

9:30 Coffee Time via Zoom

10:00 Sunday Service –

**If you have any reusable shopping bags** that you have accumulated and no longer require or wonder what to do with them, please bring them into the church so we can get them to the Salvation Army, or take them there directly. Thank you for your continued support.

**Kick off Sunday: September 14.** Blessing of the backpacks. Bring a school or work related item to get a blessing. Corn boil to follow the service.

**Sign up now for fun in the future!**

Church Buddies returns!! Sign up on the white board or contact the office.

**Orange Shirt Sunday, blessing of the Animals**

Sept. 28: Wear an orange shirt to the service and at 1pm we will have a blessing of the animals in the parking lot.

**Good News and Caring Corner:** If you have some good news you want shared with the congregation, let us know and we'll pass it on. If there is someone you think should have a card from the caring corner for whatever reason, please see the attendant in the corner, or call the office.

**Bible study:** Bible study sessions will begin on September 24th and continue the last Wednesday of each month. 6:30 drop in.

**Offering Envelopes** are available at the office or on the table in the entryway. If you are using them for the first time, be sure to have your name and

address on the first one so we can get you your tax receipt at the end of the year.

**Grocery Cards:** We will be available (as we are able) before and after church for you to purchase cards and cards are available for purchase in the office during regular business hours.

**Contact information: Please keep your contact information and addresses updated so we can get information out to you. An inaccurate address may lead to delays for tax receipts. Thanks.**

A reminder that you may be on our video presentation as we are broadcasting our services on Facebook.

Join in or listen to any of the Zoom calls via Internet using the link:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/179750852?pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE)  
pwd=7IAYtPHcGTE

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