

# Worship Guide for April 26, 2026

## The Fourth 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****O Christ, Our Hope**

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, cre - a - tion's  
 2 How vast your mer - cy to ac - cept the bur - den  
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, the ran - som  
 4 Oh, let your might - y love pre - vail to purge us  
 5 All praise to you, as - cend - ed Lord; all glo - ry



might-y Lord, re - deem - er of the fall - en world, by  
 of our sin, and bow your head in cru - el death to  
 has been paid; you reign a - bove at God's right hand, in  
 of our pride, that we may stand be - fore your throne by  
 ev - er be to Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest through



ho - ly love out - poured, by ho - ly love out - poured:  
 make us clean with - in, to make us clean with - in.  
 robes of light ar - rayed, in robes of light ar - rayed.  
 mer - cy pu - ri - fied, by mer - cy pu - ri - fied.  
 all e - ter - ni - ty, through all e - ter - ni - ty!

**Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray: ***O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.***



## Reading of the Word

### First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

<sup>32</sup> "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 23

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O Lord, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

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

<sup>6</sup> **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: 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian 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.

**Gospel: John 10:1-10**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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](mailto:newsalem@paulbunyan.net). If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

Website: [newsalemlutheran.org](http://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

### 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.

**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 Meal**

**Communion Hymn #1****Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**Upcoming @ New Salem**

Wed, 4/29	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 4/30	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sun, 5/3	Service Group Meeting Following Worship	
Wed, 5/6	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 5/7	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri, 5/8	New Salem Volunteers @ Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Mon, 5/11	New Salem Volunteers @ Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. & 12 noon – 3:30 p.m.

**Communion Hymn #2****You Satisfy the Hungry Heart***Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

**Communion Blessing****Post 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****Leaning on the Everlasting Arms**

1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

**Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**

**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen**

**Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies**

**Ushers: Justin and Otis Pitt**

**Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft**

**Reader/Communion Assistant:**

**Pianist: Cheryl Durant**

**Fellowship Host:**

**Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke**

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**March Income vs Expenses (FINAL)****Total General Fund Income: \$18,484****DEFICIT for March (-\$5,146)****Total Expenses: \$23,630****4.19 General Fund Offering: \$3,242****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 4.23.26)****Sunday, April 19 (in person/online): 61/37****YouTube Views: 909****Facebook reach: 44,348****YouTube Subscribers: 142****Announcements for the Week of April 27, 2026**

**Service Group Meeting May 3:** The Service Group will have a meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, May 3, to debrief from the recent rummage & bake sale and vote on how to distribute the proceeds. All are welcome!

**SAVE THE DATE – June 14 BBQ & Potluck Picnic:** Mark your calendars and help kick off summer at New Salem with a BBQ and Potluck Picnic following worship on Sunday, June 14. Keep an eye on future worship guides/emails for more details!

**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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**O Christ, Our Hope** – Text: Latin hymn, 8<sup>th</sup> cent.; tr. John Chandler (1806-1876), adapt.

Music: Nikolaus Herman (1480-1561)

**Halle, Halle, Hallelujah** – Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio (b. 1954)

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**The Lord’s My Shepherd** – Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650

Music: James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob (1893-1984)

**Come to the Table** – Text: Claire Clonigen (b. 1942)/Music: Martin Nystrom (b. 1956)

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**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** – Text: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt.

Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart** – Text: Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)

Music: Robert E. Kreutz (1922-1996)/Text and music © 1977 Archdiocese of Philadelphia

**Leaning on the Everlasting Arms** – Text: Elisha A. Hoffman (1839-1929)

Music: Anthony J. Showalter (1858-1924)

**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 and Easter, and participating in the summer Bemidji Area Church Musicians recital. Rehearsals are at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays – come 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!**

Your support makes a big difference. Visit us at  
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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**

