

Worship Guide for October 12, 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

God invites us to come to Him, with honesty and trust, already knowing our failures, our burdens, and our brokenness, yet still welcomes us in love. Let us, therefore, come before God with open hearts, confessing our sin and seeking God's mercy.

Brief silence for reflection

Holy and gracious God, ***we come before You confessing that we have not loved You as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Though You have called us to walk in Your light, we have chosen the shadows of selfishness and pride. Though You have called us to be peacemakers, we have spoken words that wound and have harbored anger in our hearts. Though You have entrusted us with gifts and resources, we have too often pursued our own comfort rather than Your kingdom. Have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

Hear the good news: God, who is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love, does not leave us in our sin but meets us with grace. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you are made new by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn**Voices Raised to You**

1 Voic - es raised to you we of - fer; tune them, God, for
 2 All cre - a - tion joins to praise you; earth and sky your
 3 Christ, the song of love in - car - nate, touch - ing earth with
 4 Spir - it, flam - ing through cre - a - tion, kin - dle faith with -
 5 How can an - y praise we of - fer mea - sure all the



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute
 works dis - play. Art and mu - sic, gifts you lend us,
 heav - en's grace, for your liv - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing,
 in each heart. Lift our voic - es high in cho - rus;
 thanks we owe? Take our hearts and hands and voic - es—



for your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!
 we re - turn to you to - day. Al - le - lu - ia!
 for your ris - ing, hear our praise! Al - le - lu - ia!
 through our hands your love im - part. Al - le - lu - ia!
 gifts of love we can be - stow. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!
 Al - le - lu - ia! God, cre - a - tor, source of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, re - deem - er, Lord of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Spir - it, help - er, breath of life!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to you we sing!

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

Psalm: Psalm 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with ^l my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O Lord, pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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Children's Message

October Mission Partner - Habitat for Humanity



This month New Salem is lifting up the work of ***Habitat for Humanity***, 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 **Habitat for Humanity**. For more information on **Habitat for Humanity** and its programs, see page 9 of the worship guide or their website at **www.habitatbemidji.org**



Gospel Acclamation**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sing 2X)**

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your

prais-es. I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth

to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

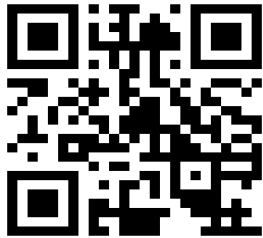
Sermon

Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!

If you are looking for a church home, please contact Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheran.org

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN



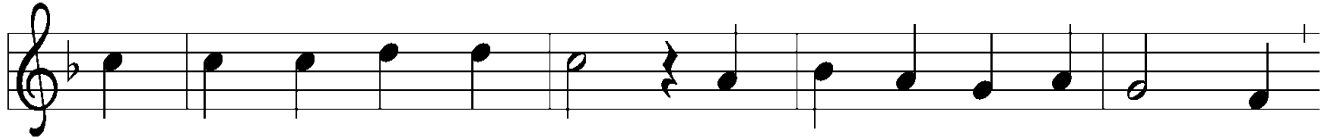
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Worship Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with various Sunday ministries here at New Salem! Ushers, readers/Communion assistants, helpers to set up Communion before the worship service and tidy up afterward, offering counters (we will train you!), and hosts for our coffee fellowship after worship. Sign up as a family or team up with a friend or two! **Signup sheets are available on the back table in the Fellowship Hall. Remember: If no one signs up to host coffee fellowship, THERE IS NO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.** ☹️

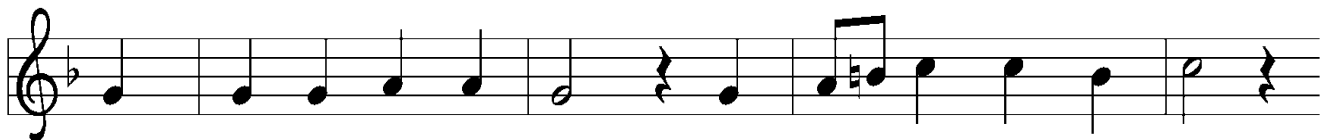


Hymn of the Day**Npw Thank We All Our God**

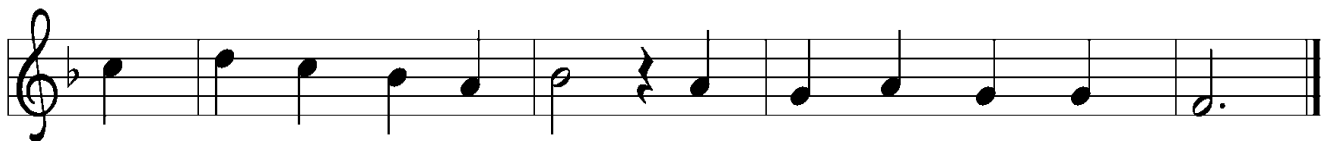
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory Hymn**Come to the Table**

Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offering Prayer

Generous God, *all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts we bring, and use them to bring hope, healing, and love to the world. Make us bold in sharing your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



*New Salem's
Highlighted Mission
Partner
October 2025*



Together, we build a better future.

Habitat for Humanity is a movement of people in your local area and around the world, working together to build more prosperous and vibrant communities by making sure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home.

Our mission - Building simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with God's people in need in Beltrami and Clearwater Counties.

Since our founding in 1976 as a Christian organization, **together we have helped more than 62 million people in countries around the world build their futures on their own terms** through access to decent housing. We've done that by working alongside people of all walks of life to:

- Build, repair and finance their homes.
- Innovate new ways of building and financing.
- Advocate for policies that make constructing and accessing housing easier for everyone.

Together, we build homes, communities and hope.

Shelter is the key to success.

There are so many things I want to say, but I'll just say thank you everyone who supports Habitat, especially the volunteers, staff, and the Builders who have worked on so many Habitat homes. You all make it possible for families to actually feel like they have a home, not just a place to live. You are helping so many people realize a dream they have longed for and that may never otherwise happen.

A Brush with Kindness helps low-income homeowners who struggle to maintain the exterior of their homes, allowing them to reclaim their homes with pride and dignity. Most importantly, ABWK is part of Habitat's broader community development strategy called the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative.

ReStore hours:

Wednesday, Thursday Friday: 10-5

Saturday: 9-1

Donations: Tuesday 10-2

Wed-Fri: 10-4:30; Sat: 9-12:30

Treasures abound at the ReStore!
Help Habitat build homes - donate your unwanted items or purchase items for your own use.
Proceeds from sales are used to build homes in our community.



God's Work, Our Treasure—OCTOBER 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the Northwoods Habitat for Humanity, 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 Habitat for Humanity

<https://www.habitatbemidji.org/>

Communion Hymn #1

Oh, Sing to the Lord



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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Communion Hymn #2**Here is Bread**

1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us,
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us,
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us,

he is with us. Break the bread, taste the wine,
 he is with us. Know his grace, find his peace,
 he is with us. We'll pro-claim till he comes

Christ is with us here.
 feast on Je - sus here.
 Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain

In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is
 life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,
 Christ is with us here.

Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, ***we thank you for welcoming us to your table and nourishing us with the body and blood of Christ. Filled with your Spirit, send us out to be your hands and feet in the world, to love, to serve, and to share your good news. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

Benediction

Sending Hymn**Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Ushers: Nora and Jerry Illies****Reader/Communion Assistant:****Fellowship Host:****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Pianist: Cherl 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**

September Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)

Total General Fund Income for Sept: \$15,482
(DEFICIT) for Sept: (-\$302)

Total Expenses for Sept: \$15,784
10.5.25 General Fund Offering: \$5,138

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 10.11.25)

Oct 5 Attendance (in person/online): 19/16
YouTube Subscribers: 130

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,838
Facebook reach (2025 to date): 61,748

Announcements for the Week of October 12, 2025

Fall Bazaar! Signup sheets for setup help, working the event, and clean up help afterward are on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall. Foam trays/plastic bags for baked goods are also available.

Thank you to everyone who helped with yesterday's highway clean up! There was fun, fellowship, and Raphael's donuts! Please know your hard work is greatly appreciated!

October Food Shelf Dates: New Salem will provide volunteers to assist Food Shelf clients on Monday, October 13, from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon – 3:15 p.m. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Karin Snortland at ksnortland5@gmail.com or 612-940-7312.

Prayer Group for October: This month, the evening prayer group will meet here at New Salem at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 15. We will lift to God the leaders of our country and the world, and the many who suffer because of decisions made by our leaders and ourselves. We will have conversation, we will silence our hearts and minds before God in prayer, as a group and through guided silent prayer.

October Team/Council Night is October 21: Teams meet at 6 p.m.; the Council meets at 6:30 p.m. all are welcomed and encouraged to join a team (Education, Worship & Music, Outreach, Building & Grounds) and help to further the ministries and missions of New Salem. All are welcome to attend the Council meeting as an observer; if you have an item for Council discussion, let Pastor Terry or Traci in the church office know and they can add you to the agenda as a speaker.

Boo! Trunk or Treat 2025 is Saturday, October 25! Decorate your car and yourself for Trunk or Treat 2025! This is a great event with fun for the whole family – trunk or treating in the newly paved church parking lot, horse-drawn wagon rides, and Jake's pizza and cupcakes inside. Missing this event would be a **grave** mistake!

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!

Upcoming Events @ New Salem

Mon, 10/13	Indigenous People's Day – Church and Office Closed	
	New Salem Volunteers @	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 – 3:15 p.m.
	Food Shelf	
Wed, 10/15	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Prayer Group	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 10/16	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

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Fun, Fellowship and Praising God Through Song: The New Salem Choir



Come make a joyful noise - join New Salem's "small but mighty" choir! Choir practice is at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays at the church, and the choir sings in church on the first and third Sundays of the month. The group also sings in the Christmas program in December and in New Salem's Bemidji Area Church Musicians Recital in the summer. We would love to welcome YOU as part of our music ministry! (An ability to read music is helpful but is not a requirement!)

Those who sing
pray twice.

The Readings for Sunday, October 12

While this week's readings include individuals who are singled out dramatically for attention, interesting communal dimensions are evoked throughout the texts.

Preachers frequently highlight the individuality of the Samaritan who returns to Jesus. However, Jesus' attendance-taking question after receiving the thanks of the Samaritan (Luke 17:17, "The other nine, where are they?") reads like a longing for the fullness of a community of thanksgiving, literally a eucharistic community. Further, the invocation of the Samaritan's status as a foreigner (v. 18, "Was none of them found to return . . . except this foreigner?") functions in Luke's discourse as advocating for wider boundaries and expanded diversity in Christian community rather than lionizing individuality.

Jesus concludes this interaction with "Your faith has made you well" (v. 19). This phrase creates a remarkable little community across Luke's gospel. Four people have this phrase addressed to them by Jesus. (In the NRSV two instances are translated "Your faith has *saved* you," but the Greek is identical in all four places, each using the verb *sōzō*.) Those whose faith has healed/saved them are the woman identified as "a sinner," who is criticized by the dinner guests when she disrupts the meal at the Pharisee's house and anoints Jesus' feet (7:50); the woman living with hemorrhages, who reaches out from the crowd to be healed by Jesus (8:48); the grateful Samaritan man who returns to Jesus in this week's text (17:19); and the man with blindness who was begging by the side of the road and called out to Jesus despite the attempts of the crowd to silence him (18:42). Far from simply making individualism a heroic stance, Jesus' bestowal of this honorific both critiques exclusive community and is part of his mission of bringing into being a new and inclusive community, with these four members as icons of the community.

In the first reading, Naaman, the Syrian military commander, was angry that his healing from a skin disease could not be conducted (a) in private and (b) on his home territory. But he eventually rejoiced when his community was broadened to include the people, river, land, and God of Israel.

Following the narrative thread of Naaman, Jesus' preaching in his hometown synagogue creates an interesting conversation with today's texts and this section of Luke's gospel. Jesus is portrayed as preaching in Nazareth about how God had previously expanded community by healing a foreign man with a skin disease through a water bath (4:27) and by saving a foreign widow through a bread meal (vv. 25-26). In chapters 17-18, Luke recounts this week's story of the Samaritan man with a skin disease (an echo of Naaman) and next week's parable of the persistent widow in need (an echo of the widow at Zarephath in Sidon). Jesus' opening sermon is being lived out and expanded in his ministry.

In the semicontinuous reading from Jeremiah, the exiles are encouraged to create a new community in Babylon, even seeking the good of their would-be-enemy neighbors. The readings today are not simple urgings to individualism but, rather, stories of God opening relatively closed groups and reforming them into more joyful and diverse communities.

(Benjamin M. Stewart, sundaysandseasons.com)

Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment