

Worship Guide for August 17, 2025

The Tenth 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**How Firm A Foundation**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: *O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

²³ Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? ²⁴ Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed! I have dreamed!" ²⁶ How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—

those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? ²⁷ They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

Psalm: Psalm 82

¹ God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

² **“How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?”**

³ Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴ **rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵ They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶ **Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷ nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.’ ”

⁸ **Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

^{12:1} Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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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 12:49-56

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹ "I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain,' and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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

Sermon**Hymn of the Day****God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me**

1 God, be the love to search and keep me; God, be the prayer to
 2 Bind to my-self the name of Ho - ly, great cloud of wit - ness -
 3 Bright-ness of sun and glow of moon-light, flash - ing of light - ning,
 4 Walk - ing be-hind to hem my jour - ney, go - ing a - head to
 5 Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that



move my voice; God, be the strength to now up - hold me:
 es en - fold; proph - ets, a - pos - tles, an - gels wit - ness:
 strength of wind, depth of the sea to soil of plan - et:
 light my way, and from be - neath, a - bove, and all ways:
 hear my voice, Christ in the hearts of all who know me:



O Christ, sur - round me; O Christ, sur - round me.

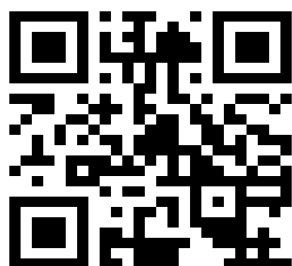
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If you are looking for a church home, please contact Traci Schanke in the church office at 218-586-2262 or via email at newsalem@paulbunyan.net. If you are a visitor, please sign our guest book outside the church office.

Website: newsalemlutheran.org

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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 MealCommunion Hymn #1Come, Let Us Eat

1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,
 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,
 3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,
 4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,
 Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,
 In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,
 Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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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

Communion Hymn #2**In This Feast of Love**

Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, täs - sä
 1 In this feast of love, in this
 2 In this bread and wine, in this
 3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us



pöy - däs - sä syn - ti - sil - le
 feast of love, Lord, you share your
 bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
 peace, O Lord; fill us with the



it - se - si an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa!
 blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
 Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
 joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

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****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!"

The live-streaming of New Salem's worship services is made possible through a generous memorial gift from the family of Margaret Carlson.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen
 Ushers/Reader/Communion Assistant: Eric,
 Ericka, Isla and Harper Medberry
 Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies

Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft
 Pianist: Cheryl Durant
 Cantor/Choir Director: Annalise Aakhus
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July Income vs Expenses (FINAL)

Total General Fund Income for July: \$13,464
(DEFICIT) for July: (-\$2,315)

Total Expenses for July: \$15,779

8.10.25 General Fund Offering: \$4,928

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 8.14.25)

Aug 10 Attendance (in person/online): 55/38

YouTube Subscribers: 127

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,624

Facebook reach (2025 to date): 53,184

Announcements for the Week of August 18

THANK YOU! To everyone who made VBS day camp here at New Salem so much fun, and running smoothly! There were 17 kiddos here throughout the week of fun, faith and friendship, and the team of counselors from Pathways kept them (and Pastor Terry!) BUSY. Thank you also to everyone who donated supplies for/helped assemble the Birthday Bags – your generosity and hard work allowed New Salem to assemble 164 Birthday Bags for the Food Shelf clients. And last, but certainly not least, a HUGE thank you to Kevin and his team of helpers who kept our campers fueled with tasty lunches and snacks!

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 Team/Council Meeting 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. All are welcome to join a team and help with the missions of New Salem; everyone is also invited to attend the Council meeting as an observer. If there is an item you wish to present to the Council, let Pastor Terry or Traci in the church office know, and they will add you to the meeting agenda as a speaker.

September Noisy Offering Collection Sunday, September 8: Get your change ready - Noisy Offering for September will be collected on September 8! (Checks and cash are cheerfully accepted as well!) Funds raised through the Noisy Offering are used by church youth to support programs such as the ELCA’s “Good Gifts,” United Way’s “Backpack Buddies,” and the Bemidji Food Shelf, among others.

Blessing of Backpacks is Sunday, September 8: We welcome all students and teachers to bring their backpacks and bookbags to church on September 8 for a special blessing to kick off the 2025-26 school year!

September Food Shelf Dates: New Salem will provide volunteers to assist Food Shelf clients on Monday, September 8 11 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon – 3:15 p.m., and on Friday, September 12, from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, please contact Karin Snortland at 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 August 18

Tues, 8/19	Team Meetings	6 p.m.
	August Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed, 8/20	Choir Practice	5 p.m.

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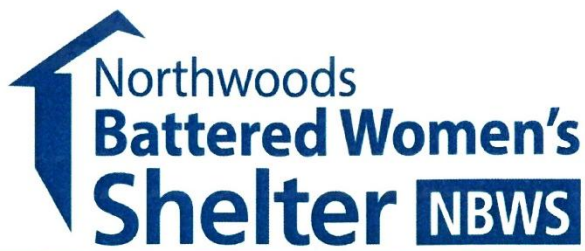
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Those who sing pray twice.



*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 |

God's Work, Our Treasure—AUGUST 2025

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present
The 2025 Summer Recital Series - Our 38th Season
Wednesdays, Noon - 12:30 p.m.
Luncheon Served Following Each Recital**

**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