

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

**June 1, 2025**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Prelude – *Come Into His Presence***

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Call To Worship**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you People!

**People: Shout to the LORD with a voice of Triumph!**

Leader: Clap your hands, all you People!

**People: Shout to the LORD with a voice of Praise!**

Leader: People of God, Christ the Savior calls to us!

**People: Let all God's people praise the LORD!**

**Opening Hymn**

***Morning Has Broken***  
***#469 Presbyterian Hymnal***

**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**

***Open Our Eyes, LORD***  
**v. 1 #633 Celebration Hymnal**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

**Ephesians 1:15-23**

**<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and**

dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

#### ***A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Giving Thanks For Learning***

#### ***CONFIRMATION – Dax Pfaff and Bradley Baker***

#### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

##### ***Acts 1:1-11***

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Sermon -           What Are You Waiting For?           Pastor Dan McCurdy

#### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, we are a sinful people. We struggle to be who you call us to be, we constantly fall short of your expectations, and we find ourselves all too often becoming more who the world expects us to be. We have not done what we are called to do, and often we do the things we are called to avoid. We fear to speak of the downfall of persecutors, forgetting that your call to Justice should be our only guide. LORD, we believe, help our unbelief, and hear us as we raise our silent prayers up to 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.**

### **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 – *Wonderful Words of Life/Thy Word***

### **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.**

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's prayer (Debts/Debtors)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your Hearts.

**We lift them up to the LORD!**

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God!

**It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

Most holy and gracious God, we praise you who has gathered us around this table... and who forever sing to the glory of your name;

**Holy, holy, holy LORD, God of Power and Might,  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD,  
Hosanna in the highest!**

Forgiving God, we call upon you in our times of fear and doubt... for great is the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died,  
Christ is Risen,  
Christ will come again!**

And while we wait on that day when we will share this meal in heaven with you, we say the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray, saying...

**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.**

**Receiving The Elements**

**Closing Hymn**

***Lift High the Cross***

***v. 1,3,4 #371 Presbyterian Hymnal***

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

***Jesus Loves Me***

***v. 1 #185 Celebration Hymnal***

**Pastor:**        Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Postlude**

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

June 1, 2025 Worship Team	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Becky Auna
<b>Musicians</b>	Caroline Sells
<b>Sound Room</b>	Josiah Wolbrink
<b>Choir &amp; Handbell Director</b>	Vicki Arndt
<b>Usher</b>	David Jacobs

**Tithes and Offerings**

Donations can be mailed to:

**Presbyterian Church of West Salem**

**PO Box 861**

**West Salem, WI 54669**

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***Tabitha Circle***

**First and Third Mondays**

**11:30am – 2:30pm**

**Bring a lunch**

***Would you like a visit from the Pastor?***

***You are important to the Presbyterian Church  
of West Salem. Please contact the church  
office if you would like a pastoral visit or to set  
up an appointment with the pastor.***

***Call 608-786-0910***

***Or [preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)***

**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.**

**Exercise Group**

**9:00 to 10:00 am**

**Fellowship Hall**

**Bingo at Mulder's**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:15pm**

**Want to help?? Call Rita Thompson**

**At 608.799.4009**

**Support the West Salem Food Pantry  
Please bring food and home donations  
and place them in the shopping carts  
between the entryway doors.**

**Blood Drive**

**July 30th**

**11:30am - 4:30pm**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**Today!**

**Women's Summer Bible Study**

**Starts June 4<sup>th</sup> – 6-7pm**

**Please contact Jenni Logging or  
Sara Oldenburg to participate**

**Spring Roadside Cleanup**

**Please join the Stewardship and Mission Committee  
for roadside cleanup on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am. Come to  
the church where we will have breakfast before we  
start the cleanup. No need to bring anything but a  
pair of gloves for picking up trash. When we are all  
done, we will head to Le Coulee Cheese Castle  
for some ice cream!**

**Community Dinner**

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**5-6pm**

**Game Night**

**June 14th**

**6-8pm**

**Campfire**

**VBS**

**July 28th-30th**

**5:30-8pm**

***Summer Ice Cream Social***

***Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>***

***3-5 pm***

***(Lamplighter has details)***

***Senior Scholarships are due***

***on July 16<sup>th</sup>.***

***All confirmed seniors should have  
received an application in the mail.***

**Outdoor Worship Service**

**July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am**