

Worship Guide for May 25, 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



John 14:27

Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal. In the presence of the living God, we confess our sins.

Brief silence for reflection

Risen Lord Jesus, we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit. Amen.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, “Do not be afraid!” Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God, for Christ has risen, ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

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Gathering Hymn

Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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: Acts 16:9-15

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹ We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm: Psalm 67

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

¹⁰ And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

^{22:1} Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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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 14:23-29

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

SermonHymn of the Day**Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes**

1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;
 2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;
 and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the PeaceTithes and Offerings

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

Shout to the Lord

Noth- ing com- pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

Offering Prayer

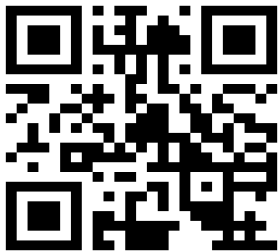
Together we pray: *Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

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



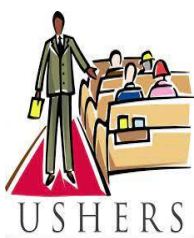
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Worship Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are urgently 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. ☹️**



Communion Hymn #1**I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Communion Hymn #2**Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

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.*

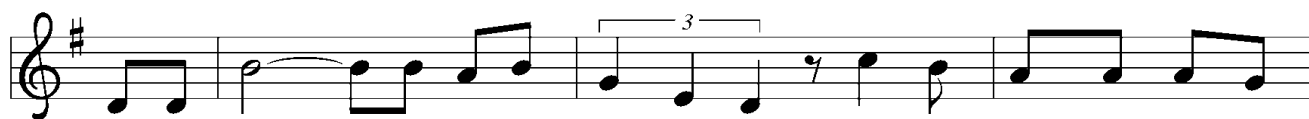
Benediction**Sending Hymn**

We Are Marching in the Light (next page)

Congratulations to New Salem's Bemidji High School Graduates!

**Margie Anderson
 Sarah Breyen
 Briggs Knott
 Brooklyn Nielsen
 Natasha Severson
 Elayna Young**



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

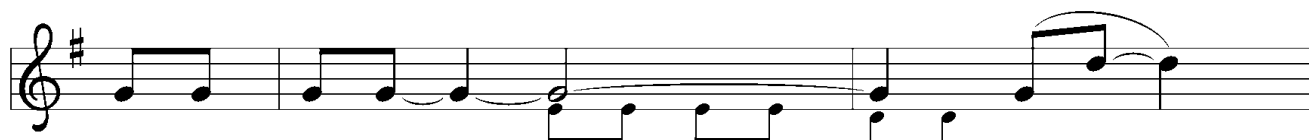
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



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 singing...

We are praying...

We are dancing...

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry Hagensen
 Ushers: Marge & Gary Danielson
 Reader/Communion Assistant: Stu Rosselet
 Fellowship Hosts: Kathy Flaas, Val Wagner

Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies
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April Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total General Fund Income for April: \$20,355

Total Expenses for April: \$14,489

SURPLUS for April: \$5,886

5.18.25 General Fund Offering: \$2,275

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 5.22.25)

May 18 Attendance (in person/online): 58/19

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 843

YouTube Subscribers: 124

Facebook reach (2025 to date): 37,037

Announcements for the Week of May 26, 2025

May Mission Partner – Evergreen Youth & Family Services: This month New Salem is lifting up the work of Evergreen Youth & Family Services, 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 **Evergreen YFS**. For more information on Evergreen YFS and its programs, see page 17 of the worship guide or their website at www.evergreenyfs.org.

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!

Calendar for the Week of May 26

Mon, 5/26	Memorial Day, Church and Office Closed	
Wed, 5/28	Confirmation	4 p.m.
	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 5/29	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri/Sat, May 30, 31	Synod Assembly	



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Fun, Fellowship and Praising God Through Song: The New Salem Choir

Come make a joyful noise - join New Salem's "small but mighty" choir just for the summer or sing with us year-round!

The choir practices at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays at the church, and sings in church on the first and third Sundays of the month. The group also sings in the Christmas program in December and in New Salem's Bemidji Area Church Musicians Recital in the summer. We would love to welcome YOU as part of our music ministry!

(The ability to read music is helpful but is not a requirement. 😊)





Evergreen
Youth & Family Services
Strengthening Youth. Preserving Families.

*New Salem's
 Highlighted
 Mission
 Partner
 May 2025*



OUR MISSION

Evergreen Youth & Family Services is a community-based organization committed to strengthening youth, preserving families and building relationships with an emphasis on those living in Northern Minnesota.

OUR VALUES

Evergreen believes that communities are strongest when every individual is treated with dignity and respect and has support to achieve his/her full human potential. Evergreen chooses to remain client-centered with an emphasis on being responsive to each individual and families' needs while maintaining a high level of professionalism, compassion and empathy. We operate from a position of hope, faith and support. Our services and perspective are often grassroots in nature and it is because of our strong relationships and resources that Evergreen Youth & Family Services remains a catalyst in the region for proactive services, education and advocacy.

- ♦ Evergreen Youth & Family Services is a private, non-profit youth and family service provider.
- ♦ In the past 48 years, Evergreen has developed a safety net of services to strengthen youth, preserve families, and help support successful transitions to adulthood.
- ♦ Every year, over 1,000 children, youth, and young families come to us for emergency food and shelter, crisis intervention, mental health, and the skills and tools necessary to live a safe and healthy life.
- ♦ Youth and families of all backgrounds and walks of life are welcome. Approximately 60% of the youth we serve each year are Native American or mixed race, 30% are Caucasian, and 10% are African-American, Asian, Hispanic, or mixed race.

The Evergreen Youth & Family Services Shelter provides free shelter, coaching, and support services for **youth ages 9-17** who are experiencing an immediate personal or family crisis. The shelter can house up to 10 youth at a time and is **open 24 hours a day, 365 days per year**. Youth, their families, and other caregivers are also eligible to receive free drop-in counseling and/or family counseling services. All services are free.

God's Work, Our Treasure—MAY 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **Evergreen Youth & Family Services**, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable ministry.

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