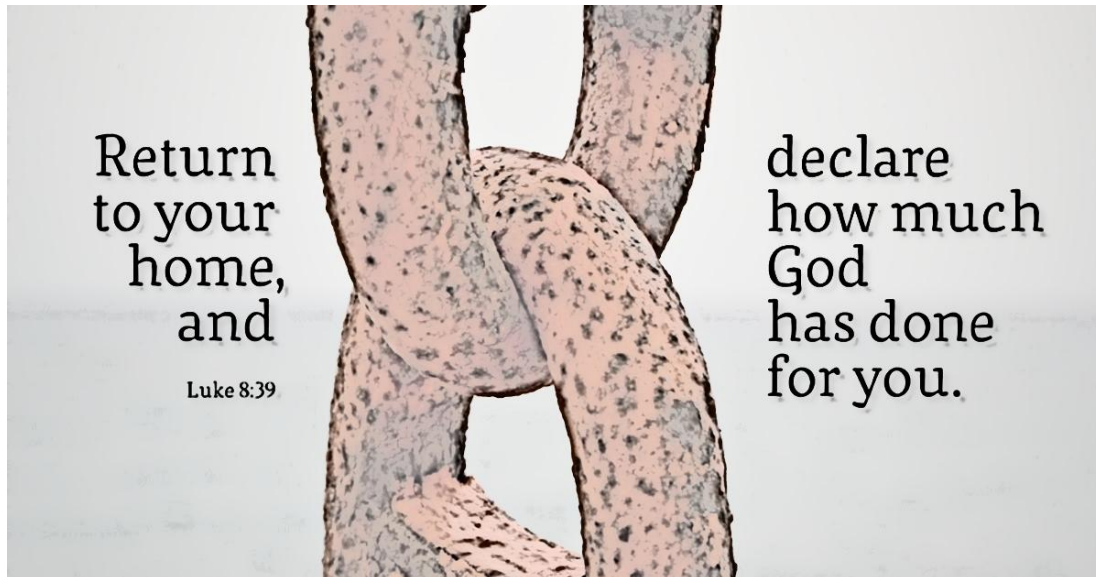


Worship Guide for June 22, 2025

The Second Sunday of Pentecost



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.**

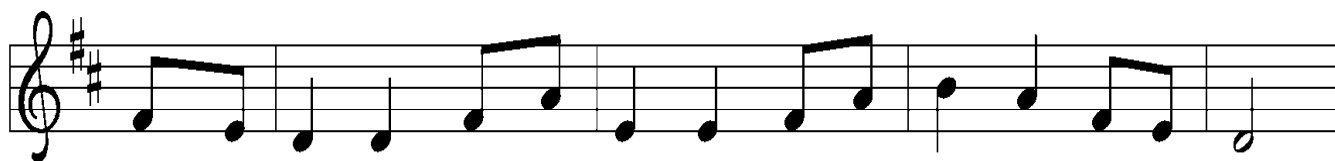
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Brief silence for reflection

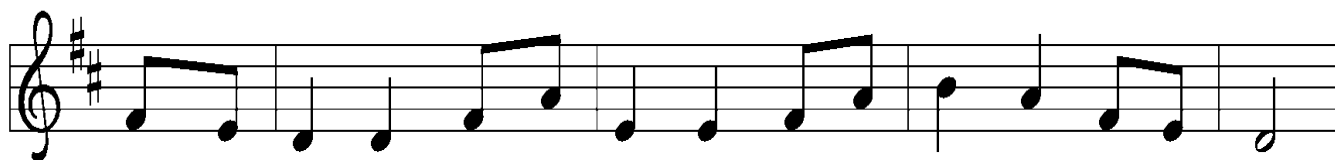
Most merciful God, ***we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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.**

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Gathering Hymn**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

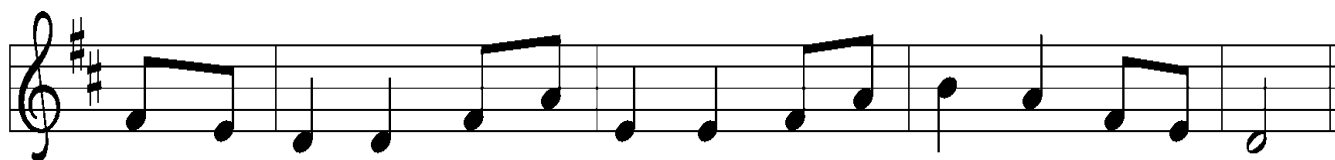
- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil-dren with a strong yet gen-tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf-fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris-'ners, turn-ing blind-ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc-ing, two-edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal-ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad-ness, see-ing what our God has done.



calm-ing storms and feed - ing thou-sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench-ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem-ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

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

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

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: Luke 8:26-39

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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.

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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. ☹



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE BEMIDJI AREA**

June Mission Partner - Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of the Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area, 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 **Boys & Girls Club**. For more information on the Boys & Girls Club and its programs, see page 12 of the worship guide or their website at www.bcgbemidji.org.

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone (continues next page)

Verses



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|------------------|--------|-----------------|------------|------------|
| 1. A - maz - ing | grace, | how sweet | the sound | that |
| 2. 'Twas | grace | that taught | my heart | to fear, |
| 3. The | Lord | has prom - ised | good | to me; |
| 4. The | earth | shall soon | dis - sove | like snow, |
| | | | | the |

4



saved	a	wretch	like	me.	I	once	was - lost	but
grace	my	fears	re - lieved.		How	pre - cious -	did	that
Word	my	hope	se - cures.		He	will	my shield	and
sun	for -	bear	to shine;		but	God,	who - called	me

7 Refrain




now I'm found, was blind but - now - I see. My chains are
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
 port - tion be as long as - life - en - dures.
 here be - low, will be fo - ev - er mine.

10




gone, I've been set - free. My God, my Sav - ior - has ran-somed

13



me; And like a flood His mer - cy reigns, un - end ing

16



love, a - maz - ing grace.

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the Peace

Tithes and Offerings

Save the Date - Sunday, July 27

Annual Outdoor Worship/Potluck at Three Island Park



Join us at beautiful Three Island Park for our 2025 Outdoor Worship Service. Worship is at 9:30 a.m. followed by a potluck in the park pavilion. Power will be available, so get those favorite slow cooker recipes ready!



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: ***God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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**One Bread, One Body**

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or Jew,	ser - vant	or free,
2	Man - y	the gifts,	man - y	the works,
3	Grain for	the fields,	scat-tered	and grown,

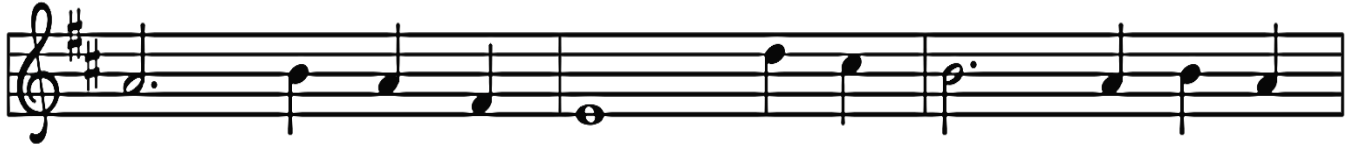


wom - an	or man,	no	more.
one in	the Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to one	for	all.



Communion Hymn #2**Come to Me, O Weary Traveler**

1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; come to
 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not
 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my
 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - 'ler; rest in



me with your dis - tress; come to me, you heav - y -
 fear, my bur - den's light; do not fear the path be -
 yoke and come with me. Take my yoke, I am be -
 me and do not fear. Rest in me, my heart is



bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."
 fore you; do not run from me in fright."
 side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."
 gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

Together we pray: *O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Benediction

Sending Hymn**Love Lifted Me**

1 I was sink-ing deep in sin, far from the peace-ful shore, ver - y deep-ly
 2 All my heart to him I give, ev - er to him I'll cling, in his bless-ed
 3 Souls in dan-ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com-plete - ly saves; he will lift you



stained with-in, sink-ing to rise no more; but the mas-ter of the sea
 pres - ence live, ev - er his prais-es sing; love so might-y and so true
 by his love out of the an - gry waves; he's the mas-ter of the sea,



heard my de-spair-ing cry, from the wa-ters lift - ed me, now safe am I.
 mer - its my soul's best songs; faith-ful lov-ing ser-vice, too, to him be - longs.
 bil - lows his will o - bey; he your Sav-ior true will be: be saved to - day.

Refrain

Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth - ing



else could help, love lift - ed me. love lift - ed me.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen

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Ushers:

Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft

Reader:

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May Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total General Fund Income for May: \$10,500

Total Expenses for May: \$16,575

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6.15.25 General Fund Offering: \$3,917

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 6.18.25)

June 15 Attendance (in person/online): 68/20

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 950

YouTube Subscribers: 124

Facebook reach (2025 to date): 46,394

Announcements for the Week of June 23, 2025

Exercise Class Returns to New Salem: Focusing on strength, balance and ease of motion, a low-impact exercise class has returned to New Salem. The class will meet Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. and all are welcome to participate!

BACM Luncheon on August 6: We are in need of a team to prep, serve, and clean up for the lunch following New Salem's BACM recital on August 6. If we can get just a few people for each task – advance prep, final prep/serving day of, and clean up after – then the work is spread out and not falling on just a few. A sign up sheet and dessert recipe for the event are on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall.

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 June 23

Tue, 6/24	Exercise Class	9:30 a.m.
Wed, 6/25	BACM Recital/Lunch at St. Philip's (702 Beltrami Ave) Choir Practice	12 noon 5 p.m.
Thurs, 6/26	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri, 6/27	Exercise Class	9:30 a.m.

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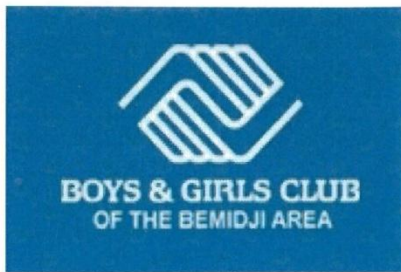
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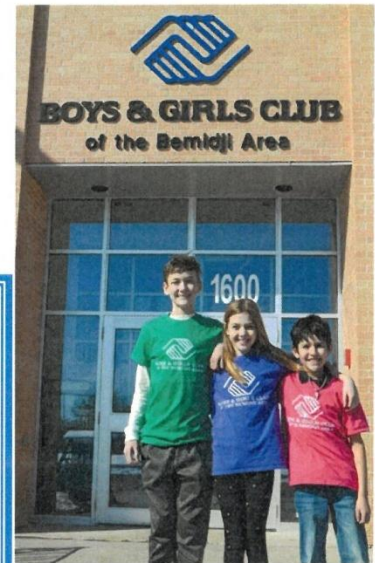
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What the Club does every day helps improve the lives of children. Club activities support youth development in four key program areas:

- **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.



The Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area opened a **Blackduck Branch of Club** services in partnership with **Blackduck Public School**, co-locating within the school at the start of the 2024 school year. The Blackduck Branch will serve up to 100 youth in grades K-8, operating all day Mondays when Blackduck school is not in session and after school Tuesday through Friday. The new branch is made possible by a grant, which will fund approximately 60 percent of the operations for the first two years. A lot of people have been working over the past four years to bring together the leadership and funding to make this

dream possible. We are grateful to the school leadership, United Way, and the whole Blackduck community for welcoming us and partnering with us to serve Blackduck youth.

Our garden program gives youth access to the agricultural process from planning to planting, weeding and watering to harvesting for the over 30 varieties of fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Youth have the opportunity to learn about the environment, healthy foods, importance of pollinators, and local growing systems. Garden produce is served in summer lunches and school-year snacks at the Club. The Garden produces over 1000 pounds of produce each season.

God's Work, Our Treasure—JUNE 2025

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The 2025 Summer Recital Series - Our 38th Season
Wednesdays, Noon - 12:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served Following Each Recital

June 25	St. Philip's Musicians	St. Philip's Church 702 Beltrami Ave.
July 2	St. Mark's Musicians	St. Mark's Lutheran Church 2220 Anne St. NW
July 9	Wade Martin, vocalist, guitar Amanda Willis-Martin, piano Mathison Martin, piano	First Baptist Church 1555 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW
July 16	Lois Simonson, piano, Karl Miller, flute Sanna Gustafson, saxophone Janet Pederson, violin	Bemidji Covenant Church 5405 Hart Ln. NW (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 23	Glenn Seibel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano	United Methodist Church 924 Beltrami Ave. NW
July 30	Calvary Lutheran Musicians	Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave. SE
August 6	New Salem Musicians	New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NE (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)
August 13	Wayne Hoff, Carol L Johnson, Piano and Organ recital, Jennifer L. Johnson, vocalist	Aardahl Lutheran Church 2920 Van Buran Ave. SE
August 20	Sarah Carlson, Claire Carlson, 2024 scholarship recipient Bob Madeson, Merideth Klingbeil	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Ave.
August 27	Darlinda Coe, Organ Jennifer Parker, soloist Ruth Anderson, pianist Lee Coe, rattlebones	First Presbyterian Church 501 Minnesota Ave. NW

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The Second Sunday of Pentecost

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you." Today's readings collectively highlight both the imprisoning realities of sin and the life-changing effects of clothing ourselves with Christ and the identity he gives us.

Likely written to returned exiles (fifth century BCE), Isaiah 65 is God's defense to a faithless people. Their identified sins involve following their own devices, joining unorthodox rituals, engaging unclean spaces and foods, and yet professing upstanding piety. Using a familiar agricultural comparison, God promises to refrain from destroying the people and to cause them yet to inherit the land.

The *Galatians* reading portrays the law as a "disciplinarian" that "imprisoned" and "guarded" people before a new era of faith. The word for disciplinarian (*paidagōgos*) refers not to a disciplinarian or teacher per se, but to a childminder or nanny—a parental supervisor for a certain season of life. Paul tells believers that in Christ Jesus through faith they are children of God, anchoring the promise in a core Christian practice (baptism). Elsewhere Paul speaks of putting on Christ as clothing (Rom. 13:14; also Eph. 4:24), suggesting baptismal practices that involved donning new clothes. *Galatians* 3:28 is probably the most profound profession in scripture of eradicating binaries in Christ Jesus. The extent to which early Christian communities practiced this vision is difficult to say. Insofar as they did, it would have been profoundly countercultural—to the extent of inviting social dishonor.

The gospel story takes place in Gentile territory on Galilee's eastern shore among pigs and a tomb dweller—all of which were unclean for faithful Jews. Luke alone refers to "the abyss" (8:31), implying Jesus' ultimate authority over evil. Although many Euro-American readers find evil spirits incompatible with a scientific worldview, the global majority of Christians does not experience such great dissonance. The healed man's position "sitting at the feet of Jesus" (v. 35) is that of a learner-disciple (see 10:39; Acts 22:3). The Gerasene residents' request for Jesus to leave may stem from anger at lost livestock, fear of the unknown, or contentedness with status quo evil. Though Jesus tells the man to proclaim what "God has done for you" (v. 39), he shares what *Jesus* has done for him, indicating strong overlap between the activities of God and Jesus.

(Source: *Sundays and Seasons*)