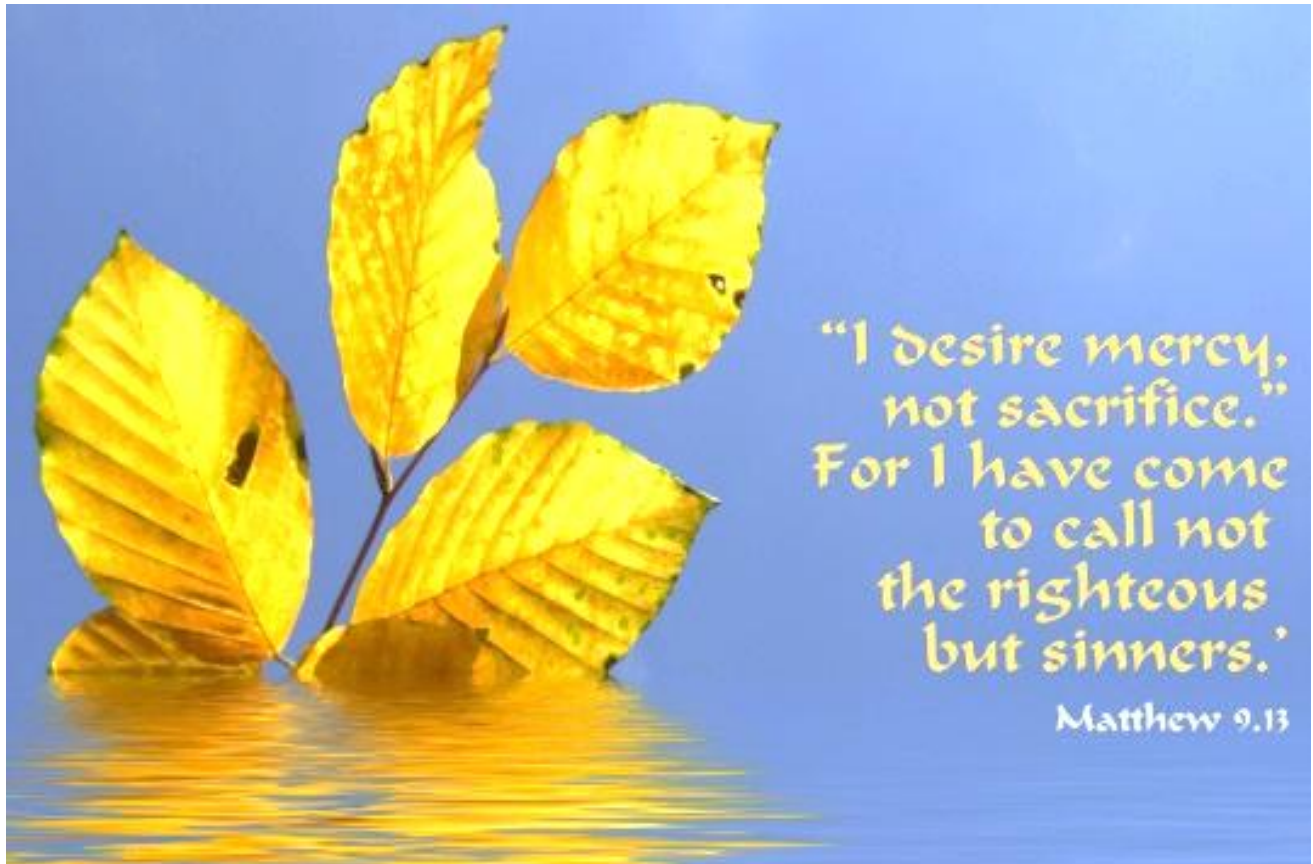


Worship Guide for June 7, 2026

The Second 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

When at Last the Rain Falls



1 Al ca - er la llu - via re - sur - ge con ver - dor
 2 El co - quí se_a - le - gra, se sien - te muy fe - liz;
 1 When at last the rain falls, our world turns liv - ing green.
 2 All the pret - ty song - birds re - joice and sing your praise,



to - da la flo - res - ta. ¡Re - nue - va la crea - ción!
 can - ta en su_a - la - ban - za: "co - quí, co - quí, co - quí."
 Lit - tle flow - ers blos - som, the air is warm and clean.
 war - ble hymns ex - qui - site, through sun - ny spring - time days.



Mi - ra_el ro - jo li - rio; el duen - de ya bro - tó.
 El pi - ti - rre can - ta y tri - na_el rui - se - ñor.
 See the gor - geous lil - y its ra - diant blooms dis - play;
 Night - in - gales and tree - frogs sing praise when it grows dark,



¡Be - lla pri - ma - ve - ra que_a - nun - cia su ful - gor!
 ¡Cuán a - le - gre - men - te a - la - ban al Crea - dor!
 may I just as bold - ly praise God in my own way.
 on - ly cease at day - break, and then we hear the lark.

Refrain / Estribillo

To - da flor sil - ves - tre, la ma - ya, el cun - dea - mor:
 All the lit - tle flow - ers and ten - der curl - ing ferns



¡Có - mo ma - ni - fies - tan la glo - ria del Se - ñor!
 show their mak - er's glo - ry, each praise to God re - turns.



¡Có - mo se te_a - la - ba en to - da la cre - a - ción!
 Sing, all of cre - a - tion, your mak - er prais - es ac - cord!



Yo qui - sie - ra ha - cer - lo en for - ma_i - gual, Se - ñor.
 I al - so will of - fer my songs to you, O Lord.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6**

¹⁵ I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

^{6:1} “Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. ² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. ³ Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. ⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. ⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

RAIN OR SHINE - 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. Burgers/hot dogs provided; bring a dish to share and join the fun!

Psalm: Psalm 50:7-15

⁷ “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

⁸ **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always before me.**

⁹ I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

¹⁰ **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.**

¹¹ I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

¹² **If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

¹³ Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴ **Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵ Call upon me in the ¹ day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Children's Message**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.

**Today is Noisy Offering Sunday - get your change ready!
 (Folding money and checks cheerfully accepted as well!)
 Funds collected are used to support projects selected by church youth,
 such as The Cow Project, Food Shelf, ELCA Good Gifts and others.**

Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith

has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



- 1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
 But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
 Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
 and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the PeaceTithes 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 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

Will You Come and Follow Me



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Communion Hymn #2**We Come to You for Healing, Lord**

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.



**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.

Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

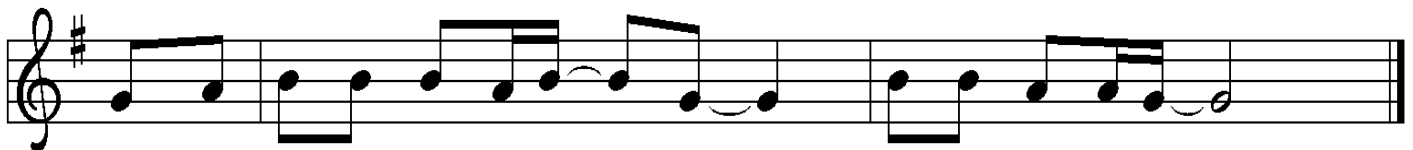
Together we pray: *Generous God, you have fed and nourished us with the holy body and blood of your Son. Send us forth, strengthened by this meal, to love and obey you. As we have received and experienced your grace, help us to share your love and grace with all whom we meet; through Jesus Christ our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

Benediction**Sending Hymn****I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me**

1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
 2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
 3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
 When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Upcoming @ New Salem

Mon, 6/8	New Salem @ Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon – 3:30 p.m.
Wed, 6/10	BACM Recital @ Trinity Lutheran Choir Practice	12 noon 5 p.m.
Thurs, 6/11	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri, 6/12	New Salem @ Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Sun, 6/14	BBQ/Potluck Picnic following worship	
Tues, 6/16	Team/Council Meeting Night	6 p.m./7 p.m.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen	Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies
Ushers: Dar and Mike Moen	Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft
Reader: Mert Schultz	Pianist: Cheryl Durant
Communion Assistant:	Cantor/Choir Director: Annalise Aakhus
Fellowship Host: Joy Wilander	AV Services: Traci Schanke

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May Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)

Total General Fund Income: \$17,326

Total Expenses: \$16,425

SURPLUS for May: \$901

5.31 General Fund Offering: \$3,080

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 6.5.26)

Sunday, May 31 (in person/online): 60/25

Facebook reach: 52,361

YouTube Views: 1,048

YouTube Subscribers: 142

Announcements for the Week of June 7, 2026

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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!

Regarding Today's Coffee Fellowship The treats for today's fellowship hour - cookies, rolls, apple crunch loaf – are compliments of Raphael's and KB101's "Stump the Dummies" contest. I had fun doing it! There will be two sheets of paper on the back table for Raphael's and KB101's "Stump the Dummies"; please take a moment to sign them and they will be delivered to them. (There will be other goodies too!)

Bless all of you for being the great people you are – I am so grateful to God for New Salem!

Joy Wilander

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!

New Salem’s Food Shelf Volunteer Shifts for June



Monday, June 8

9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon–3:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12 – 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at ksnortland5@gmail.com or 612-940-7312.

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**Make a joyful
noise!**

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 1600 Minnesota Ave NW

The Bemidji Area Church Musicians

present

The 2026 Summer Recital Series - Our 39th 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 10	Trinity Musicians	Trinity Lutheran Church 123 29 th St.
June 17	Ring Jubilant Praise, handbells; Kay Sue Eriksson, Laura Engelstad, piano; Taumi Wilson, Mary Larson, flute, piano	Evangelical Free Church 115 Carr Lake Rd. SW
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 – The Second Sunday of Pentecost

Appointing both Matthew and Romans, these Sundays exemplify the complexity of the Scriptures: each Bible reading nuances the others; what one reading says must stand next to what a quite different reading says; all three readings are in our ears. As the old saying goes, “Scripture interprets Scripture.”

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26: Jesus not only preaches strict obedience to an intensified law: he also eats with sinners, thus himself breaking the law. So this Sunday Jesus eats with us, who have not always built our house upon him. Our faith can make us well, even if we are bleeding or dying.

Hosea 5:15—6:6: Like the ancient Jews, we turn to God in penitence and thrive on the water of life. The Old Testament promise that God will heal prepares us to hear about Jesus’ healing miracles. Christians have seen in “spring rains” a metaphor for baptism.

Romans 4:13-25: Jews, Christians, and Muslims all claim Abraham as their ancient ancestor. For Christians, it is neither Abraham’s ethnic identity nor his obedience that is essential, but rather his faith in a God who promises life.

Images in the Readings

In the Bible, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Hannah, and Elizabeth are all described as having been barren. Using this image in narrative was a way to give only to God power over life. Paul continues this theme when he wrote of Sarah’s barren womb and Abraham’s faith in the promises of God.

The gospel presents four images for our consideration: Jesus calling Matthew to abandon his tax booth; Jesus eating with disreputable people; Jesus healing a bleeding woman; and Jesus raising a girl from the dead. Anthropologists report that many societies, in both past and present, maintain strict rules about what to do with bodily wastes and discharges. In response to what they understood as the laws given by God, Jews isolated persons who were bleeding. Perhaps many menstruating women were contented to be released from social tasks during their menstrual cycle, but Matthew says that this isolation lasted for twelve years—twelve being the number meant to suggest completion or perfection. The narrative of Jesus healing the bleeding woman touches on several issues: a woman refusing to obey the rules; the power of Jesus to turn dying into living; the Christian call to reexamine religious tradition. Today’s gospel gives a further example: Jesus joins the unclean by touching a dead body, something the law of God forbade.

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