

Worship Guide for October 19, 2025

The Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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**O God, Our Help In Ages Past**

- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou-sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31**

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed

him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm: Psalm 121

¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

² **My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³ The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴ **Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵ the Lord watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

⁶ **the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸ **The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Children’s Message



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 18:1-8

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Sermon

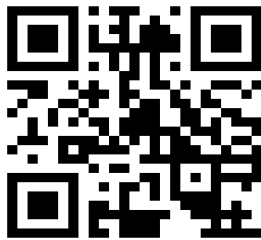


Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!

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**Day by Day**

1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
 2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-i-ous soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
 wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
 grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all
 o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
 when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
 of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,
 what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
 help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.
 with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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 8 of the worship guide or their website at www.habitatbemidji.org

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**If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.



Communion Hymn #2**Give Me Jesus**

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain

Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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**Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (sing 2X)**

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen
 Ushers: Karin Snortland and Donna Zelinsky
 Reader: Darlene Schultz
 Communion Assistant:
 Fellowship Host: Pauline Golden, B Olson

Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies
 Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft
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September Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)

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

Total Expenses for Sept: \$15,784
 10.12.25 General Fund Offering: \$5,586

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 10.17.25)

Oct 12 Attendance (in person/online): 68/32
 YouTube Subscribers: 130

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,870
 Facebook reach (2025 to date): 62,916



Announcements for the Week of October 19, 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.

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.

Prayer Group for October: This month, the evening prayer group will meet here at New Salem at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22. 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.

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! The event is from 2 – 5 p.m. For safety reasons, if you plan to decorate your car and hand out treats, we ask that you be here and in position by 1:45 p.m.



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Upcoming Events @ New Salem

Tues, 10/21	October Team Meetings	6 p.m.
	October Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed, 10/22	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Prayer Group	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 10/23	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sat, 10/25	Trunk or Treat	2 – 5 p.m.
Wed, 10/29	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 10/30	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sat, 11/1	Wesley Djonne Memorial Service	11 a.m. (visitation @ 10 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.

Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment