

Worship Service for August 16, 2026

The Twelfth 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

God, We Gather As Your People (continued next page)



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen***

Reading of the Word

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath and do not profane it and hold fast my covenant— ⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel: I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

Psalm: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

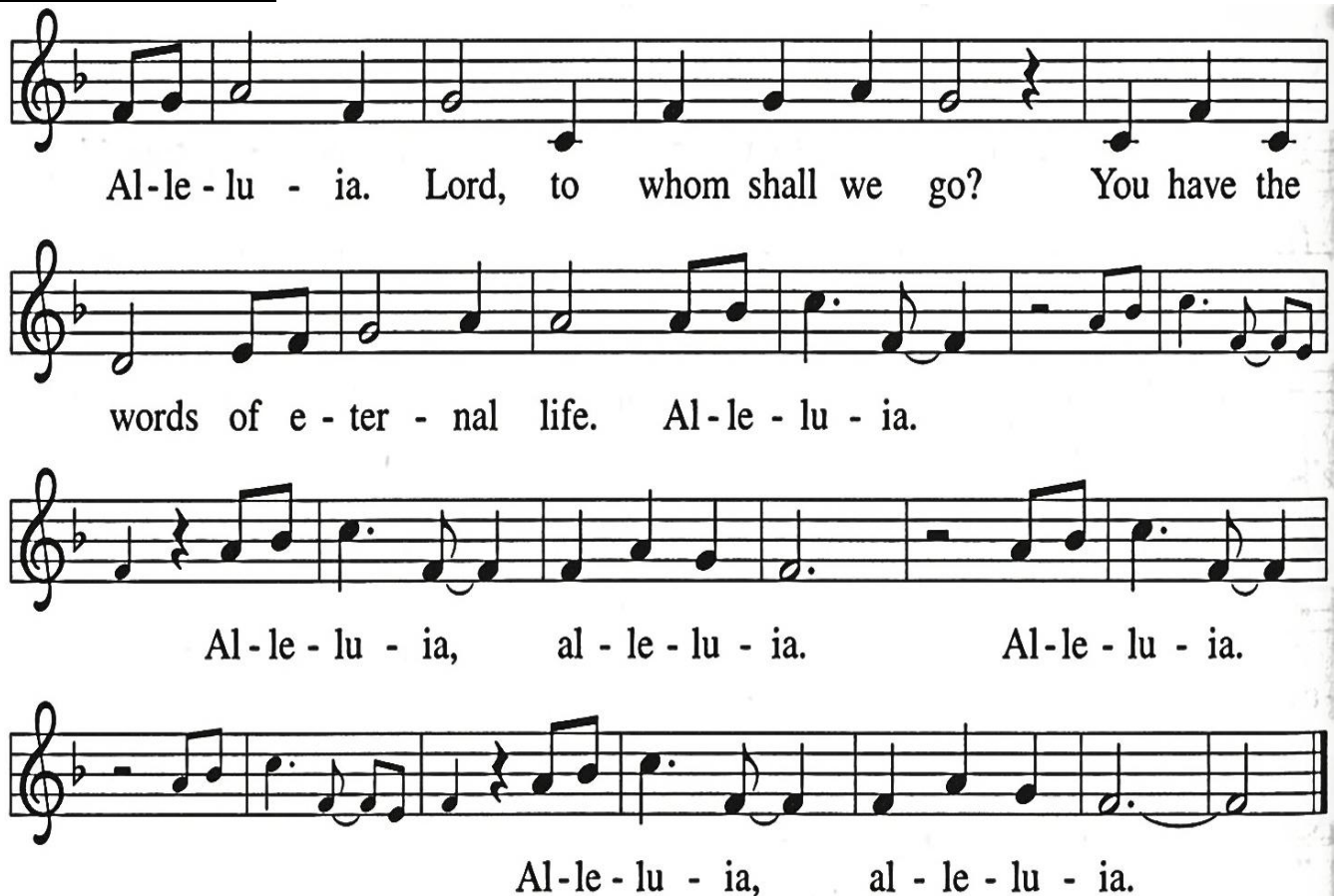
⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Children's Message**Gospel Acclamation**


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.

Gospel: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³ He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶ Then he said, "Are you also still without

understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Sermon

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

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Hymn of the Day**O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come**

- 1 O Christ, the heal - er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
- 2 From ev - 'ry ail - ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
- 3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
- 4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
 yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep-est need.
 our com-mon life de-clar-es our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
 the whole-ness that, en-rich-ing us, shall reach the whole of hu-man-kind.

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Hymn****As the Grains of Wheat (continued next page)**

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 Meal

Upcoming @ New Salem

Mon, Aug 17-Thurs, Aug 20	Day Camp at New Salem	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Tues, Aug 18	Team/Council Meetings	6 p.m./7 p.m.
Wed, Aug 19	BACM Recital @ First Lutheran	12 noon
	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
	Day Camp Potluck & Program	6 p.m.
Wed, Aug 26	BACM Recital @ Church of Christ	12 noon
	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
Thurs, Aug 27	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

Communion Hymn #1**Healer of Our Every Ill***Refrain*

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Communion Hymn #2**One Bread, One Body (continued next page)***Refrain*

One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles - sing which we bless, and we, though man - y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1	Gen - tile	or	Jew,	ser - vant	or	free,
2	Man - y	the	gifts,	man - y	the	works,
3	Grain for	the	fields,	scat - tered	and	grown,



wom - an	or	man,	no	more.
one in	the	Lord	of	all.
gath - ered	to	one	for	all.

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

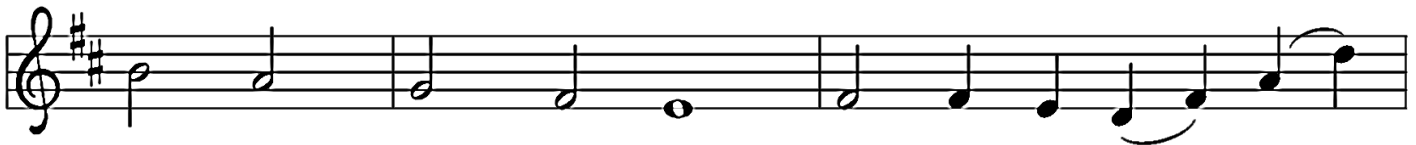
Jesus Shall Reign (next page)

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; as a communion assistant, helping share the Lord's Supper with God's people; host the post-worship fellowship hour; or join the choir and lift your voice in praise. 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. (Choir rehearsals are 5 p.m. on Wednesdays - no need to sign up, just join us!)

Sending Hymn**Jesus Shall Reign**

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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: Mert Schultz****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****Communion Assistant:****Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke****Fellowship Host:****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**

July Income vs Expenses (FINAL)**Total General Fund Income: \$14,524****(DEFICIT) for July (-\$2,523)****August Noisy Offering: \$279****Total Expenses: \$17,047****8.9 General Fund Offering: \$4,537****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 8.13.26)****Sunday, August 9 (in person/online): 75/26****YouTube Views: 1,299****Facebook reach: 75,103****YouTube Subscribers: 143****Announcements for the Week of August 16, 2026**

August Mission Partner –Heart’s Haven Shelter: This month New Salem is lifting up the work of the Heart’s Haven Shelter (formerly Northwoods Battered Women’s Shelter), and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable area ministry. Today we welcome Interim Executive Director Megan Blaschko, who will share how your support will impact the organization. You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for **Heart’s Haven**, or donate online at www.mnshelter.org. See page 13 for more info on Heart’s Haven!

August 18 is Team/Council Night! Teams meet at 6 p.m., Council meets at 7 p.m. Join a team and help further the missions of New Salem! All are welcome to attend the Council meeting as an observer; if you have an item to bring before the Council, please reach out to any Council member, Pastor Terry or Traci in the church office and they will add you to the meeting agenda as a speaker.

Day Camp Potluck & Program, Wednesday August 19: On Wednesday, August 19, all are welcome to bring a dish to share and join this fun event with our day campers and their families!

Fall Bazaar – Saturday, November 14! Mark your calendars for New Salem’s Fall Bazaar on Saturday, November 14 and start working on your wonderful crafts for New Salem’s table! Watch for additional details in upcoming bulletins and emails.

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!

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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*

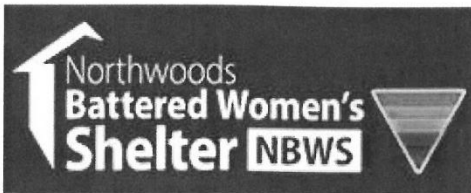
August 19	Sarah Carlson, organ and piano Claire Carlson, violin Bob Madeson, euphonium John Grosvold, clarinet	First Lutheran Church 900 Bemidji Ave.
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August 26	Emily Mathew, piano Mike Locke guitar Amy Williams, flute Elaine Kleinsasser	Church of Christ 692 Mag Seven Ct. NW
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Free will offering supports the BACM Music Scholarship Fund.

Luncheon prices are determined by each venue.





New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner

August 2026

Heart's Haven Shelter



Heart's Haven Shelter celebrates new name, \$3.2 million milestone

The **Northwoods Battered Women's Shelter** marked a new chapter on July 14, **unveiling its new name — Heart's Haven Shelter** — along with a new logo and tagline, "where our hearts are watched over."

The new building more than doubles the shelter's previous capacity and, for the first time, gives residents private rooms and their own bathrooms.

Heart's Haven is a domestic violence shelter and advocacy program with a vision of a community free of domestic violence in which safety is a basic human right. Heart's Haven 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, Heart's Haven provides emotional support, meals, items to meet basic needs (personal hygiene products and clothing), and transportation.

Heart's Haven advocacy also consists of institutional advocacy and social change advocacy. Institutional advocacy is acting as a voice for victim/survivors, collectively, within systems or institutions that interact with victim/survivors, such as the Criminal Justice System or with local service providers. Social change advocacy is impacting social norms and attitudes towards domestic violence; this large picture advocacy is implemented by educating others on the dynamics of domestic violence and speaking to the collective needs of victim/survivors using the information learned from direct service work.

The shelter is located at 1215 30th St NW. Donations will be accepted on Tuesday & Friday from Noon-4pm only. Items needed include: kitchen, baby, household, personal care, clothing, and kids and activity items.

See <https://www.mnshelter.org/wish-list/> for a more detailed list. Monetary contributions are, of course, always welcome.

Heart's Haven Shelter offers several opportunities for community members to become involved in the work of ending domestic violence. Please see <https://www.mnshelter.org/get-involved/> for area of interest or call 218-444-1395 for more information.

God's Work, Our Treasure—AUGUST 2026

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Heart's Haven Shelter**, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable ministry.

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Please prayerfully consider how you might support the work of this important ministry.

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Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment