

Worship Guide for April 12, 2026

The Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **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.**

Brief silence 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.*

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Calvary's Song

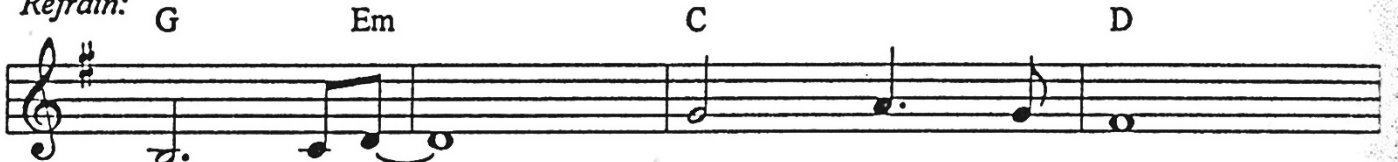


1. Now the shad - dows length-en, soon the day is gone.
 2. Shout - ing now has end - ed, ho - san - nas of the throng.
 3. Lord, ___ hear my pray - er, for-give my wrong. For-



In the eve-ning sun - set, I hear Cal - va - ry's song.
 In the weep-ing dark-ness, I hear Cal - va - ry's song.
 ev - er in_ my heart_ will I hear Cal - va - ry's song.

Refrain:



Great - er love, no one can know;



Son of God, per - fect par - don You be - stow.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: O God, **Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**



Reading of the Word

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 16

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³ But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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**Jesus My Lord**

Refrain: Have you seen Je-sus, my Lord? — He's here in plain view.



Take a look, o - pen your eyes; — He'll show it to you.



1. Have you ev - er looked at the sun - set With the sky
 2. Have you ev - er stood at the o - cean With the white
 3. Have you ev - er looked at the cross, — With a man
 4. Have you ev - er stood in the fam - ily With the Lord



mel - low - in' red, And the clouds sus - pend - ed like feath - ers?
 foam at your feet, Felt the end - less thun - der - in' mo - tion?
 hang - in' in pain And the look of love in His eyes? —
 there in your midst, Seen the face of Christ on each o - ther?



Then, I say (pause) you've seen Je - sus, my Lord.
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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

Together we pray: *Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 MealCommunion Hymn #1**The Old Rugged Cross**

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross,
 2 Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3 In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4 To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



the em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 a won - drous beau - ty I see;
 its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



and I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 for the dear Lamb of God left his glo - ry a - bove,
 for 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 Christ will call me some day to my home far a - way,



for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 to bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 where his glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

Refrain

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my



tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged



cross, and ex - change it some day for a crown.

Communion Hymn #2

In the Garden



1. I come to the gar - den a - lone, While the dew is
 2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice, Is so sweet the
 3. I'd stay in the gar - den with Him, Tho' the night a -



still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, Fall - ing on my ear,
 birds hush their sing - ing; And the mel - o - dy That He gave to me,
 round me be fall - ing, But He bids me go; Thru the voice of woe



The Son of God dis - clos - es.
 With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
 His voice to me is call - ing.



And He tells me I am His own; And the joy we share as we



tar - ry there, None oth - er has ev - er known.

Communion BlessingPost Communion Prayer

Together we pray: Life-giving God, *in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.*

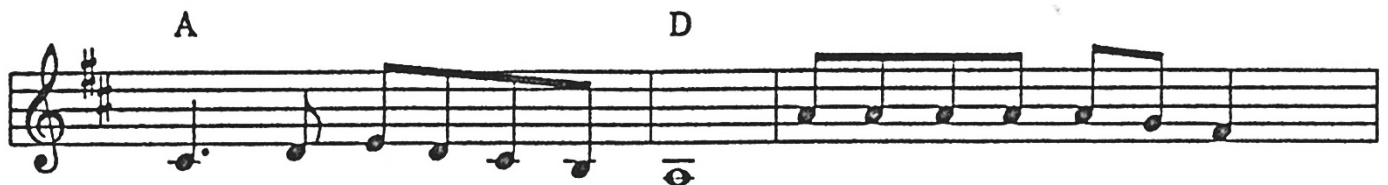
Benediction

Sending Hymn

Song of Dismissal



1. Thank You, Je - sus for this day;
2. Thank You, for this house of prayer;
3. Thank You for Your gen - tle peace that
4. Bless us now up - on our way; Your



for this stop a - long the way. We are all one fam - i - ly
and the love that's ev - 'ry - where. Of - ten for our - self in need,
falls up - on us as a breeze, like a shel - ter from the storm,
Word up - on our hearts we lay. Thank You for the nour - ish - ment



and our home's e - tern - i - ty. Thank You, Je - sus, for this day.
and for oth - ers sake we plead. Thank You, for this house of prayer.
You pro - tect our fee - ble form. Thank You, for Your gen - tle peace.
of Your Word and Sac - ra - ment. Bless us now up - on our way.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen

Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies

Ushers:

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Reader: Pat Sanford

Music Leader: Mike Naylor

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March Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)**Total General Fund Income: \$18,430****Total Expenses: \$23,630****DEFICIT for March (-\$5,200)****4.5 General Fund Offering: \$4,082****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 4.7.26)****Friday, April 3 (in person/online): 24/55****Sunday, April 5 (in person/online): 142/63****YouTube Views: 835****YouTube Subscribers: 142****Facebook reach: 35,781****Announcements for the Week of April 13, 2026****Thank You to Mike Naylor for leading the music for today's service!**

NOISY OFFERING TODAY! The Noisy Offering for April will take place during announcements – get your change out (folding money and checks are cheerfully accepted as well!). Funds raised through Noisy Offering are used for several projects selected by church youth, such as our Cow Project, United Way's Backpack Buddies, ELCA Good Gifts, among others.

Birthday Bag Assembly/Rummage Sale Setup! Immediately following today's worship service, we will be assembling the latest round of Birthday Bags for the Food Shelf and begin setting up for next week's Rummage & Bake Sale. Please stay and help with these projects if you are able – many hands make light work!!!

Pastor Terry on Vacation 4/14-4/20: Pastor Terry is on vacation this week, returning to the office on April 21. Next week, we will welcome Tim Lutz as our guest preacher.

Team/Council Night for April is Tuesday, April 21: Teams meet at 6, the Council meets at 7. All are welcome to attend the Council meeting as observers; if you have an item or concern to bring before the Council, please contact Pastor Terry or Traci in the church office and they will add you to the meeting agenda as a speaker.

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 @ New Salem

All Week	Rummage and Bake Sale Prep	
Mon, 4/13	New Salem Volunteers @ the Food Shelf	9a.m. – 12:15p.m. and 12 noon – 3:15p.m.
Tues, 4/14-Mon 4/20	Pastor Terry on Vacation	
Wed, 4/15	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Sat, 4/18	Rummage and Bake Sale	8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Tues, 4/21	Team/Council Meetings	6 p.m./7 p.m.

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Make a Joyful Noise - Join the Choir!

If you like to sing, join the New Salem Choir!



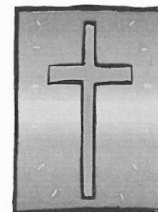
We are a fun, friendly, supportive group, and the ability to read music is not necessary! The choir sings for worship on the first and third Sundays of each month, as well as presenting special music at Christmas/Easter and participating in the summer Bemidji Area Church Musicians recital.

Rehearsals are at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays - join us!

April Mission Partner: Lutheran Campus Ministry



*New Salem's
Highlighted Mission Partner
April 2026
Lutheran Campus Ministry
Bemidji*



Mission: Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a welcoming grace-filled campus community where everyone is invited to explore faith, deepen relationships and serve our neighbors.

Vision: Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a centering place for students to connect with God and each other. Rooted in God's infinite grace, we invite opportunities to be curious about faith, engage in service and grow deeper in relationships. We are committed to welcoming everyone while integrating faith and life to belong and feel both safe and

CORE VALUES

Acceptance

Belonging

Relationship

Connection

Contribution

Faith

Lutheran Campus Ministry is connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)! We're a part of one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. The ELCA is a church that has a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Grace is the hope, forgiveness, joy and new life that is always, always available to us in God. We believe one of the ways grace announces itself in our lives is through faith. For us, faith comes through hearing the good news of God in Jesus:

- **We are loved unconditionally by the Holy One who created us!**
- **God has promised to meet us and be with us in hard times as well as good ones!**
- **We get to see, feel, hear and know God in stories of scripture, in our faith communities and relationships with people around us!**
- **In baptism our liberation & salvation are assured so we have been set free to love and serve our neighbors!**

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on the BSU Campus

God's Work, Our Treasure—APRIL 2026

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **Lutheran Campus Ministry Bemidji**, 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 **LCM-Bemidji**

