

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

**October 5, 2025**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost**

**Prelude – *The Heart Of God***

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Minute For Missions**

**Call To Worship**

Leader: Our God Sees Us Wherever We go, Whatever We do.

**People: Our God Knows us, because our God MADE us.**

Leader: We cannot hide from God, or Run from God,

**People: God always sees us, is always watching over us.**

Leader: So Let us Celebrate the the Love we cannot escape.

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

**Opening Hymn**

***Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above***  
***v. 1,3,4 #483 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**

### **Psalm 37:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, <sup>2</sup> for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. <sup>3</sup> Trust in the LORD and do good; live in the land and enjoy security. <sup>4</sup> Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. <sup>6</sup> He will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. <sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. <sup>8</sup> Refrain from anger and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. <sup>9</sup> For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

*A MOMENT WITH CHILDREN – Don't Listen to the Haters*

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Lamentations 1:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become subject to forced labor. <sup>2</sup> She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers, she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies. <sup>3</sup> Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations; she finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. <sup>4</sup> The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate; her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. <sup>5</sup> Her foes have become the masters; her enemies prosper because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. <sup>6</sup> From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

## **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Sermon -

It's Okay to Grieve

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 try to act as if the loss we see around us is normal, rather than grieving what has been. 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 – *Blessed Be Your Name***

## **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**

***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***  
***v. 1,3,4 #551 Presbyterian Hymnal***

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

***Sweet, Sweet Spirit***  
***#391 Celebration Hymnal***

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**The Postlude**

**Over**

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

October 5, 2025 Worship Team	
<b>Liturgist</b>	Helen Harold
<b>Musician</b>	Caroline Sells
<b>Sound Room</b>	Brynn Loging
<b>Usher</b>	Jenni Loging

**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***

***1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

**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**

**December 2nd**

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

**Community Dinner**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**5-6 pm**

**Community Dinner Update**

**Our dinner has been a big part of our church mission the past 20 years and a few people have shown interest in continuing it but don't want to be solely in charge. If you are one of those, please contact Pastor Dan or Diana Engel. We would like to schedule a time to meet sometime soon.**

**Apple Pies for Sale - \$10 per pie**

**You can purchase them after church today or**

**Call Diana Engel at (608) 786-1560 or**

**1 (608) 386-0860 to purchase them during the week**

**2026 Fall Stewardship Letters**

**have been sent out.**

**Pledge box is on table**

**at back of sanctuary**

**Please return pledge cards**

**By October 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Bingo at Mulder's**

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

**2:30 pm**

**Roadside Cleanup**

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am**

**Annual Pumpkin Painting Event**

**Before Church starting at 8:45am**

**Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**The Fellowship Hall**

***West Salem Trunk or Treat***

***West Salem Village Park***

***Friday, October 31st***

***3:00pm - 5:00pm***

**Free Community Event for**

**Children Ages 12 & Under**

**Sunday, November 2nd**

**If you have a loved one who passed in the past year that you would like remembered, please provide the name, date of birth, date of death and photo to the church secretary ([preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com)) for the slide show before October 29th**  
**Also, please be with us on that day to light a candle in their memory.**