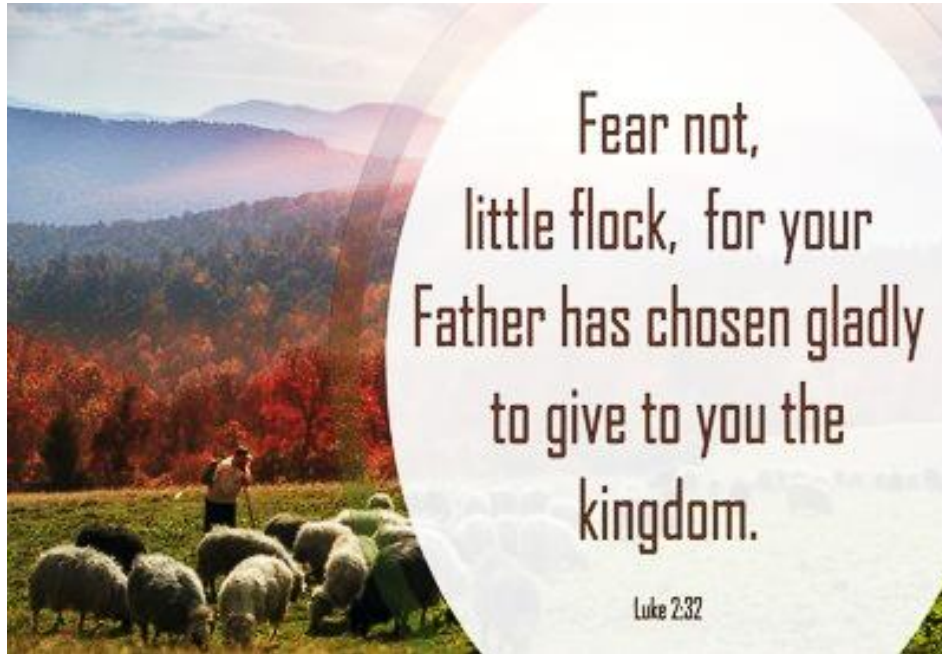


# Worship Guide for August 10, 2025

## The Ninth 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.**

**Gathering Hymn****O God, Who Gives Us Life**

1 O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
 2 O God, who calls your peo - ple out to ven - ture and to dare,  
 3 O God of cov - e - nant and law, re - vealed in cloud and flame,



who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
 to plumb the bleak a - byss of doubt and find you e - ven there:  
 your might - y deeds e - voke our awe; we dare not speak your name.



de - liv - er us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
 when we de - spair in wan - der - ing through wastes of emp - ty lies,  
 Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your peo - ple prove,



Help us to know your Spir - it still is mak - ing all things new.  
 re - fresh us with the liv - ing spring of hope that nev - er dies.  
 as on our hearts you write a - new the cov - e - nant of love.

**Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray: ***Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

**Reading of the Word****First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to

him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

### **Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22**

<sup>12</sup> Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup> **The Lord looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup> God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup> **God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup> A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup> Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O Lord, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup> **to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup> Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup> **Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup> Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland

<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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 12:32-40**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

### Oh Master, Let Me Walk With You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

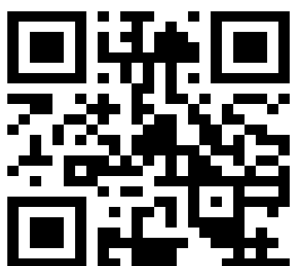
**Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!**



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

YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN



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**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****Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning**

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your  
 2 Dark-er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er  
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the  
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your



lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps  
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night  
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing  
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps



trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.  
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.  
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.



*Refrain*  
 Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;



chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

**August Mission Partner - Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter**

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of Northwoods Battered Women's shelter (NBWS), 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 **NWBS**. For more information on **Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter** and its programs, see page 12 of the worship guide or their website at [www.mnshelter.org](http://www.mnshelter.org)



**Communion Hymn #2****Have No Fear, Little Flock**

1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle  
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in  
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

**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.*

**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.☹**



**Benediction****Sending Hymn****How Great Thou Art**

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



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thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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**Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants****Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Ushers:****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Reader/Communion Assistant: Barb Comfort****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****Fellowship Host:****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](mailto:newsalem@paulbunyan.net)****Website: [newsalemlutheran.org](http://newsalemlutheran.org)****YouTube Channel: New Salem Lutheran Church, Turtle River, MN****July Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)****Total General Fund Income for July: \$13,464****Total Expenses for July: \$15,779****(DEFICIT) for July: (-\$2,315)****8.3.25 General Fund Offering: \$7,627****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 8.9.25)****Aug 3 Attendance (in person/online): 73/34****YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,585****YouTube Subscribers: 126****Facebook reach (2025 to date): 52,371****Announcements for the Week of August 11**

**THANK YOU!** To everyone who made New Salem's BACM Recital and Lunch a smashing success – we are so grateful for the hard work that went into making this event happen! Our choir proved “small and mighty” once again; there were many compliments from audience members on our performers and on the lunch (especially how it was served!). Approximately 115 were in the audience and 114 tickets for the luncheon were sold. Well done, all!

**Youth Day Camp Is This Week!** New Salem's 2025 Youth Day Camp runs from Monday – Thursday this week, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. daily. – come grow in faith, have some fun and make new friends. Early dropoff available for working parents. There will be a special potluck dinner on Wednesday evening, August 13 at 6 p.m. – following dinner, birthday bags for the food shelf will be assembled.

**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!

**August Food Shelf Dates:** New Salem will provide volunteers to assist Food Shelf clients on 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.

**August Team/Council Night is August 19:** Team meetings (Building & Grounds, Stewardship & Outreach, Worship & Music, Education) are at 6 p.m., the Council meets at 6:30 p.m.

**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 August 11**

<b>Mon, 8/11 – Thurs, 8/14</b>	<b>Youth Day Camp New Salem @ Food Shelf</b>	<b>9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 9 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m. &amp; 12 – 3 :15 p.m.</b>
<b>Wed, 8/13</b>	<b>Choir Practice Potluck/Birthday Bag Assembly</b>	<b>5 p.m. 6 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs, 8/14</b>	<b><i>NO BIBLE STUDY TODAY</i></b>	

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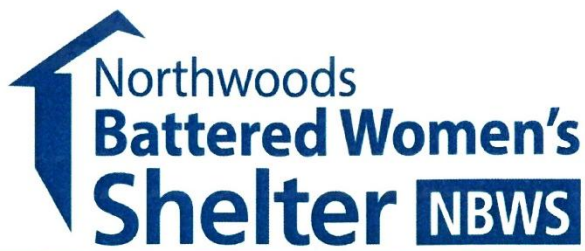
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*Those who sing pray twice.*



*New Salem's  
Highlighted  
Mission Partner  
August 2025*



## Our Vision

A community free of domestic violence in which safety is a basic human right.

## Our Mission

To provide crisis shelter, victim-center advocacy and supportive services for victims of intimate partner violence.

NBWS provides emergency crisis shelter and advocacy to victim/survivors of intimate partner violence; this includes shelter services to women and their children and short-term safe housing to men and their children. Crisis shelter is temporary, short term housing. With the crisis shelter and safe housing services, NBWS provides emotional support, meals, items to meet basic needs (personal hygiene products and clothing), and transportation.



Dignity



Safety



Inclusiveness



Knowledge



Stewardship

NBWS provides items to individuals and families that are often starting over with little or no personal items. We welcome donations of items from individuals or groups. The wish list below is intended to help give ideas for items that NBWS goes through fairly regularly and other items that are nice to have on hand.

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|--|--------------------------------|--|
| • Bath towels                            | • Kids new toys                | • Outdoor Activities                   |
| • Washcloths                             | • Wall stickers for kids' room | • Coffee maker                         |
| • Hand towels                            | • Hangers                      | • Crock Pot                            |
| • New shower curtain and hooks (12 sets) | • Couch                        | • Air fryer                            |
| • Hard Floor Vacuum                      | • Chair                        | • Small Microwaves (12)                |
| • Vacuum                                 | • TV's (11)                    | • Mini Fridge (12)                     |
| • 2 Dining room table set                | • TV Mounts (12)               | • Big TV (Living room)                 |
| • 2 Kids table and chair set             | • Dish washer                  | • Bedroom black out curtains (12 sets) |
| • Toy Box                                | • Washer & Dryer               | • Twin XL sheets                       |
|  | • Range (Stove)                | • Kids Play Rug                        |

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**Wednesdays, Noon - 12:30 p.m.**

**Luncheon Served Following Each Recital**

**August 13 - Aardahl Lutheran Church (2920 Van Buren Ave. SE)**

**Wayne Hoff, Carol L. Johnson - Piano and Organ Recital**

**Jennifer L. Johnson, Vocalist**

**August 20 - First Lutheran Church (900 Bemidji Ave. NW)**

**Sarah Carlson, Bob Madeson, Meredith Klingbeil,**

**Claire Carlson, 2024 Scholarship Recipient**

**August 27 - First Presbyterian Church (501 Minnesota Ave. NW)**

**Darlinda Coe, Organ; Jennifer Parker, Soloist;**

**Ruth Anderson, Pianist; Lee Coe, Rattlebones**

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## Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment