

**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**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
v. 1, 3, 5 #423 Presbyterian Hymnal

**Benediction**

**Song of Sending**

*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*  
v. 1 #540 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**  
**August 25, 2024**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Prayer Requests**

**Call to Worship**

LEADER: How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place, Oh LORD Almighty.  
PEOPLE: **Our Souls Long and Even Faint for you.**  
LEADER: Here our Hearts are Satisfied within your Presence.  
PEOPLE: **We sing beneath the Shadow of Your Wings!**  
LEADER: One thing we ask and seek is to see your beauty,  
PEOPLE: **For better is one day in your courts and house  
than thousands elsewhere.**  
LEADER: Let us worship the God of all Wisdom!  
PEOPLE: **Alleluia! Let us worship the LORD!**

**Opening Hymn**

*To God Be the Glory*  
#485 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 look for answers that are easy and convenient, rather than striving for your truth. 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

*Seek Ye First*

v. 1 #333 Presbyterian Hymnal

## First Scripture Reading

Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18 *(see insert)*

## A Moment with the Children – Choosing God

## Second Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20 *(see insert)*

## Prayer of Illumination

Sermon The Armor of God Pastor Dan McCurdy

## 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

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**

***Joshua 24: 1-2a, 14-18***

**<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons <sup>14</sup> “Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup> for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, <sup>18</sup> and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”**

## **Second Scripture Reading**

***Ephesians 6:10-20***

**<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; <sup>11</sup> put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, <sup>12</sup> for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on the evil day and, having prevailed against everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand, therefore, and belt your waist with truth and put on the breastplate of righteousness <sup>15</sup> and lace up your sandals in preparation for the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. <sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, so that when I speak a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.**

**Nursery Available – 4k and under only**

**Not staffed**

| August 25, 2024 Worship Team |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Liturgist</b>             | Becky Auna                      |
| <b>Musicians</b>             | Caroline Sells<br>Greg Meeuwsen |
| <b>Sound Room</b>            | Lily Oldenburg                  |
| <b>Choir Director</b>        | Vicki Arndt                     |
| <b>Usher</b>                 | Shawn McAlister                 |

### **Tithes and Offerings**

Donations can be mailed to:

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

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### **Fall Rummage Sale**

**Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 4-7pm**

**Friday, September 13, 4-7 pm**

**Saturday, September 14, 8 am to Noon**

Drop-Off Times:

Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> – 9-11am

Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> – 4-6pm

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6-8 pm

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup> – 9-11

No Items accepted when just dropped off at door

Call or text 608-797-1732 to possibly arrange another time

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**

### **Choir Rehearsals**

**Wednesdays**

**7 pm**

### **Handbell Workshop**

**Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10 am – Noon**

### **Community Dinner**

**August 28<sup>th</sup>**

**5-6 pm**

### **Blood Drive**

**September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**12:30-5:30 pm**

**Worship Services return to 10:15 am  
on September 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERING**

**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

**Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 206 Fillmore St SE, Chatfield, MN**