

Worship Guide for November 23, 2025

Christ the King Sunday



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

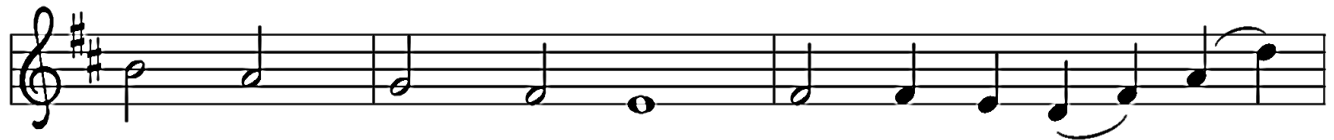
Holy and gracious God, ***we come before You confessing that we have not loved You as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Though You have called us to walk in Your light, we have chosen the shadows of selfishness and pride. Though You have called us to be peacemakers, we have spoken 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**Jesus Shall Reign**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: *O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I

have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body,

the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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

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 23:33-43

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?" ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

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!



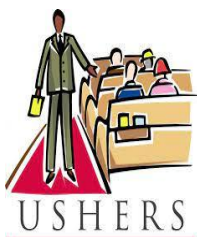
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Website: newsalemlutheran.org

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

Worship Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are 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.☹**

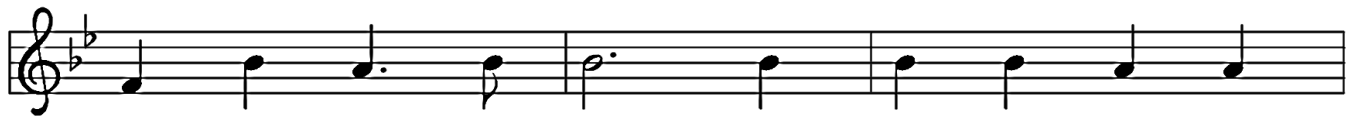


Hymn of the Day**O Christ, What Can it Mean for Us**

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose
 give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that
 all, you said the first must be the last and
 nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to
 we might rise and live. To break the law of
 ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,
 thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you
 death you came, the law of love to bring: a
 church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for
 span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.
 dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.
 now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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**Our November Mission Partner Is**

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Communion Hymn #1**Beautiful Savior**

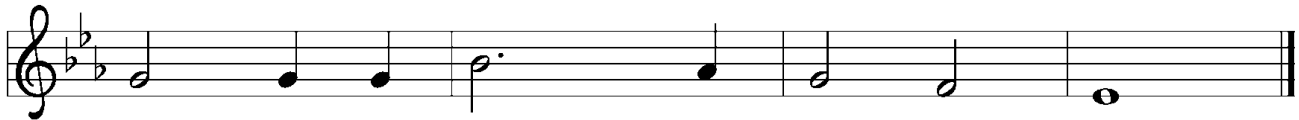
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

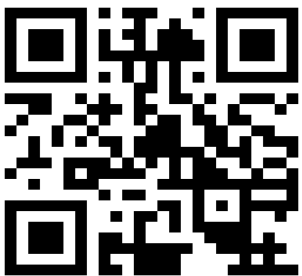


Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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Communion Hymn #2**The Lord's My Shepherd**

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
 5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
 with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
 My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

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**Lift High the Cross**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen

Ushers: Nora and Jerry Illies

Reader/Communion Assistant: Karyn Lutz

Fellowship Hosts: Shelley and Bob Quinlan

Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies

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October Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total General Fund Income for Oct: \$15,539

SURPLUS for Oct: \$433

Total Expenses for Oct: \$15,106

11.16.25 General Fund Offering: \$5,169

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 11.21.25)

Nov 16 Attendance (in person/online): 55/20

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 2008

YouTube Subscribers: 128

Facebook reach (2025 to date): 67,664

Announcements for the Week of November 24, 2025

The Season of Advent is Coming! November 30 is the First Sunday of Advent; New Salem will have mid-week Advent Services featuring the *Holden Evening Prayer* at 6:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays in December: Dec 3, 10, 17. For Christmas, there will be one service on Christmas Eve at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Dec 7 is Noisy Offering Sunday: Don't forget your change, cash and checks are accepted too! The proceeds from this monthly offering are used by church youth to support various community and ELCA programs.

Sunday, December 14 is the Christmas Program: Mark your calendars for this charming presentation of the Christmas story through word and song, featuring church youth and the New Salem Choir. And, if you are so inclined, please feel free to bring some holiday treats for coffee fellowship that day!

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

Wed, 11/26	NO CHOIR PRACTICE (Thanksgiving Eve)	
Thurs, 11/27	HAPPY THANKSGIVING (Church and office closed, no Bible study)	
Wed, 12/3	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Midweek Advent Service	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 12/4	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun, 12/7	Service for Virgil Stenberg	1 p.m.
Mon, 12/8	New Salem Volunteers at the Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and noon – 3:15 p.m.
Wed, 12/10	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Midweek Advent Service	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 12/11	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun, 12/14	CHRISTMAS PROGRAM	9:30 a.m.



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Those who sing pray twice.

Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14

9:30 a.m.

Featuring Church Youth
and the New Salem Choir
Sharing the Christmas
story in word and song.





*New Salem's
Highlighted
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Partner*

November 2025



Connecting, Enriching, and Empowering the Lives of Northwoods Individuals and Families is the mission of Northwoods Caregivers. This mission defines all of the services provided to our clients and their families.

At Northwoods Caregivers, our dedicated team comprises individuals from diverse backgrounds, united in their commitment to work closely with clients and their families. We offer essential services, including respite care, transportation, and shopping assistance, among others.

All services provided by Northwoods Caregivers are covered by the [Homecare Bill of Rights](#)

Volunteer Transportation Services:

Volunteers provide services such as transportation to medical appointments, grocery shopping assistance, and friendly visiting to seniors and people living with a disability.

Caregiver Coaching & Support:

Caregiver coaching is a personalized service that equips family caregivers with knowledge, skills, and tools needed to develop themselves and their role as caregivers. Staff are available to provide Caregiver Coaching who have specialized training in: Dementia caregiving, Native American culture, and LGBTQ Elder concerns.

First City Visitation & Exchange Services:

The mission of First City is to offer a neutral, safe, and child-friendly space where children and parents can experience supervised visitations or exchanges that are safe and conflict free.

Respite Services:

In-home [respite care](#) provides a break to primary caregivers who are caring for a loved one and just need a break! Northwoods Caregiver Respite Providers are Certified Nursing Assistants, RN's or LPN's and have all passed several background and reference checks. They can help with daily activities such as: safety and supervision to complete tasks, transfers, meal preparation, feeding, exercising, dressing, bathing, and companionship.

Homemaking Services:

[Homemaking services](#) are provided to seniors and disabled individuals who are in need of assistance with daily household duties, such as dishes, dusting, bathroom, laundry, changing bedding, vacuuming, light meal preparation, and grocery shopping.

God's Work, Our Treasure—NOVEMBER 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Northwoods Caregivers**, 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 **Northwoods Caregivers**.

<https://northwoodscaregivers.org/>

Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment