

# Worship Guide for June 21, 2026

## The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost



### Welcome and Announcements

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

### Confession and Absolution

Gathered by God's grace and called into Christ's love, let us come before God with honest hearts, confessing our sin and trusting in the mercy that makes all things new.

Most merciful God, ***we confess our sins in your presence and in the presence of our sisters and brothers. We acknowledge that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the ways we have focused on our own wants and needs while forgetting the needs of others. Through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ our Savior, forgive us our sins and renew within us hearts of love, compassion, and grace, that we may faithfully serve you and care for one another. Amen.***

Beloved children of God, through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, God forgives our sins and renews us in love and grace. May the Holy Spirit guide our thoughts, words, and actions, that all we do may give glory and honor to God our heavenly Father. ***Amen.***

**Gathering Hymn****Let the Whole Creation Cry**

1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
 those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
 and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
 from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
 all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

**Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray: *Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

**Reading of the Word****First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:

“Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. “Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him.” <sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten. <sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

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

**Psalm: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother’s children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach.**

[<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also, and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O Lord: “In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

<sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me.**

**Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11**

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### Children's Message

**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 – include your email to receive our weekly email of the worship guide and livestream link for Sunday worship services.

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

**YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN**

### Gospel Acclamation

### Alleluia

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

**Sermon****You Are Invited to Share in the Worship Ministries of New Salem**

Serve as a reader, proclaiming God's Word; as an usher, welcoming all who gather for worship; or as a communion assistant, helping share the Lord's Supper with God's people. These ministries are an important part of our worship life and a wonderful way to serve God and one another. Please consider sharing your gifts - sign-up sheets are available on the table in the narthex.



**Hymn of the Day****How Firm a Foundation**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Sharing the Peace****Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory Hymn

## As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer

Together we pray: *Holy God, we give you thanks for the many ways you have richly blessed us through these gifts we now offer to you. May they be used to fulfill your command to love one another and serve our neighbors in your name. As we receive our Lord's body and blood, grant that we may come with open hearts and ears ready to hear your words of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. Amen.*

Words of InstitutionLord'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****Children of the Heavenly Father**

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil-dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär-nan ej på him-la - fäs - tet, få-geln ej i kän-da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**Communion Hymn #2****O Jesus, I Have Promised (continued next page)**

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.  
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

### Communion Blessing

### Post Communion Prayer

Together we pray: ***Generous God, you have fed and nourished us with the holy body and blood of your Son. Send us forth, strengthened by this meal, to love and obey you. As we have received and experienced your grace, help us to share your love and grace with all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### Benediction

### Sending Hymn (next page)



Happy Father's Day to all fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, special uncles, father figures and pet dads - and remembering with love those no longer with us. ♥

**Sending Hymn**

**Guide My Feet**



1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

**Upcoming @ New Salem**

<b>Wed, 6/24</b>	<b>BACM Recital @ First Presbyterian</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs, 6/25</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	<b><i>Sun, 6/28 (afternoon) – Mon, 7/13 Pastor Terry on Vacation</i></b>	
<b>Wed, 7/1</b>	<b>BACM Recital @ St. Mark's</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri, 7/3</b>	<b>Office/Church Closed for July 4 Holiday</b>	
<b>Sat, 7/4</b>	<b>Happy Independence Day!</b>	
<b>Wed, 7/8</b>	<b>BACM Recital @ First Baptist Church</b>	<b>12 noon</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>



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

## New Salem's June Mission Partner



### OUR MISSION:



To inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to realize their full potential as productive, responsible and caring citizens.

**What the Club does every day helps improve the lives of children.** Club activities support youth development in four key program areas:

- **ACADEMIC SUCCESS** to help youth achieve academic goals, stay in school, explore career interests, learn new skills and consider post-secondary education options.
- **HEALTH & WELL-BEING** to help youth engage in positive behaviors that nurture well-being, set personal goals and grow into self-sufficient adults, including daily physical activity, healthy food choices and an appreciation for the outdoors.
- **CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP** to empower youth to become engaged in the Club and the community, sustain meaningful relationships, and respect one another.
- **LIFE & WORKFORCE READINESS** to equip to navigate adulthood and pursue a fulfilling economically valuable career path.

### OUR PLAN:

Provide a safe and engaging place where youth develop positive relationships with caring adults and peers.



### OUR PRIORITIES:

Help youth achieve academic success, adopt healthy lifestyles and develop good character and citizenship.

## God's Work, Our Treasure - June 2026

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of the Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable resource in our community. Please remember to indicate on your check or envelope that your gift is for the B&G Club.

[bgcbemidji.org](http://bgcbemidji.org) 1600 Minnesota Ave NW

## The Bemidji Area Church Musicians

present

**The 2026 Summer Recital Series - Our 39<sup>th</sup> Season!**  
**Wednesdays, 12 - 12:30 p.m. Followed by a Luncheon**  
*This season's performances are dedicated  
 to the memory of Kenneth J. Wold*

June 24	Calvatoryian Bell Choir collaborating with Young Musicians of St. Phillip's Church	First Presbyterian Church 501 Minnesota Ave. NW
July 1	St. Mark's Musicians	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 2220 Anne St. NW
July 8	Wade Martin, vocalist, Jenn Ellis, piano Amanda Willis-Martin, piano; Mathison Martin, piano; Shar Paquette, piano	First Baptist Church 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW
July 15	Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute Sanna Gustafson, saxophone Janet Pederson, violin	Bemidji Covenant Church 5405 Hart Ln. NW (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 22	Glenn Seibel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano	United Methodist Church 924 Beltrami Ave. NW
July 29	Samantha Melberg, flute; Sarah Leach, piano Ben Bartholomew, saxophone	Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave. SE
August 5	The New Salem Choir; Denise Laaveg, piano Cheryl Durant, piano; Sonja Kraft, flute Traci Djonne Schanke, soprano	New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NE (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)
August 12	Wayne Hoff, Carol L Johnson, Piano and Organ recital, Jennifer L. Johnson, vocalist	Aardahl Lutheran Church 2920 Van Buran Ave. SE
August 19	Sarah Carlson, organ, piano Claire Carlson, violin; Bob Madeson, euphonium Josh Grosvold, clarinet	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Ave.
August 26	Emily Mathew, piano; Mike Locke, guitar Amy Williams, flute; Elaine Kleinsasser	Church of Christ 692 Mag Seven Ct. SW

Free will offering supports the BACM Music Scholarship Fund.

*Luncheon prices are determined by each venue.*

## **The Readings on This Day**

### **Sunday, June 21 – The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost**

The stereotypical idea that religious people enjoy the good life is challenged by all three readings this Sunday. Hearing hard words about the difficult life of discipleship, we gladly go the table for our sustenance. This week also encompasses the summer solstice in the northern hemisphere, which Christians can see as a sign that darkness and death await us all.

#### **Matthew 10:24-39**

For Matthew, one's commitment to follow the Father in heaven replaces stereotypical family values. Christian life is encountered on the cross, which believers in some way share with the crucified one.

#### **Jeremiah 20:7-13**

Jesus and the early Christian community were not the first to suffer for speaking the word of the Lord: the first reading recalls a time centuries before in Jewish history when the faithful prophet suffered for his proclamation.

#### **Romans 6:1b-11**

The lectionary now skips part of Romans 5 that is appointed during Lent and proceeds with Paul's teaching about baptism as our connection to the death of Christ. Daily we return to our baptism as the tomb of our old life and the resurrection of life in Christ.

#### **Images in the Readings**

God's care for sparrows calls us to trust in God, since Matthew states here and in chapter 7 (see Lectionary 8) that humans have more value than birds. Sparrows were among the cheapest birds sold in the markets of Matthew's time. Unfortunately, such biblical passages have been used to devalue God's creation, as if humans are the only creatures to receive divine blessing. Here Matthew states that God does indeed care for the sparrow.

Of course Matthew's description of the natural and married family experiencing hatred is disturbing. Matthew even assumes that discipleship will bring about such dissension. Pacifist Christians assert that Matthew's word about the sword is only metaphoric, but even as metaphor, it is a harsh word about the difficulties of the Christian life. In Paul's imagery, the Christian life requires our old self to be crucified, as if baptism aims the sword at oneself.

Probing biblical images helps us avoid taming the Bible into Precious Moments<sup>®</sup>. Matthew's words about a reversal of slave and master may sound benign to Americans who believe in equality, but such words would have sounded bizarre—like losing one's life to live—to citizens of a slave culture. Matthew is saying that cultural patterns may be totally inappropriate for those who follow Christ.

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