

## **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.**

## **Closing Hymn**

*Abide With Me*

v. 1, 3, 5 #543 Presbyterian Hymnal

## **Benediction**

## **Song of Sending**

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

v. 1 #341 Presbyterian Hymnal

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

**People:** Thanks be to God!

People of God Gathered to Worship As

## **THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WEST SALEM**

**July 21, 2024**

**9th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Call to Worship**

**LEADER:** The LORD walks with us under bright skies,

**PEOPLE:** **The LORD hears us amidst the storm.**

**LEADER:** The LORD laughs with us when we laugh,

**PEOPLE:** **The LORD cries with us when we are broken.**

**LEADER:** The LORD is with us in light and darkness,

**PEOPLE:** **And though the world may darken,  
God's light always endures.**

**LEADER:** People of God, let us worship!

**PEOPLE:** **Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!**

## **Opening Hymn**

*Lord, I want to be a Christian*

#372 Presbyterian Hymnal

## **Prayer of Confession**

**Gracious God, we walk as your children in the world, working to do your work, and follow your call. But sometimes we fail. We fail in the things you would have us avoid, we fail to do the things you call us to embrace. We act as if our lives must be in order to come to you, forgetting that you walk with us even in our darkest times. Love us, LORD, and keep us close, and forgive the confessions we lift up silently 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.

### 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 My Eyes*  
v. 1 #324 Presbyterian Hymnal

### First Scripture Reading

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56 (*see insert*)

Special Music – Caroline Sells – Under His Wings

### A Moment with the Children – Healing the Sick

### Second Scripture Reading

*Psalms 23 (see insert)*

### Prayer of Illumination

Sermon The Shadow of the Valley of Death  
Pastor Dan McCurdy

### Affirmation of Faith

*The Nicene Creed (See Insert)*

## Presentation of Tithes, Offerings, and Gifts

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit was poured into the hearts of people, assuring that never again would we be separated from our God by temple walls or our own sinfulness. This was a gift, freely given, and all the treasure in the world could never purchase it, or subscribe to it. When we give, it is an act of worship, mimicking the generosity we have been shown as we help to support the ministry of the Church through our own means. So let us worship God with our giving.

### Offertory

### 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.

## **First Scripture Reading**

***Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56***

**<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things.**

**<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup> When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him <sup>55</sup> and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup> And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.**

## **Second Scripture Reading**

***Psalms 23***

**<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

**<sup>6</sup> 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**

July 21, 2024 Worship Team	
Liturgist	Jane Foner
Musicians	Caroline Sells Greg Meeuwesen
Sound Room	Elsa Wolbrink
Choir Director	Vicki Arndt
Usher	Nick Miller

### Tithes and Offerings

Donations can be mailed to:

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

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### Music Players

Would you like to share your Talents with us?

The Sign-Up Sheet is on the back table

### Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic blankets for an afternoon of music and ice cream with all the fixings, **Saturday July 27 from 2:00-4:00 pm**, under the canopy in front of the church. Suggested donation of \$2/person. The Driftless River Band will perform. Slices of pie, whole pies and other baked goods will be for sale. Proceeds from the event will fund the missions of the Presbyterian Women of West Salem.

Contact Becca Bohnsack or Becky Auna with questions.

### Fall Rummage Sale

The Presbyterian Women have decided to take on the planning and execution of a fall rummage sale. **September 13-14**. We are looking for anyone that is interested in helping plan the sale. Please contact Sharon Cullmann or Sara Oldenburg.

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

### Exercise Group

Held Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 to 10:00 am

*Fellowship Hall*

### Tabitha Circle

Taking a Summer Break until after Labor Day

### POOL PARTY!!!!

We are having a pool party **TONIGHT!!!**

**6:00-8:00PM at the West Salem Swarthout Pool.**

Everyone is invited! Bring a friend!!!! Some snacks and water will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks, drinks and floaties. There will also be some prizes. Please join us!!!

**VBS - August 5, 6, 7 - 5:30 – 8 pm**

**(dinner provided) - July 17<sup>th</sup> is**

**the start of registration Registration form is on the PCOWS Facebook Page**

**Ed Lusk has retired as church custodian.**

**We thank him for his many years of service.**

**We are looking for a replacement. Interested? Contact the church office (608.786.0910) or [preschurchws@gmail.com](mailto:preschurchws@gmail.com), Charles Engel, Kelly Crusan, or Becca Bohnsack**

**Second Quarter Contribution Statements**

Available on back table in Sanctuary

**Blood Drive - July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 12:30 – 5:30pm**