

Worship Guide for July 13, 2025

The Fifth 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**As We Gather at Your Table**

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phantly Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

⁹The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

⁹ You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.

¹⁰ **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ² To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was

moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

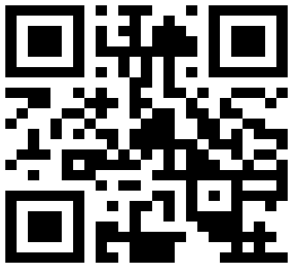
Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!



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



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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. ☹



July Mission Partner - Hope House Bemidji



This month New Salem is lifting up the work of **Hope House 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 **Hope House** (not to be confused with Village of Hope, another of our monthly mission partners). For more information on **Hope House Bemidji** and its programs, see page 13 of the worship guide or their website at www.hopehousebemidji.org.

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** Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (continues next page)

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



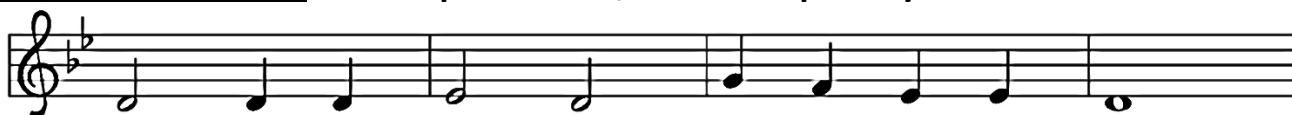
vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a -
breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

Communion Hymn #2

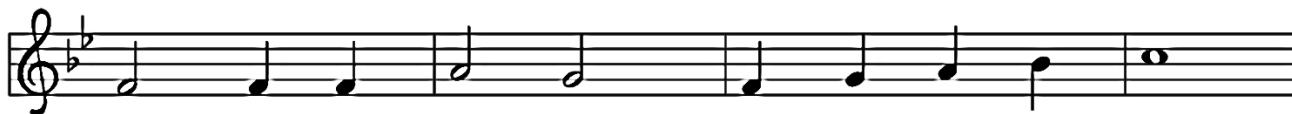
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.



Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Ushers: Kathy and Steve Flaata****Reader/Communion Assistant:****Fellowship Host:****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Pianist: Stacy Crystal****Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke****New Salem Lutheran Church - Terry R. Hagensen, Pastor****7491 Island View Drive NE, Turtle River, MN 56601****Office Tel: 218-586-2262/Office Email (Traci Schanke): newsalem@paulbunyan.net****Website: newsalemlutheran.org****YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN****June Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)****Total General Fund Income for June: \$17,968****SURPLUS for June: \$1,994****Total Expenses for June: \$15,974****7.6.25 General Fund Offering: \$2,920****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 7.10.25)****July 6 Attendance (in person/online): 64/18****YouTube Subscribers: 125****YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,100****Facebook reach (2025 to date): 50,410****Announcements for the Week of July 14**

Today is Noisy Offering! Get your change ready (or cash, checks) for the July Noisy Offering. Funds collected are used by church youth to support programs such as the United Way's "Backpack Buddies," the Bemidji Food Shelf and ELCA's "Good Gifts," among others.

Traci's Office Hours Week of 7/14: Tues, 7/15 – Fri, 7/18, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (She will be out of the office from 11 am – 1:30 p.m. on Wed, 7/16 to attend this week's BACM recital.)

BACM Luncheon on August 6: We are in need of a just a few more people to prep, serve, and clean up for the lunch following New Salem's BACM recital on August 6. 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!

Birthday Bags! We are collecting items for our next round of birthday bags: cake mixes, frosting (full sized!), birthday candles and napkins. We will be assembling the bags as a project during VBS Day Camp the week of August 11 – please bring items to the church by Sunday, August 3.

New Salem's Fall Bazaar is Saturday, Nov 8: New items are needed for the raffle, and also for New Salem's craft table at the event. Watch your email/future bulletins for more information!

Calendar for the Week of July 14

Mon, 7/14	New Salem Volunteers at Food Shelf	9am-12:15pm and 12 noon – 3:15pm
Wed, 7/16	BACM Recital/Lunch at Bemidji Covenant (5405 Hart Lane NW, across from the movie theater) Choir Practice	12 noon 5 p.m.
Thurs, 7/17	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

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Those who sing pray twice.



HOPE HOUSE BEMIDJI

*New Salem's
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Mission Partner
July 2025*



Hope House Bemidji is a comprehensive community-based support program for persons with serious and persistent mental illness.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide community support services to people with serious and persistent mental illness so they can live in the community in the least restrictive setting, function at their best level, and reduce the need for involuntary hospitalization.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be so good at providing services and educating the community that someday our program is no longer needed.

DIRECT SERVICE STAFF

Prescriber
Rehabilitation Specialist
Registered Nurse
Mental Health Practitioners
Diagnostic Assessment Provider
Certified Peer Specialist
Activity/Office Coordinator
Rehabilitation Workers

SERVICES

- Community Support Program (CSP)
- ARMHS (Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services)
- Medication Education, Monitoring, and Prescribing
- Daytime Drop-in Center, including Cultural Activities
- Link to 24 Hour Community-Wide Crisis Line
- Diagnostic Assessments
- Consumer (Client) Speakers' Program

God's Work, Our Treasure—JULY 2025

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The Bemidji Area Church Musicians (BACM)
present
The 2025 Summer Recital Series - Our 38th Season
Wednesdays, Noon - 12:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served Following Each Recital

July 16	Lois Simonson, piano, Kari Miller, flute Sanna Gustafson, saxophone Janet Pederson, violin	Bemidji Covenant Church 5405 Hart Ln. NW (across from Bemidji Theater)
July 23	Glenn Selbel, 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 Klingbell	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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Luncheon Prices Set By Each Venue

Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment

The Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

An exhortation to neighborly love exists in the traditions of every major world religion. In Judaism, the commandment “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” is embedded in a series of commandments concerning rituals and morality (Lev. 19:18). This, paired with the commandment to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might” (Deut. 6:5), is what Jesus affirms, in Luke’s gospel, as what is necessary for life—eternal or otherwise (Luke 10:25-28).

Jesus’ exchange with the lawyer in Luke 10 is notably different from the synoptic parallels (Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34) in which Jesus is asked which of the commandments is greatest and is, himself, the one who gives the response. In Luke, the question is not about the central commandment but, rather, about attaining eternal life, and Jesus shifts from the student to the teacher. In each telling, however, Jesus aligns himself with traditional Jewish teaching by affirming these commandments as the most central—the ones upon which one’s very life depends.

The centrality of these commandments in first-century Judaism is illustrated by a Talmudic account that, while written later, relates a rabbinic exchange around the same time period in which a Gentile asks what he must do in order to convert to Judaism and the rabbi responds, “What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. That is the whole Torah; the rest is the explanation of this—go and study it!” (Shabbat 31a). This same centrality is expressed in the Deuteronomy reading for today that defines love of God as the basis upon which one keeps all the other commandments.

What stands out in Luke’s account, then, is not the novelty of the commandments to love, which are shared widely, but rather Jesus’ reminder that it is such love that sustains not only our ritual and moral behavior but our very lives. Notice that Jesus shifts the lawyer’s concern about eternal life to the more immediate affirmation that in following these commandments he will live. This is the moral of the parable of the man on the roadside; it is the cause of Amos’s harsh prophecies. It is not enough to know what is right. God desires that God’s people live and “lead lives worthy of the Lord, . . . [bearing] fruit in every good work” (Col. 1:10). (*From Sundays and Seasons*)