

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

Isaiah 35:1-10 - See Insert

A Moment with the Children – Thinking About Mary

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 1:46-55 - See Insert

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Yes, Mary Knew Pastor Dan McCurdy

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we are sinful people living in a sinful world. All around us, everyday we see more and more signs of how the world requires your love, your power, and your beauty. We have not done all that you call us to do, and we do many things you tell us not to do. We have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and might, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We hold up the marginalized as weak, rather than recognizing the strength you gave them. Forgive us, LORD, hear our cry for you to come and set all that is wrong right, and listen to the silent confessions of our hearts.

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:1-10

¹The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and shouting. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be opened; ⁶ then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp; the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸ for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, ⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; ⁵⁰ indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He has brought down the powerful from their thrones and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³ he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴ He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵ according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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

December 14, 2025 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Patty Lee
Musicians	Caroline Sells Praise Band
Music Director	Lisa Jones
Accompanist	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Audrey Steinborn
Usher	Kelly Crusan

Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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***Tabitha Circle
1st and 3rd Mondays
11:30am-2:30pm
Bring A Lunch***

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

The ongoing mission of The Presbyterian Women is to support the Salvation Army and WINN (What I Need Now) 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.

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

PW Potluck Meeting – TODAY!

**ALL women of the church are invited to this meeting.
We will decide on the disbursement of funds to various missions and talk about what's ahead in 2026.
We will be taking up a collection for the Hunger Offering.
Please consider attending!**

**The Giving Tree Mission
Use an envelope from the Giving Tree in the back of the Sanctuary to donate towards a Family Farm Bundle.**

**Community Dinner
December 17th
5-6 pm**

**Christmas Eve Service
December 24th
5 pm**

**Kids Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 21st**

**New Membership Class
January 11 & 18, 2026 at 9 a.m. in the Chapel
Interested? Contact Pastor Dan, (608) 786-0910
Or Vickie Bain, (608) 769-3041**

**Ecumenical Advent Worship
Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Our Savior's Lutheran Church
*We will join in a Christmas Carol Sing,
followed by a time of fellowship and treats.***

Our Holiday Market held on Saturday, December 6th was a great success. We served 88 for breakfast, had 16 craft vendors & just about sold out of cookies. Our total came to \$1,631.25. A big thank you to Becky for lining up the vendors and all of you who baked, set up, worked the event, cleaned up & attended. You are all amazing!

As many of you have noticed, we have all new lights in our sanctuary. A big thank you goes out to Dustin Wehrs, Wehrs Electric. Lights, labor & lift were all donated!