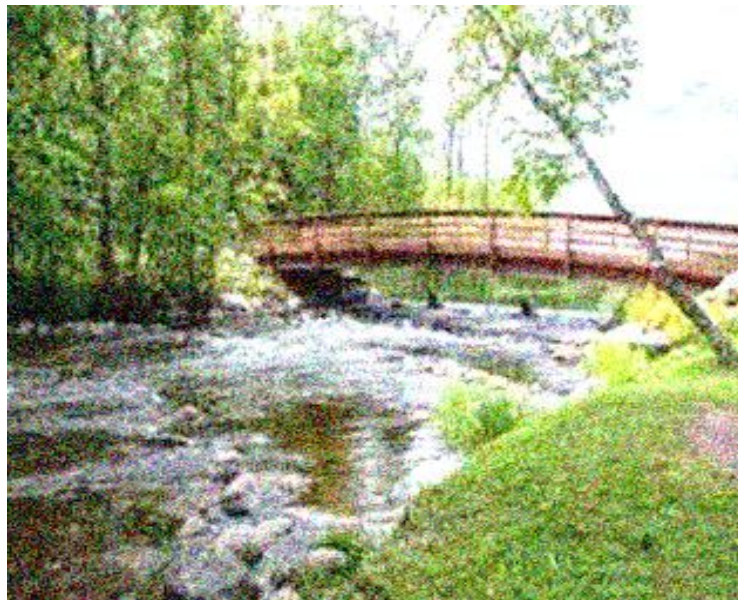


Worship Guide for July 27, 2025

The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

In the midst of God's creation let us confess our sins and hear Christ's words of Forgiveness.

"Gracious God, we confess that we have not always been faithful stewards of your creation. We have been indifferent to the beauty and bounty of the earth, and we have often prioritized our own needs over the well-being of your creatures and the health of the planet. Forgive us for our selfishness, our neglect, and our disregard for the delicate balance of your creation. Help us to see with new eyes the wonder and the fragility of all that you have made. May we turn away from destructive patterns and embrace a way of life that honors your creation. We thank you for the beauty of the earth, the abundance of your provision, and the gift of life. Grant us the grace to be faithful stewards of your creation, now and always. Amen."

Christ hears your confession and forgives your sins against Earth.

Christ, teach us to love Earth as our home and the planet as a precious sanctuary.

I speak for Christ: I invite you to celebrate Earth as your home and to revere this planet as God's sanctuary.

The earth God has created is our home!

Gathering Hymn**God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
 known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
 chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
 probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
 May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
 fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mystery of our fragile planet, we celebrate the wonders of Earth as our home. Help us to discern how we have polluted our planet and to empathies with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to sense the presence of God pulsing through Earth as a living green blue sanctuary. Teach us to love Earth as our home. In the name of Christ, the Word of God, who is the creative impulse in all creation. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Genesis 1:1-27**

¹ When God began to create^[a] the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^[b] swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humans^[c] in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth^[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humans^[e] in his image, in the image of God he created them; ^[f] male and female he created them.

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

Psalm: Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 **Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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.

Holy Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,^[a] or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life?^[b] ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one

of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God ^[d] and his ^[d] righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Let the Whole Creation Cry



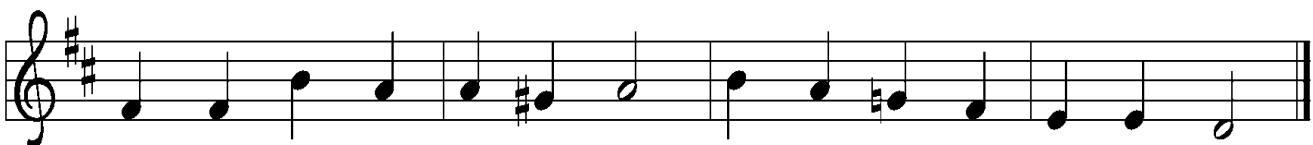
- 1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, “Glo - ry to the Lord on high!”
- 2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,
- 3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



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



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



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

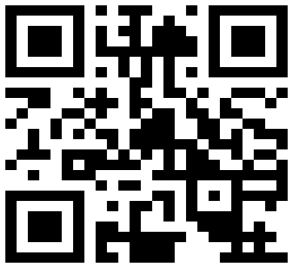
Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!



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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New Salem Electronically!**

Use your phone to scan the QR code to the left; it will take you to a secure Vanco page where you can quickly and easily make your gift!

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



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Prayers of the People

God of Creation, *Hear our Prayer.*

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****This is My Father's World**

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for - get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



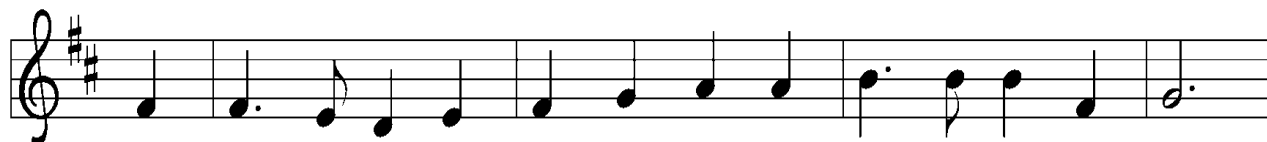
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Communion Hymn #2**Beneath the Cross of Jesus (continues next page)**

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

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

I Love to Tell the Story (next page)





1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Table Grace

Be pres-ent at our ta - ble, Lord; be here and ev-ery -
 where a-dored; thy crea-tures bless, and grant that we
 may feast in par - a - dise with thee.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Ushers: Carol and Graig Gilbertson****Music: Mike Naylor****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****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 (FINAL)****Total General Fund Income for June: \$18,004****Total Expenses for June: \$15,899****SURPLUS for June: \$2,105****7.20.25 General Fund Offering: \$1,590****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 7.21.25)****July 20 Attendance (in person/online): 74/22****YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,140****YouTube Subscribers: 126****Facebook reach (2025 to date): 50,923****Announcements for the Week of July 28****Traci's Office Hours Week of 7/28: Mon - Thurs, July 28 – 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Out of the office all day on Friday, August 1. (She will be out of the office from 11 am – 1:30 p.m. on Wed, 7/30 to attend this week's BACM recital.)****Choir Rehearsal Date Change: Choir rehearsal this week moves to **Thursday, July 31 at 5 p.m.** Cheryl is out of town the first part of the week, and we felt it was important to rehearse with her instead of a substitute so close to our August 6 performance.**

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 28

Wed, 7/30	BACM Recital/Lunch at Calvary Lutheran (2508 Washington Ave SE)	12 noon
Thurs, 7/31	Bible Study Choir Practice (NOTE DATE CHANGE)	9:30 a.m. 5 p.m.

**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 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

**Free Will Offering Supports BACM Music Scholarships
Luncheon Prices Set By Each Venue**



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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Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment