

Worship Guide for July 19, 2026

The Eighth 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**O Holy Spirit, Root of Life**

1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8**

⁶Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

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

Psalm: Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life; they have not set you before their eyes.**

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the child¹ of your handmaid.** ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be¹ put to shame; because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Children's Message**GARAGE PAINTING PARTY - COME JOIN THE FUN!**

When: Thursday, July 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

Where: New Salem

Bring: paintbrushes, extension ladders, stepladders, paint trays. Snacks will be provided!



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 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away.²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well.²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them.³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man;³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers,⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

SermonHymn of the Day**Almighty God, Your Word is Cast**

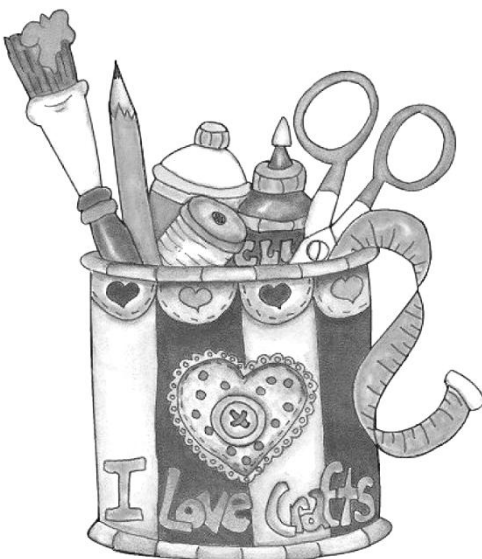
- 1 Al-might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
- 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
- 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
- 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the PeaceTithes and Offerings**Save the Date and Get Crafting!**

Mark your calendars for New Salem's Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 and start working on your wonderful crafts for New Salem's table! Watch for additional details in upcoming bulletins and emails.

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****For the Fruit of All Creation**

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.



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

Communion Hymn #2**Great is Thy Faithfulness**

1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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****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.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry r. Hagensen****Ushers: Carol Gilbertson, Susan Whalen****Reader/Communion Assistant: Sonya Kraft****Fellowship Hosts: Val and Bob Wagner****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****Cantor/Choir Director: Annalise Aakhus****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
(DEFICIT) for June: \$1,556

Total Expenses: \$15,523
7.12 General Fund Offering: \$4,757

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 7.17.26)

Sunday, July 12 (in person/online): 69/22
YouTube Views: 1,213

Facebook reach: 66,733
YouTube Subscribers: 142

Announcements for the Week of July 19, 2026



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

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!

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; as a communion assistant, helping share the Lord's Supper with God's people; host the post-worship fellowship hour; or join the choir and lift your voice in praise. 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. (Choir rehearsals are 5 p.m. on Wednesdays – no need to sign up, just join us!)



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

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You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for the **Hope House**

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 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