

WESTBY UMC
May 17, 2026

* *Please stand in body or spirit*
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* GATHERING SONGS

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High #2088 TFWS
We Will Glorify the King of Kings #2087 TFWS

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Death could not hold him. The grave could not keep him. And now,
the risen Christ reigns over all things.

**P: We worship the Lord who is alive — yesterday, today, and
forever.**

L: Before he ascended, Jesus promised: "You will receive the Holy
Spirit, and you will be my witnesses."

**P: We are here because that promise is still for us. We are his
witnesses.**

L: He has gone to prepare a place, and he will come again. Until that
day, we are sent into the world.

P: We worship, we are filled, and we are sent. Come, Lord Jesus.

* **OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus, You ascended in glory, but you did not leave us
alone. You sent your Spirit, and you gave us a mission. Today we
gather not just to remember what happened — but to be
reminded of who we are: your witnesses, empowered by your
Spirit, waiting for your return. Meet us here, Lord. As we open
your Word, open our hearts to you.**

**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

#895 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

MESSAGE "Jesus Ascended into Heaven"

* HYMN OF INSPIRATION *Alleluia, Alleluia* #162 UMH

* DOXOLOGY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS, LIVES AND SERVICE

** *Please place your offering in the offering plate on the table in the
narthex by the sanctuary entrance.* **

* OFFERING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN *People Need the Lord* #2244 TFWS

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Music: Jane Gaskell
Pastor: Paul Lee

WELCOME TO ALL WORSHIPPING WITH US TODAY!

Coming Events:

May 17 10:00 AM – Fellowship
4:00 PM – Inquirer's Class Week 1: What We Believe @ Viroqua UMC

Door of Hope Baby Bottle Drive has started. The funds collected will be used to build a shed for storing lawn mowers, shovels, etc.

* Please pray the Visioning Prayer 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.

PRAYERS

Don (Verna's stepfather), Ann, Sunday School students & families, God's Vision for our church, Pastor Paul, Norseland residents, our church family, unnamed concerns, our country, our church in ministry

Sign-up sheets for the May and June study programs are in the narthex.

Mission of the Month – Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP)

The moto for this group is "No kid sleeps on the floor in our town." The Vernon County chapter of SHP needs to raise funds to purchase bed building materials, mattresses and bedding for the beds they build.

Personal Hygiene Items for Bethel Butikk

Please continue to donate personal hygiene items 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

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 May 17, 2026



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.*