

Worship Guide for February 15, 2026

The Transfiguration of Our Lord



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sinfulness before God and one another, trusting in God's endless mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, ***we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. Amen.***

Dear people of God, hear the good news: You are loved and forgiven in the name of † Jesus, who has come among us. You are freed from proving that you deserve to be loved, because God's love is given to you as the most precious gift of all. Rejoice in this love and share it with the world. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;

blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;

send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the

2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright-ness, so our fac - es dis -

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us, play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on on me, shine on on me:
Shine on on me, shine on on me:

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Exodus 24:12-18**

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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

Psalm: Psalm 2

¹Why are the nations in an uproar? Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

²**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, against the Lord and against the Lord’s anointed?**

³“Let us break their yoke,” they say; “let us cast off their bonds from us.”

⁴**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing; the Lord holds them in derision.**

⁵Then in wrath God speaks to them, and in rage fills them with terror.

⁶**“As for me, I have anointed my king upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**

⁷Let me announce the decree of the Lord, who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

⁸**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

⁹You shall crush them with an iron rod and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”

¹⁰**And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

¹¹ Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow in worship;

¹² **lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath. Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (sing 3X)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.



Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

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 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



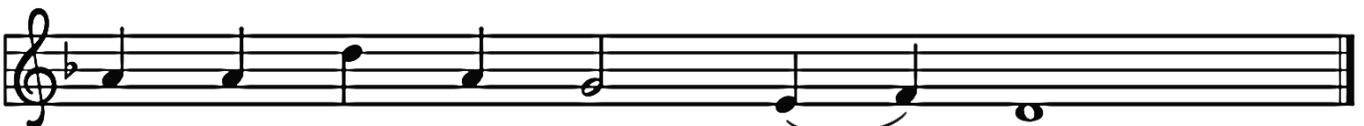
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Food Shelf Volunteer Dates for March



Monday, March 9: 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. & 12 - 3:15 p.m.
Friday, March 13 from 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
For more information or to volunteer, please contact Karin Snortland at 612.940.7312 or via email at ksnortland5@gmail.com.

Rummage and Bake Sale April 18



It's time to start assembling your rummage items - Saturday, April 18, is the **proposed** date for the 2026 Spring Rummage and Bake Sale. Items for the sale can be brought to the church starting Sunday, March 28. Watch the rear table in the fellowship hall for a signup page for sale prep/working at the sale and foam trays/plastic bags for baked goods. The Service Group will meet to finalize arrangements after worship on Sunday, March 15 - all are welcome to attend the meeting and assist with this event!

Lent and Easter at New Salem



Ash Wednesday Service, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Lenten Midweek Services

February 25 and March 4, 11, 18, 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m.



Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Hymn****Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Offering Prayer

Good and loving God, *as you have blessed us with these gifts, let them be a blessing for others, revealing your light and love in the world. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, 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

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!

Upcoming @ New Salem

Tues, 2/17	Team Meetings	6 p.m.
	Council Meeting	7 p.m.
Wed, 2/18	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Ash Wednesday Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 2/19	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Wed, 2/25	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Midweek Lenten Worship Service	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 2/26	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Wed, 3/4	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Midweek Lenten Worship Service	6:30 p.m.

Communion Hymn #2

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Communion BlessingPost Communion Prayer

Radiant God, *in this holy meal you have revealed your glory to us in the gift of Jesus Christ. You have nourished us with your grace, now send us into the world bearing your light, that what has been made known to us may be made known through us in a world seeking your peace. Amen.*

Benediction**Sending Hymn****We Are Marching in the Light**

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional Verses:**We are dancing...****We are praying...****We are singing...**

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen

Ushers: Nora and Jerry Illiesr

Reader: Pat Sanford

Communion Assistant: Fred Sanford

Fellowship Host:

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

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January Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total General Fund Income for Jan: \$17,339

SURPLUS for Jan: \$1,494

Total Expenses for Jan: \$15,845

2.8 General Fund Offering: \$2,760

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 2.12.26)

Feb 8 Attendance (in person/online): 57/32

YouTube Subscribers: 140

YouTube Views: 250

Facebook reach: 15,501

Announcements for the Week of February 16, 2026February 17 is Team/Council Night: Teams will meet at 6 p.m.; Council at 7 p.m. (*new time*).

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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February Mission Partner: Bemidji Community Food Shelf



Celebrating 43 Years of Serving the Community



Food Shelf Visits up in Minnesota

Food insecurity is a statewide issue impacting Minnesotans of all ages. In 2024, Minnesota's 87 counties saw an 18.4% average increase in food shelf visits. The ten counties with the most significant jump included both urban and rural areas. 53% of 2024 Minnesota food shelf visitors were adults; 36% were children; and 11% were seniors.

BCFS is a 501c3 non-profit organization and has been in existence since 1982.

Our mission statement: *The Bemidji Community Food Shelf is a faith-based, caring place that listens to those who are experiencing food insecurity. We work with our partners to be inclusive and to provide fresh, nourishing foods for those living in Beltrami County and the Bemidji School District.*

Volunteer your time. More than 300 volunteers give their time, energy, and compassion to help their neighbors, and we welcome anyone who wants to join them—there's a role for every ability.

Make a monetary donation. We purchase two-thirds of the food we distribute, making monetary donations essential to the success of our mission. We can turn every \$1 donated into \$4 thanks to our amazing partners.

Donate goods. Every month, generous contributions from members of our community help support local households with food, personal care products, and other essentials.

God's Work, Our Treasure—February 2026

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Bemidji Community Food Shelf**, 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 the work of the **Food Shelf**

And we will forward your gift to them. <https://www.bcfsmn.org/>

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

