

14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 20259:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We are glad you have come to worship today and to celebrate the love of God in Jesus Christ. We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements
Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.
After worship please greet your neighbors by name.

Our Approach to God

PreludeCome, All Christians, Be CommittedD. Johnson

The Call to Worship
All are invited to worship God.
God cares about everyone, no matter how old or how young.
God seeks the lost. God never gives up. God searches until all are found.
God finds us and loves us.
Come let us worship God!

*The Hymn of PraisePraise, My Soul, the King of Heaven478

*The Prayer of Confession
God of love and kindness, you seek us out and ask us to search for the lost and the least. We confess that we are sometimes half-hearted in our efforts. We start out with great enthusiasm, but then we find excuses to quit. Forgive us for breaking our promises. Forgive us for losing patience with those who are difficult. Renew in us the faith and enthusiasm we need to be your people in your world. (silent confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon
God patiently seeks us out, takes us in and calls us his own.
Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. The grace of Christ overflows for us with love and forgiveness.
Friends believe this good news and live in peace!

*The Gloria PatriGlory Be to the Father579
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

The Word of God

The Time with the ChildrenJesus Loves Me304
Led by Thomas Heidenreich and Marsha Bennett
The Epistle Reading1 Timothy 1:12-17page 1689
The Gospel ReadingLuke 15:1-10page 1489
The Sermon:Being Found or FindingRev. Janice Chambers

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of FaithThe Apostle’s Creed (Traditional)Hymnal, page 14
*The HymnWe Give Thee but Thine Own428
The Mission MomentIt’s All About the CrossChaplain Andy Cox
The Morning Prayers and the Lord’s Prayer (using sins)
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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts
The OffertoryCome, All Christians, Be CommittedSacred Harp, 1844
The Chancel Choir

*The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures
here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn The King of Love My Shepherd Is 171

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with Us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude Voluntary in D G. Dyson

* Congregation Standing – for those who are able.

Liturgist : Samantha Engel

Ushers: Ted & Deb Easlick, Anne Schmidt, and Larry Smith

Greeter: Karen Kalina

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Cheryl Kelley, and Deb Easlick

Musical Talents: Thomas Heidenreich – Director of Music Ministry, and the
Chancel Choir

We are so pleased to have Rev. Janice Chambers with us again today. We
are grateful for her willingness to share her time and ministry with us. Reverend
Chambers, we welcome you to our pulpit and thank you for leading us in worship
today.

**Please join us immediately following worship in the gathering area for
fellowship hour.**

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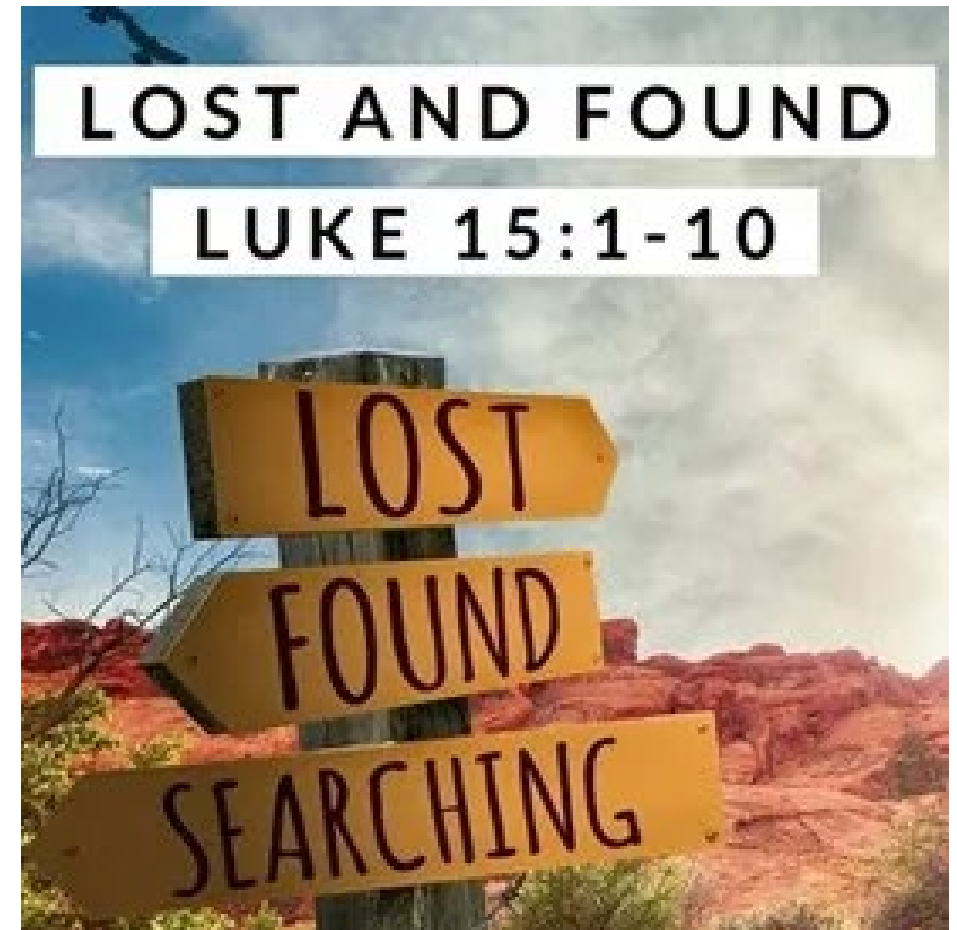
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Announcements and Upcoming Events



This past weekend, Thomas competed in the 2025 Sursa National Organ Competition held at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. The competition was open to organists across the country born after 1989. Following a recorded preliminary round, four candidates were invited to compete in person. The competition was held blind, which means the judges did not see the competitors nor know who they were during the competition. Thomas, "Competitor B," was named the first prize winner! Congratulations Thomas!

*****Rehearsals for the bell, "JuBELLation," choir will begin on Wednesday, September 17 @ 6:00 p.m.. Please let Thomas know by Monday, September 15 if you will be returning to the choir, or wish to join.*****

2nd @ Second News:

Please join us in the library at 10:15 a.m. **TODAY** to choose one of the available topics for the adult Bible study program. 2nd @ Second meets on Sundays following worship in the church library for about an hour. A video, or audio, presentation followed by group discussion is the typical format. If anyone else is interested in leading 2nd @ Second, let Marsha or Kitty know.

White Elephant Sale:

It's Back! Clean out your garages and closets (no clothing) for the White Elephant Sale on **Saturday, September 27**. You may start bringing donations Sunday, September 21 after worship or Monday-Friday, September 22-26 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, work the sale, and help clean up. Sign-up sheets are on the table in the gathering area!



September Mission Focus:

The September mission focus will be the ministry serving the Saginaw County Jail "It's All About the Cross." Our mission focus will be books for this ministry. Books must be soft cover (no staples) with a positive theme, such as inspirational/self-help books, or literature encouraging inmates to grow in their faith. They also accept puzzle books or magazines, such as crosswords or word searches. In addition to collecting books, we will also donate Bibles to the ministry to help in their outreach to those in jail. For more information on the ministry work of "It's All About the Cross," visit <http://www.crosssaginaw.org>.

School Supply Collection Update:

The school supply donations were delivered to Merrill Elementary School by Theresa Quigley and Linda Mattson. The final tally of donated items are:

2-packs construction paper, 55-backpacks, 97-notebooks, 44-folders, 5-binders, 45-packs of pencils, 65-boxes of crayons, 1-copy paper ream, 2 packs of notebook paper, 3-scissors, 16-packs of markers, 3-rulers, 2- book covers, 27-bottles of glue, 18-glue sticks, 7- erasers, and 50 packs of colored pencils. A HUGE thank you to the congregation for your generosity!

PNC Nominations:

The Nominating Committee is looking for members to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). If you know someone you feel would be a good representative of our congregation on this committee, please nominate them (or yourself!) using the slip in the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate. **The Nominating Committee will be collecting names through Sunday, September 14th.** Members of the PNC should be prepared for a commitment of at least 1 1/2 years that could involve weekly meetings to start. PNC members also need to have an email address and be proficient with computers. **Please be aware that nominating someone does not automatically mean they will be on the committee.** If you have any questions, you can reach out to the members of the Nominating Committee: Christy Higley, Samantha Engel, Genie Herter, Fred Herter, Carol Poole, Tom Poole.