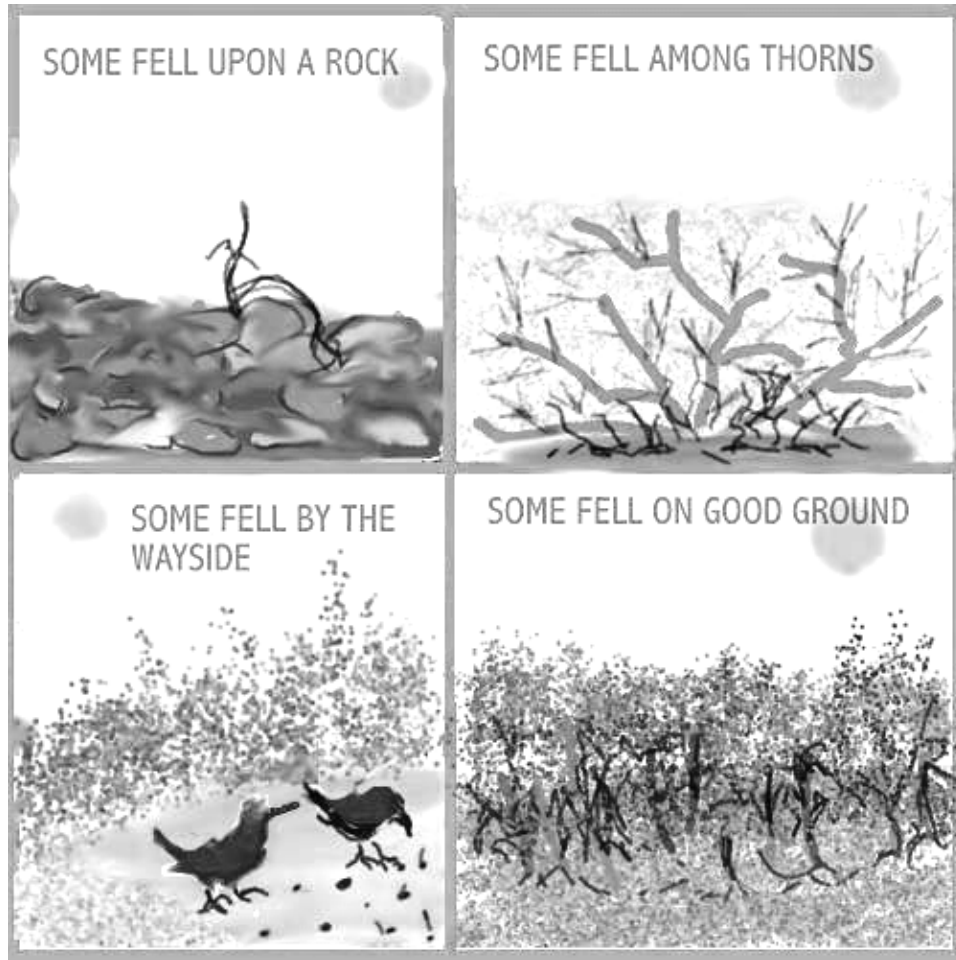


Worship Guide for July 12, 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Absolution

Gathered by God's grace and called into Christ's love, let us come before God with honest hearts, confessing our sin and trusting in the mercy that makes all things new.

Most merciful God, ***we confess our sins in your presence and in the presence of our sisters and brothers. We acknowledge that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the ways we have focused on our own wants and needs while forgetting the needs of others. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ our Savior, forgive us our sins and renew within us hearts of love, compassion, and grace, that we may faithfully serve you and care for one another. Amen.***

Beloved children of God, through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, God forgives our sins and renews us in love and grace. May the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, words, and actions, that all we do may give glory and honor to God our heavenly Father. ***Amen.***

Gathering Hymn**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

- 1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
- 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
- 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
- 4 Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13**

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle, and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13

[¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, Word of Life. ***Thanks be to God.***

Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root

but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

O God, Whose Word Well Planted



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,
 2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
 3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
 at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
 will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
 Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
 Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
 that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
 and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. *Your mercy is great.*

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Hymn****As the Grains of Wheat**

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Together we pray: *Holy God, we give you thanks for the many ways you have richly blessed us through these gifts we now offer to you. May they be used to fulfill your command to love one another and serve our neighbors in your name. As we receive our Lord's body and blood, grant that we may come with open hearts and ears ready to hear your words of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Amen.*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Together we pray: ***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.***

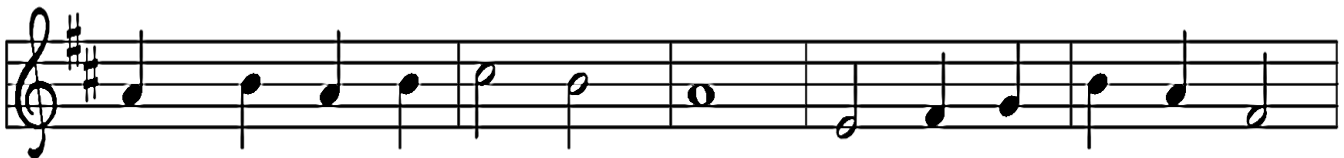
Sharing Christ's Meal

Communion Hymn #1

Break Now the Bread of Life



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.



Thank You to everyone who is helping with New Salem's lawn care and groundskeeping over the summer! It's not an easy or quick task, and we are very appreciative of all your hard work and efforts to keep the New Salem campus looking beautiful.

Communion Hymn #2**O Word of God Incarnate**

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
 3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;



we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
 oh, teach your wand - 'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

Together we pray: ***Generous God, you have fed and nourished us with the holy body and blood of your Son. Send us forth, strengthened by this meal, to love and obey you. As we have received and experienced your grace, help us to share your love and grace with all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Benediction

Sending Hymn**Sent Forth By God's Blessing**

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Guest Preacher: Tim Lutz****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Ushers: Nora & Jerry Illies****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Reader/Communion Assistant: Karyn Lutz****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****Fellowship Host:****Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke****New Salem Lutheran Church - Terry R. Hagensen, Pastor****7491 Island View Drive NE, Turtle River, MN 56601****Office Tel: 218-586-2262/Office Email (Traci Schanke): newsalem@paulbunyan.net****Website: newsalemlutheran.org****YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN****June Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)****Total General Fund Income: \$13,967****Total Expenses: \$15,523****(DEFICIT) for June: \$1,556****7.5 General Fund Offering: \$3,927****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 7.9.26)****Sunday, July 5 (in person/online): 55/25****Facebook reach: 63,733****YouTube Views: 1,191****YouTube Subscribers: 142****Announcements for the Week of July 12, 2026**

Thank you to Tim Lutz for leading services last week and today! Pastor Terry returns to the office on Tuesday, July 14.

Welcome to Lisa Gidlow Moriarty of Paths of Peace, who is here today to help facilitate the creation of New Salem's new Labyrinth Prayer Path. All are welcome to help out with this project immediately following today's service; lunch will be provided.

July Mission Partner – Hope House Bemidji: This month New Salem is lifting up the work of Hope House Bemidji, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable ministry. You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for **Hope House** (*not to be confused with Village of Hope, another of our mission partners*). For more information on Hope House Bemidji and its programs, see page 12 of the worship guide or their website at **www.hopehousebemidji.org**

New Salem's Food Shelf Volunteer Shifts for July: Friday, July 10 - 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and Monday, July 13, 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon-3:30 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at ksnortland5@gmail.com or 612-940-7312.

Assistance Needed for the BACM Recital on August 5: Helping hands are needed Tuesday, August 4, for table setup and food prep, and Wednesday, August 5, for final food prep, serving the luncheon and clean up. The New Salem recital is one of the most well-attended of the BACM summer recital series – please help us put our best foot forward! A sign-up sheet is available on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall.

Housing Assistance – Can You Help? Lead for Inclusion, a local non-profit, is working on getting a VISTA Fellow for August 2026-August 2027 and having an issue finding rental housing for this individual (housing budget is \$700-900). Do you know anyone with one of these situations starting in early August?

- Looking for a roommate (preference for similar age upperclassmen in college to young professional ages, but open to other options that are a good fit);

- A family, empty nester or retiree looking to host a young person who is dedicating a year of their time to service through Americorps (think exchange student vibe, but someone who is a little older and who will pay rent etc.).

Some things that are important: candidate is clean and tidy, a mix of social and independent, non-smoking, doesn't have pets but open to living with chill pets, shy at first but outgoing, likes to bake/cook, former college athlete in Basketball and recent PoliSci grad from our neighboring state of Wisconsin). Please let Traci in the church office know if you are able to offer assistance!

New Salem's Annual Outdoor Worship Service is July 26: Save the date for New Salem's annual outdoor worship service and potluck at Three Island Lake Park – you will not want to miss this opportunity to praise God in this beautiful outdoor setting! Bring your favorite lawn chair and a dish to share!

Save the Date and Get Crafting! Mark your calendars for New Salem's Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 14. And it's never too soon to start working on wonderful crafts for New Salem's table! Watch for additional details in upcoming bulletins and emails.

Offering Reminder: Please remember to indicate on your check/offering envelope how you wish your gift to be credited. Unmarked offerings/those marked "general" go toward New Salem's annual operating expenses; gifts marked for other entities are credited as such in your giving record and sent to those organizations. Thank you for supporting the missions and good works of New Salem!

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Serve as a reader, proclaiming God's Word; as an usher, welcoming all who gather for worship; or as a communion assistant, helping share the Lord's Supper with God's people. These ministries are an important part of our worship life and a wonderful way to serve God and one another. Please consider sharing your gifts - sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex.



HOPE HOUSE BEMIDJI

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New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner July 2026

Hope House Bemidji is a comprehensive community-based support program for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide community support services to people with serious and persistent mental illness so they can live in the community in the least restrictive setting, function at their best level, and reduce the need for involuntary hospitalization.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be so good at providing services and educating the community that someday our program is no longer needed.

Community Support Program Services

Social skills and supports
Benefits assistance
Medication monitoring
Obtaining employment
Housing/food/daily living
Family support
Protection of client rights
Set goals and plans
Reduce costly or restrictive placements
Outreach, including well checks, problem solving



SERVICES

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- Community Support Program (CSP)
- ARMHS (Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services)
- Medication Education, Monitoring, and Prescribing
- Daytime Drop-in Center, including Cultural Activities
- Link to 24 Hour Community-Wide Crisis Line
- Diagnostic Assessments
- Consumer (Client) Speakers' Program

God's Work, Our Treasure—JULY 2026

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Hope House**, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable ministry.

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Please prayerfully consider how you might support the work of this important ministry.

www.hopehousebemidji.org/

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians
present
The 2026 Summer Recital Series - Our 39th Season!
Wednesdays, 12 - 12:30 p.m. Followed by a Luncheon
This season's performances are dedicated
to the memory of Kenneth J. Wold

July 15	Lois Simonson, piano, Karl Miller, flute Sanna Gustafson, saxophone Janet Pederson, violin	Bemidji Covenant Church 5405 Hart Ln. NW (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 22	Glenn Seibel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano	United Methodist Church 924 Beltrami Ave. NW
July 29	Samantha Melberg, flute; Sarah Leach, piano Ben Bartholomew, saxophone	Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave. SE
August 5	The New Salem Choir; Denise Laaveg, piano Cheryl Durant, piano; Sonja Kraft, flute Traci Djonne Schanke, soprano	New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NE (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)
August 12	Wayne Hoff, Carol L Johnson, Piano and Organ recital, Jennifer L. Johnson, vocalist	Aardahl Lutheran Church 2920 Van Buran Ave. SE
August 19	Sarah Carlson, organ, piano Claire Carlson, violin; Bob Madeson, euphonium Josh Grosvold, clarinet	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Ave.
August 26	Emily Mathew, piano; Mike Locke, guitar Amy Williams, flute; Elaine Kleinsasser	Church of Christ 692 Mag Seven Ct. SW

Free will offering supports the BACM Music Scholarship Fund.

Luncheon prices are determined by each venue.

Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment