

WESTBY UMC
November 23, 2025

** Please stand in body or spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING SONGS *Rejoice in the Lord Always*
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #694 UMH

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say: rejoice!

P: We come with grateful hearts, rejoicing in God's goodness.

L: Let your gentleness be known to everyone, for the Lord is near.

P: We bring our worries and needs to God with thanksgiving.

L: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

P: We open our lives to God's peace as we worship today.

L: Whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and worthy of praise—think about these things.

P: We set our minds on God's gifts and God's grace.

L: People of God, come and worship.

P: With thankful hearts, we praise the God of peace who is with us now and always.

*** OPENING / VISIONING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we gather today with thankful hearts. Fill us with the joy and peace You promise in Christ. Take our worries, receive our prayers, and guide our thoughts toward what is true, pure, and good. Be present in our worship, and let Your peace rest upon us.

God, give us courage to dream Your dreams for our church. Please open our minds and hearts and ears, so we can hear Your voice to know what Your purpose is for our church. We pray in Christ's name, Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into

temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Gratitude*

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:4-9

MESSAGE *"The Power of Thanksgiving"*

* HYMN OF INSPIRATION *Give Thanks*

* DOXOLOGY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

*** Please place your offering in the plate by the entrance, or send your offering by mail, or drop it off in the church mailbox by the south doors. ***

* OFFERING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *I Thank You, Jesus*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

Nov. 23 10:00 AM –Fellowship & Sunday School
Nov. 25 1:30 PM – Decorate church for Advent
Nov. 26 9:00-4:00 - Drop off pies for Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Our Saviors Church

* Please pray the Visioning Prayer, listed below, at 3:20 PM each day so we can be united in asking God what He wants our church to do for serving Him and others.

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PRAYERS

Ilene (Donna's daughter), Mike (Julie's brother), Gina (Linda's friend), Sunday School students & families, God's Vision for our church, Pastor Paul, Norseland residents, our church family, unnamed concerns, our church in ministry

Pies & Volunteers Need for Community Thanksgiving Dinner

If you are making a pie, please take it to Our Saviors Church on Wednesday, Nov. 26th (9:00-4:00). They also need volunteers to help the day of the dinner. Please contact Courtney Havel (608) 637-6358, if you are interested in volunteering.

Mission of the Month – Baskets of Love & Norseland Gifts

As usual, we are planning ahead to be sure we have the funds to provide gift certificates for groceries for area families to purchase a holiday meal. We will also be giving gifts to residents at Norseland Nursing Home who might not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. There will be envelopes on the table in the narthex, labeled "Baskets of Love" for donations to this mission. Watch for names of residents on the bulletin board for the Norseland Gifts.

Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk

Please continue to donate items for the Hygiene Bags for Bethel Butikk. The items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo & conditioner, hand soap, hand lotion, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, brushes & combs. They also need packages of feminine hygiene products.

Senior Strength Training

This class is open to everyone of all ages and meets on Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30-1:15 PM.

Westby Senior Meal Site

The Westby Senior Meal Site is held at our church. Meals will be served Monday-Thursday, at 11:30 AM. Please call 608-637-5201 by 8:00 AM to reserve and order a meal for that day.

Prayer Request Box

Please write your prayer request on the note card and put it in the box. Our Thursday Morning Prayer Group will then pray for these requests when they meet on the 1st Thursday of the month.



WESTBY United Methodist Church November 23, 2025



9:00 AM Worship
10:00 AM Fellowship & Sunday School after Worship

Westby United Methodist Church
202 East State St., Westby, WI 54667

*Our calling is to reach all people
with the life-changing power of God's Love and Grace
available to all through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*