

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.

Closing Hymn *I Danced in the Morning*
v. 1,3,5 #302 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending Because He Lives
v. 1 #358 Celebration Hymnal

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

The Postlude

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

May 11, 2025
4th Sunday of Easter

Prelude – *The Gift of Love*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*
#280 Presbyterian Hymnal

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.

Passing of the Peace

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."*

Hymn of Illumination

He Lives
v. 1 #368 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43 – See Insert

A Moment with the Children – The Power of God With You

Second Scripture Reading

Psalms 23 - See Insert

Prayer Of Illumination

Sermon – Not Just a Funeral Text - Pastor Dan McCurdy

Choral Anthem – *Good News!*

Prayer of Confession

Risen LORD, we are a people in desperate need of a Savior. Our lives are spent in sadness, anger, and bitterness, and we forever walk in the sin of our ancestors. We do not do the things we are called to do, and often we do the things you tell us not to do. We lose our grip on our call, resigning our greatest powers to moments of loss and weakness. Forgive our endless sin, and hear the silent confessions we raise 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, Amen.

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

The Gifts of God are all around us, our lives and our homes, our talents and our joys, our family and friends, and the greatest gift of all was the Salvation promised, the life of Christ seeking to end our division from God and each other. When we give, we do not do so to purchase anything... for the gifts of God were already given. Instead, we give in imitation of our LORD, offering what we have to support others, and to be ourselves the gift that God gives the World, so let us worship God with our Giving.

Offertory – *I Sing The Mighty Power of God*

First Scripture Reading

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Second Scripture Reading

Psalms 23

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

**Nursery Available – 4k and under only
Not staffed**

**Coffee and Cookies
Fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall
9:30-10:00 am**

May 11, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Martha Burdick
Musicians	Caroline Sells
Sound Room	Gideon Wolbrink
Choir & Handbells Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Mike Siekert

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem
PO Box 861
West Salem, WI 54669**

Copyright Information:

- For use solely with the SongSelect Terms of Use
- All rights reserved, www.ccli.com BI
- CCLI License 1958492
- Reprinted from Celebration Hymnal, copyright 1997 by Word/Integrity La
- Reprinted from Presbyterian Hymnal, copyright 1990, Westminster/John Knox Pres

Tabitha Circle
Bring your crafts, sack lunch and join us!
The first and third Mondays of each month
11:30-2:30 pm - Bring a Lunch

Exercise Group
Tuesdays and Fridays
9:00 to 10:00 am
Fellowship Hall

VBS 2025
July 28th-30th
5:30-8:00pm

The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) by collecting needed items (lists are on tables and Lamplighter. All items can be placed in the purple tote at the back of the sanctuary. Money donations are accepted as well.

Community Dinner
May 28th
5pm – 6pm

Support the West Salem Food Pantry
Please bring food donations
and place them in the shopping carts
between the entryway doors.
The current need is canned vegetables and soups.

Graduate Recognition Sunday
May 18th

Blood Drive
May 30th
11:30am - 4:30pm

Confirmation Sunday
June 1st

All Sunday School Studies
End on May 11th

Summer Camp Scholarship Applications
Are due May 11th
Applications on back table

Women's Summer Bible Study
Please contact Jenni Logging or
Sara Oldenburg if you are interested