

Worship Guide for March 19, 2023

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, ***have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I, therefore, declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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Gathering Hymn**God, Whose Almighty Word**

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



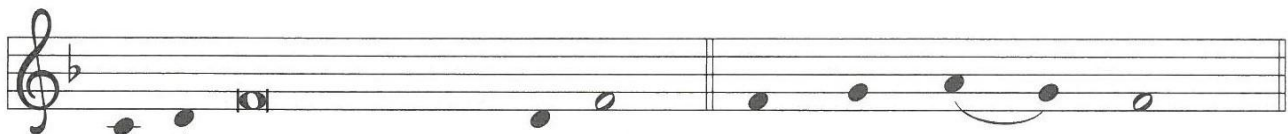
and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



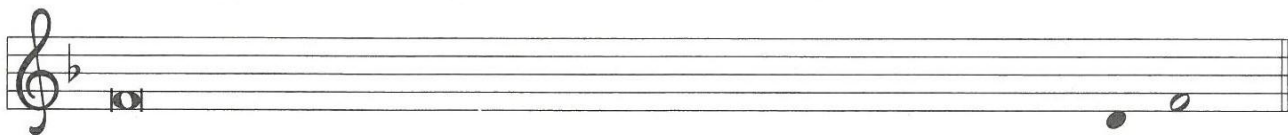
gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Greeting

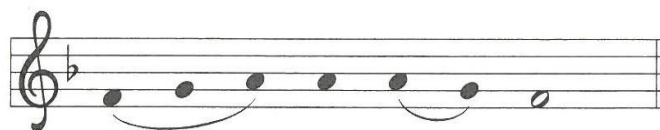
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ***And also with you.***

Kyrie (continues next page)*Leader**All*

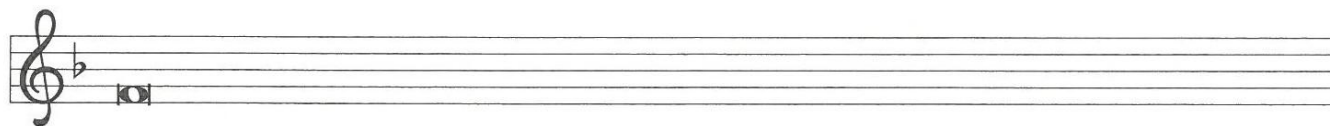
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader

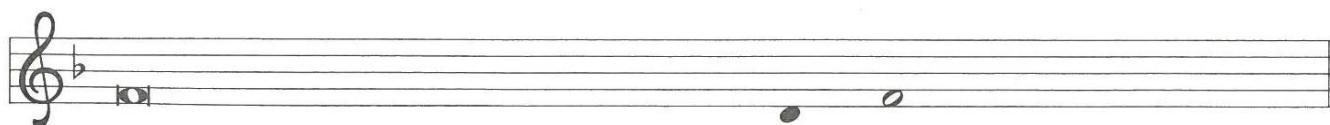
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

All

Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader

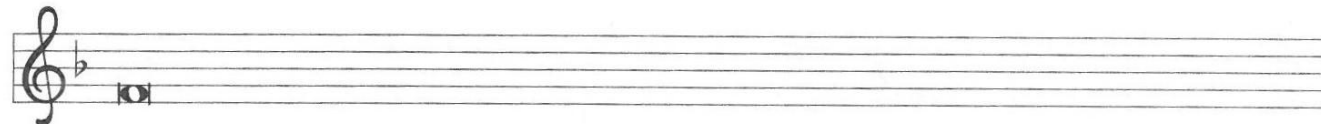
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



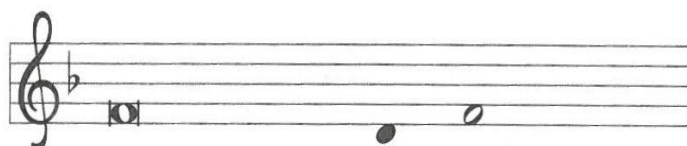
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All

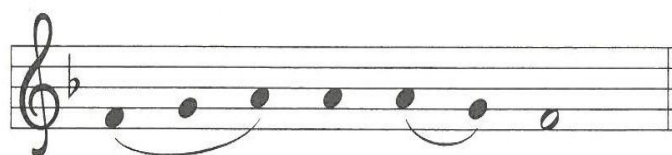
Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader

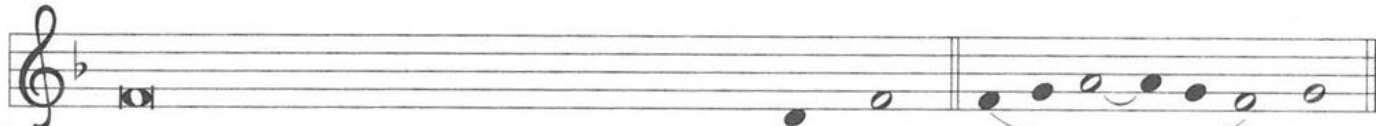
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

All

Lord, have mer - cy.

Leader

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

All

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13**

¹The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

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Children’s Message

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus, Remember Me (sing 2X)

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in-to your king - dom.

Gospel: John 9:1-41

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never

since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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 Pastor Terry or 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 on the podium outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheranchurch.org

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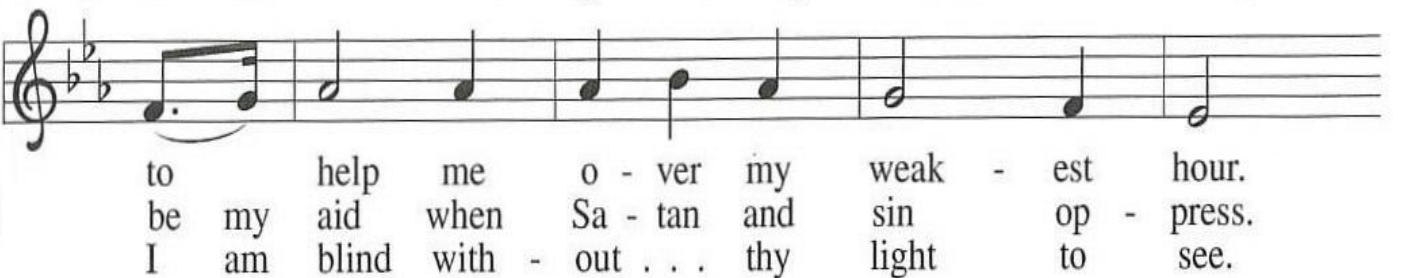
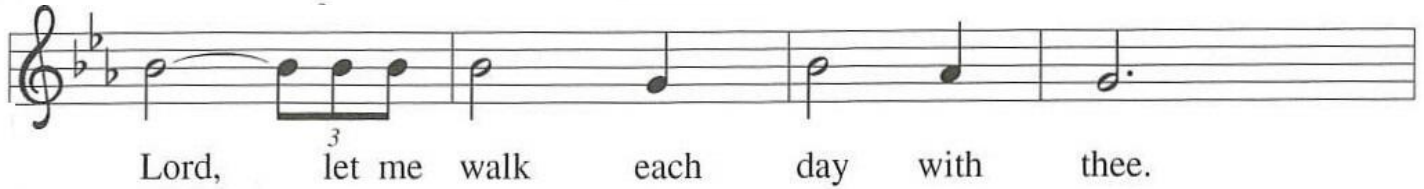
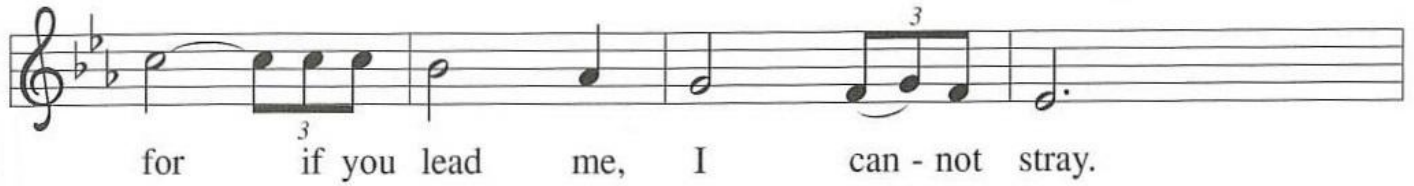
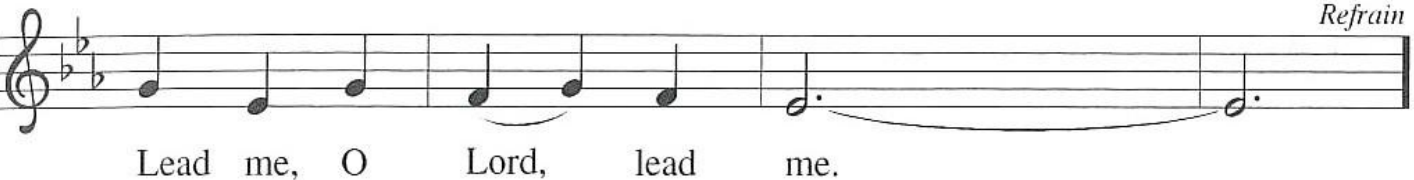


Easter Flowers - Final Chance to Order

As in previous years, we are offering the purchase of red geraniums (\$6 each) and white lilies (\$17 each) to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Order

forms and envelopes can be found on the rear table of the Fellowship Hall; today (March 19) is the last day to order.



Hymn of the Day**Lead Me, Guide Me***Refrain**Refrain*

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

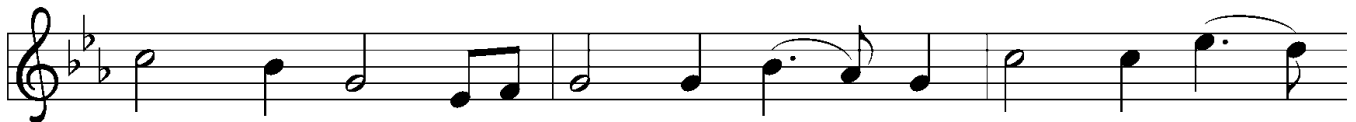
Lord in your Mercy, ***Hear our prayer.***

Sharing of the Peace**Offering****Offering Prayer**

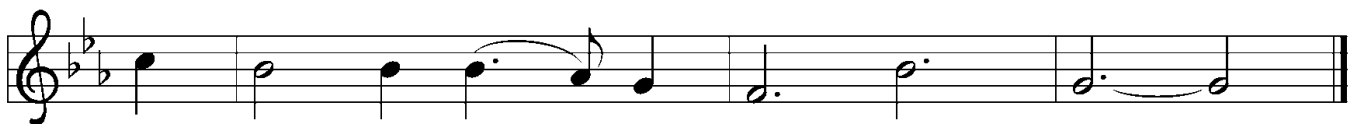
Together we pray: ***God, our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

Words of Institution**Lord's Prayer****Sharing of the Meal****Communion Hymn #1****Just As I Am**

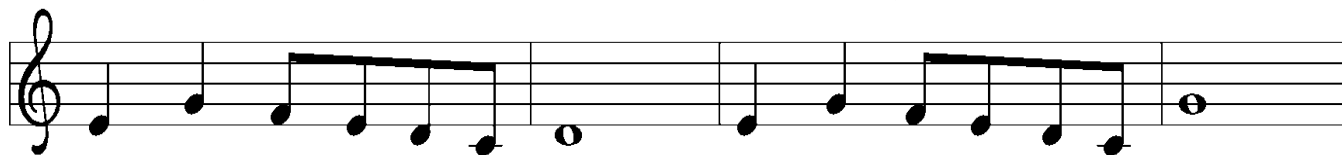
1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Communion Hymn #2**Take, O Take Me As I Am (repeat as needed)**

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Communion Blessing**Communion Prayer**

Together we pray: *Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be a hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.*

Benediction**Sending Hymn****I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (nextpage)****Ministry Volunteers Needed**

Are you able to help out? Volunteers are urgently needed to help with various Sunday ministries here at New Salem! We are in need of ushers, readers/Communion assistants, helpers to set up Communion before the

worship service/ tidy up afterward, offering counters, 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.☹***

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Setting the Lord's Table: Sally Ellingson****Ushers: Krista and Rick Bogart****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****Reader: Hailey Mack****Choir Director/Cantor: Annalise Aakhus****Communion Assistants:****AV Services: Rick Bogart, Traci Schanke****Hailey and BreAnna Mack****New Salem Lutheran Church - Terry R. Hagensen, Pastor****7491 Island View Drive NE, Turtle River, MN 56601****Church Office Tel: 586-2262/Office Email (Traci): newsalem@paulbunyan.net****Website: newsalemlutheranchurch.org****YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN****New Salem Council:****Officers: Rick Bogart, President; Jon Severson, Vice President;****Eric Medberry, Secretary; Sue Rosselet, Treasurer****Members: Calli Ferdig, Dave Johnson, Myra Lindahl, Fred Sanford, Bob Wagner**

The New Salem Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

The March meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 21. All are welcome to attend Council meetings as observers; if you have a particular topic or concern to bring before the Council, please contact Pastor Terry or Traci Schanke in the church office and they will add you to the meeting agenda as a speaker.

February 2023 Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total Income for February	\$14,602	Total Expenses for February	\$14,686
<u>(Deficit) for February</u>	<u>(-\$84)</u>	3.12.23 General Fund Offering	\$1,602

Attendance/Social Media Engagement

March 12 Attendance: 17 (snowstorm)	March 12 Livestream Views: 44
March 15 Midweek Attendance: 29	March 15 Livestream Views: 16
YouTube Views (2023 to date): 718	YouTube Subscribers: 85
Facebook reach (2023 to date): 24,808	

This Week at New Salem (March 19 - 25)

Tuesday 3/21	Monthly Team Meetings	6 pm
	March Council Meeting	7 pm
Wednesday, 3/22	Choir Practice	5:30 p.m.
	Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
	NO Confirmation or Adult Discussion Group	
Thursday, 3/23	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

Announcements for the Week of March 19, 2023

Mask Update: As we monitor local conditions and review updates from the CDC, Synod and Sanford, we continue to fully support our members and guests who wish to wear protective masks when attending worship services and events at New Salem. Thank you for caring for each other!

Church Hours This Week: Traci will be out this week on a regional tour with BSU's Bemidji Choir. Pastor Terry is in the office Tues – Friday, March 21-24; if you need to stop by the church during the week, please call in advance to make sure someone is here.

Bible Study, Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. New Salem's Bible Study meets Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday Nights During Lent: We have some updates to New Salem's Wednesday evening schedule during Lent:

- **Choir practice is at 5:30 p.m.** – Everyone is welcome to join us in making a joyful noise! The choir usually sings for worship the first and third Sundays of the month, and for Easter and other celebrations.
- **Midweek Lenten Services are at 7 p.m.**

- **Confirmation classes are suspended for Lent.** Pastor Terry asks that Confirmation students attend the midweek Lenten services and take sermon notes.
- The **WAMM Adult Discussion Group meetings are on hiatus for Lent.** Participants are encouraged to continue their reading and study. Please contact Linda Hendrikson at 218-791-7190 or linda.hendrikson@gmail.com with questions or for information on study materials.
- **WAMM Activities for Pre-K through Grade 5** and the Wednesday night meal are on hiatus and will resume on Wednesday, April 12.

Rummage and Bake Sale, Saturday, April 15: New Salem's annual Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 15. Donated items can be left in the far back Sunday School room(s) starting Tuesday, April 11; prior to April 11, boxes of donated items can be left in the garage. (Please call ahead to make sure there is someone at the church to receive your items.) All items should be clean and in good condition. Watch for more information in future bulletins and emails.

March Mission Partner – Bemidji Community Food Shelf: 2023 marks over 40 years of service by the Bemidji Community Food Shelf (BCFS) to Bemidji and surrounding communities. Initially a small downtown storefront with a few dedicated volunteers, the BCFS has grown to serve thousands of people. In 2021, 6,200 families received 550,000 pounds of food. Among those families, nearly 5,500 were children and 3,000 were seniors – the fastest growing segment of food insecurity in the state of Minnesota.

The month of March also marks the annual Minnesota Food Share Campaign, the most significant food/fundraiser of the year. Donations received during March allow the BCFS to keep purchasing food through the spring, summer, and fall when donations are at their lowest. *An added incentive is that all donations during the month of March receive a partial match, making your gifts go farther.*

Please prayerfully consider how you might support this valuable ministry, and remember to indicate on your check or offering envelope that your gift is to support the work of the Bemidji Community Food Shelf. You can learn more about Minnesota March Food Share Month on the BCFS' newly updated website BCFSMN.ORG. If you are interested in volunteering at the Food shelf, contact Karin Snortland at ksnortland65@gmail.com or 218-586-2745.

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 of New Salem!



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Lent, Holy Week and Easter Worship 2023 at New Salem Lutheran Church

Midweek Lenten Services Wednesday Evenings, 7:00 p.m.

March 22, 29



Palm Sunday Service, April 2, 9:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday Service, April 6, 6:30 p.m.



Good Friday Service - April 7, 6:30 p.m.



Easter Sunday Services - April 9

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service

9:30 a.m. Service

Coffee Fellowship between services

****For those not comfortable worshipping in person, selected services will be live streamed and shared online via New Salem's YouTube channel, Facebook page and website (newsalemlutheran.org).***