

Offertory – *Jesus The Very Thought Of Thee*

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

Take My Life
v. 1,3,6 #391 Presbyterian Hymnal

Benediction

Song of Sending

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
v. 1 and Refrain #564 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

April 19, 2026
Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude – *People Need The Lord*

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

LEADER: People of God, Sing to the LORD!
PEOPLE: **We Sing Praises to Our Risen Savior!**
LEADER: People of God, Raise your Hands for the LORD!
PEOPLE: **We Lift up our hands in Glorious Praise!**
LEADER: People of God, worship, for Christ is Risen!
PEOPLE: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

Opening Hymn

How Great Thou Art
v. 1,2,4 #467 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

Worship Christ, the Risen King
v. 1 #361 Celebration Hymnal

First Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-24- See Insert

A Moment with the Children - Why So Surprised?

Second Scripture Reading

Luke 24:25-35 - See Insert

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon - Walking With Jesus

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. Though you walk with us every day, often we fail to recognize you in our midst. 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

Luke 24:13-24

¹³ Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:25-35

²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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Accompanist	Julie Baker
Sound Room	Audrey Steinborn
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Tithes and Offerings

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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.

Community Dinner – April 22nd - 5-6 pm

Blood Drive
June 1st
11:30-4:30
Fellowship Hall

Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup – Volunteers Needed!
Join us for our highway cleanup on Sunday, May 3rd!
We'll start with a potluck after church, then head out to clean our adopted stretch of road. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring work gloves. Reflective vests and garbage bags will be provided.
Many hands make light work
Come help us keep our community looking great!

Name tags are available for everyone.
Name tags are on back table
in the Sanctuary before service.

Get ready for Meals for Missions during the
village wide rummage sale weekend
Friday, May 15th
11:00 AM–2:00 PM

Stop by, grab a bite, and support a great cause. We'll be serving up a tasty lunch featuring hot dogs, brats, chip, soda, and bottled water—perfect for a quick and delicious break while you're out and about rummage sailing.
To help make the plant sale a success, we're inviting members of the congregation to donate plants if you have extras to share. Every contribution helps support our mission efforts! Bring a friend, enjoy some good food, and help make a difference. We hope to see you there!

2026 First Quarter Giving Statements
Available on back table of Sanctuary