

The People of God Gathered to Worship As
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM

July 31, 2022

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome

Prayer Requests

The Call to Worship

LEADER: God brings us through green pastures!

PEOPLE: God brings us through dark valleys.

LEADER: God walks us by calm rivers,

PEOPLE: God shelters us through terrible storms.

LEADER: God's Love is with us always,

PEOPLE: Regardless of the landscape or the weather.

LEADER: So let us worship our saving God!

PEOPLE: Let us worship the LORD!

Opening Hymn - The King of Love My Shephard Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love He sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we confess that we are a broken people. We struggle with pride, with envy, with greed. We struggle to do what you call us to do, we often do the things you would have us avoid. We have failed to love you with all of our hearts, minds, and strength, and often we fail to love our neighbors as ourselves. We recognize you only in the soft holiness and forget you in our deep darkness. Forgive us our sins, and hear us as we silently confess before you.

Moment of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

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.

Passing of the Peace (*please remain in your seats*)

Let us greet one another as forgiven sinners with the peace of Christ:

"May the Peace of our LORD Jesus Christ be with you!".

And also, with you."

Anthem Song – Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness, Surely Mercy) Barnard & Everett

A Moment with the Children – Never Give Up

Scripture Reading

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - Green Pastures, Dark Valleys Pastor Dan McCurdy

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic church,
The communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins,
The Resurrection of the Body, and the Life Everlasting. Amen.**

Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

People of God, we have been given so much. All that we have is a gift from God. God's love is not for sale, and so when we give we do not do so in order to purchase it. Instead, we give to others as God has given to us, as a sign of love, in imitation of our Creator. So let us worship God with our Giving.

Offertory

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, our gifts are small next to all that you have given us. Take our gifts, LORD, and make them holy, so that they may help to feed the hungry, grow the church, and share your Light with a world lost in Darkness. Amen.

Prayers Of The People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn - He Leadeth Me

1 He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2 Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis Thy Hand that leadeth me.

3 And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Benediction

Song of Sending – Jesus Loves Me

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! This I know,
As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee,
Saying, "Let them come to Me."

Refrain:

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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Nursery Services open and fully staffed.

Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall!
9:30-10:00am - coffee and cookies

Youth Group!

All youth in grades 6-12 are invited

Wednesdays, August 3rd and 17th

7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Find us in the Fellowship Hall
fun games, great fellowship,
and the peace that the word of God brings!

Community Dinner

Wednesday, August 24th

5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Please drive under the church canopy
and remain in your vehicle.
Workers will place pre-packaged dinners
in your vehicle for you and your family.

July 31, 2022 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Jane Foner
Musicians	Greg Meeuwsan
Sound Room	Lily Oldenburg
Usher	Nick Miller

Protocols for COVID-19 - Updated March 6, 2022

Masks are not required to be worn in the building for any activity, regardless of vaccination status, except in these cases:

- If you have recovered from COVID-19 within the past six days
- If you have had a close COVID-19 contact within the past six days
- If you currently have symptoms, please stay home

Anyone is welcome to wear a mask for any reason.

- Please observe social distancing if possible, especially for those wearing masks.

Session is following CDC guidance on masking. The CDC assesses the La Crosse County COVID-19 transmission as "Low". Session continues to monitor this status and may require masks again if transmission rates increase.

Church Cleanup Day

**Come help spruce up the church building and grounds
on church cleanup day!**

When: Saturday, August 27th from 9:30am – 3:00pm

What: General cleaning and potluck

Who: You and everyone!

Potluck around noon:

- Bring a dish or snack to pass for the potluck if you are eating lunch
- BBQ sandwiches, chips and bottled water will also be provided

Many hands can help clean and maintain our building and yard! If there's bad weather, we'll focus on inside tasks. Come for as much or little time that you are able.

The Building and Grounds Committee will find a task when you arrive.

Windows cleaning (inside and outside)

Dusting sanctuary chairs

Cleaning outside of kitchen cabinets

Washing bathroom tiled walls

Painting sanctuary entrance wall

Handing out water and drinks to the workers

Potluck cleanup

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