

# Worship Guide for July 20, 2025

## The Sixth 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****Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak**

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in  
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the  
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the  
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that  
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that  
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

**Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray: ***Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

**Reading of the Word****First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup> They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” <sup>10a</sup> Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

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

### **Psalm: Psalm 15**

<sup>1</sup> Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> ***Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;***

<sup>3</sup> they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup> ***In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.***

<sup>5</sup> They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### **Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28**

<sup>15</sup> [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup> And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup> he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, <sup>23</sup> provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup> I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup> I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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 10:38-42**

<sup>38</sup> Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." <sup>41</sup> But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**Sermon****Save the Date - Sunday, July 27****Annual Outdoor Worship/Potluck at Three Island Park**

**Join us at beautiful Three Island Park next Sunday 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!**



**Hymn of the Day****Open Your Ears, O Faithful People**

- 1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.

*Refrain*

To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



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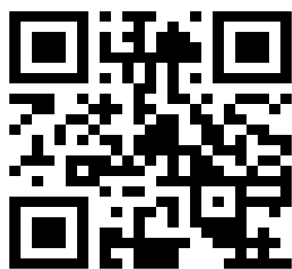
**Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!**



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.

Website: [newsalemlutheran.org](http://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](http://www.hopehousebemidji.org).

**Prayers of the People**

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

**Sharing the Peace****Tithes and Offerings****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****Christ, Be Our Light**

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



*Refrain*  
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.



**Communion Hymn #2****Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see



al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

**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****O Savior, Precious Savior**

- 1 O Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous-ly hast wrought,  
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
 then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais-es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

**Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants****Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Ushers: Kathy and Steve Flaatt****Reader/Communion Assistant: Pat Sanford****Fellowship Hosts: Ardis Hofstad, Joy Johnson****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****Cantor/Choir Director: Annalise Aakhus****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](mailto:newsalem@paulbunyan.net)****Website: [newsalemlutheran.org](http://newsalemlutheran.org)****YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN****June Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)****Total General Fund Income for June: \$17,968****Total Expenses for June: \$15,974****SURPLUS for June: \$1,994****7.13.25 General Fund Offering: \$4,782****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 7.17.25)****July 13 Attendance (in person/online): 53/35****YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,303****YouTube Subscribers: 125****Facebook reach (2025 to date): 52,379****Announcements for the Week of July 21**

**Traci's Office Hours Week of 7/21:** Mon, Tues, Fri July 21, 22, 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Out of the office all day on Thursday, July 24. (She will be out of the office from 11 am – 1:30 p.m. on Wed, 7/23 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.

**August Food Shelf Dates:** New Salem will provide volunteers to assist Food Shelf clients on Friday, August 8 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and Monday, August 11 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon – 3:15 p.m. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Karin Snortland at [ksnortland5@gmail.com](mailto:ksnortland5@gmail.com) or 612-940-7312.

**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 21

Wed, 7/23	BACM Recital/Lunch at United Methodist (924 Beltrami Ave NW)	12 noon
	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 7/24	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

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Music: Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929)



Those who sing pray twice.





# HOPE HOUSE BEMIDJI

*New Salem's  
Highlighted  
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 38<sup>th</sup> Season  
Wednesdays, Noon - 12:30 p.m.  
Luncheon Served Following Each Recital**

<b>July 23</b>	<b>Glenn Selbel, euphonium Wayne Hoff, piano</b>	<b>United Methodist Church 924 Beltrami Ave. NW</b>
<b>July 30</b>	<b>Calvary Lutheran Musicians</b>	<b>Calvary Lutheran Church 2508 Washington Ave. SE</b>
<b>August 6</b>	<b>New Salem Musicians</b>	<b>New Salem Lutheran Church 7491 Island View Dr. NE (Hwy 71 N at Turtle River)</b>
<b>August 13</b>	<b>Wayne Hoff, Carol L Johnson, Piano and Organ recital, Jennifer L. Johnson, vocalist</b>	<b>Aardahl Lutheran Church 2920 Van Buran Ave. SE</b>
<b>August 20</b>	<b>Sarah Carlson, Claire Carlson, 2024 scholarship recipient Bob Madeson, Merideth Klingbell</b>	<b>First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Ave.</b>
<b>August 27</b>	<b>Darlinda Coe, Organ Jennifer Parker, soloist Ruth Anderson, pianist Lee Coe, rattlebones</b>	<b>First Presbyterian Church 501 Minnesota Ave. NW</b>

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Luncheon Prices Set By Each Venue**

## Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment



## The Sixth Sunday of Pentecost

Building upon last week's emphasis on love of God and neighbor, today's readings urge service to the same. The Greek word Martha uses for "work" in Luke 10:40 is *diakonia*, from which we get words like "deacon" and "diaconate." We see God's people serving God and neighbor faithfully at times (Gen. 18:1-10; Luke 10:38-42) and at other times failing to serve (Amos 8:4-6), while the psalms respectively praise or lament these attitudes toward service (Pss. 15; 52).

However, while it would be easy to write off those who have forsaken God's path toward love and service, God's unmoving desire for the reconciliation and righteousness of *all* God's people is also a consistent theme across the texts. The "steadfast love" of God emphasized in Psalm 52:8 is paralleled by the steadfastness of those who love God in Colossians 1:23, even as the author of Colossians expresses his desire to "present *everyone* mature in Christ" (1:28, emphasis added). Indeed, God's very appearance to Abraham in Genesis 18, after all the ways Abraham has doubted God's promise and attempted to maneuver it to his own purposes, illustrates the unrelenting faithfulness of God.

Read in this light, Jesus' encounter with Martha need not be interpreted as diminishing Martha's path of service, but rather can be interpreted as broadening her frame of reference to recognize the expansive possibilities for serving in the household of God. Martha and Abraham are both householders who host a divine guest. Luke makes clear that it is *Martha*, not an imagined husband, father, or brother, who welcomes Jesus into *her* house (10:38). While not the norm in the first-century world, a woman running a household wasn't unheard of either. Inheritance laws provided both for widows with no sons and for daughters with no brothers. Since Martha's sister, Mary, seems to reside with her, we can assume the latter is the case. (This differs from John's narrative of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.)

As a result, the expectations of both the householder and the woman of the house fall on Martha. She is both host and hostess. In contrast, Abraham relies upon his wife and enslaved servant to provide for his guests (Gen. 18:6-7). Nevertheless, following the pattern set for receiving Jesus and his disciples into one's home (Luke 10:5-7), Martha does so as an act of faithful discipleship. Jesus' critique, then, is not of Martha's busy hospitality—in fact, he relies upon it—but of her inability to see Mary's listening as its own service.

*(Amy Lindeman Allen, Sundays and Seasons)*