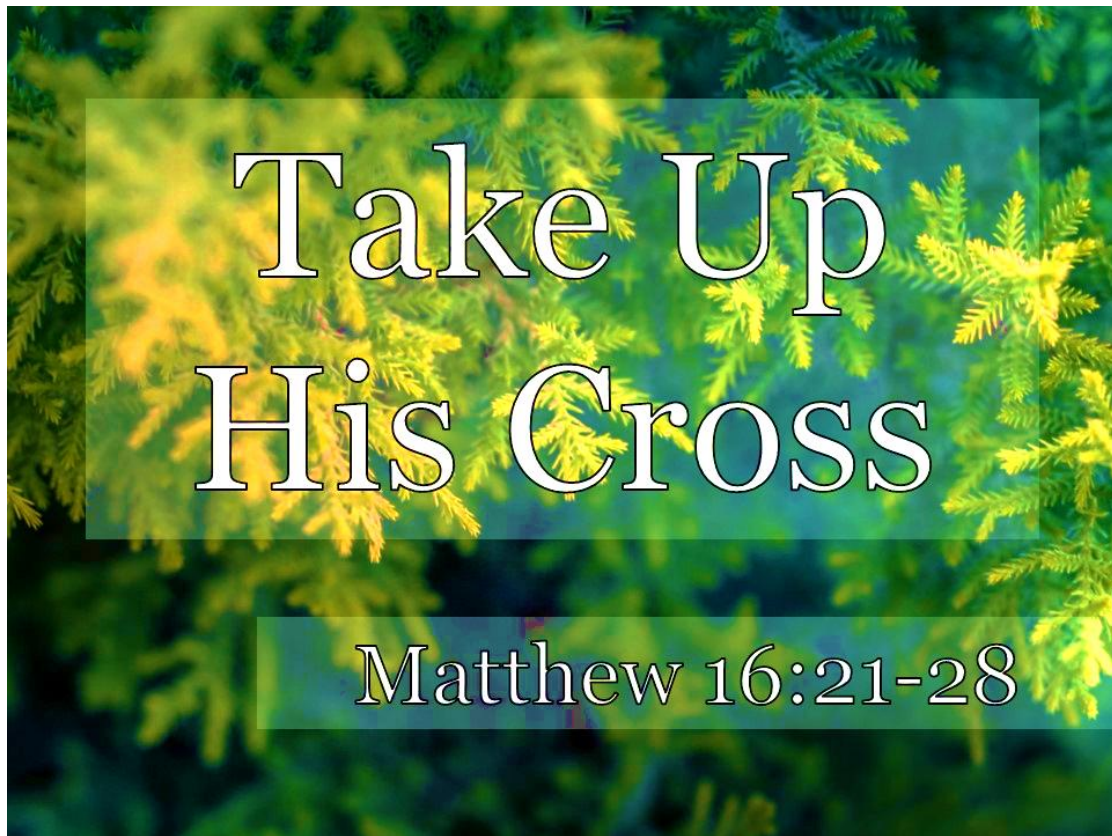


Worship Service for August 30, 2026

The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

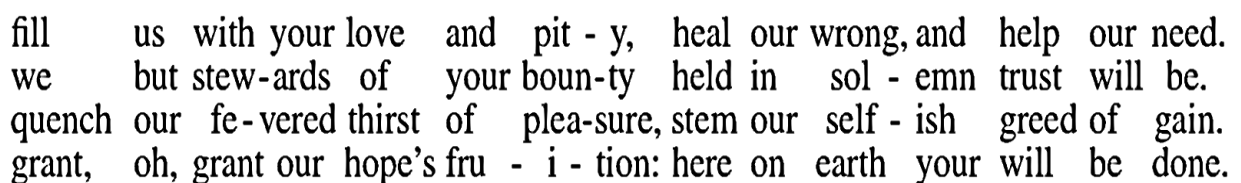
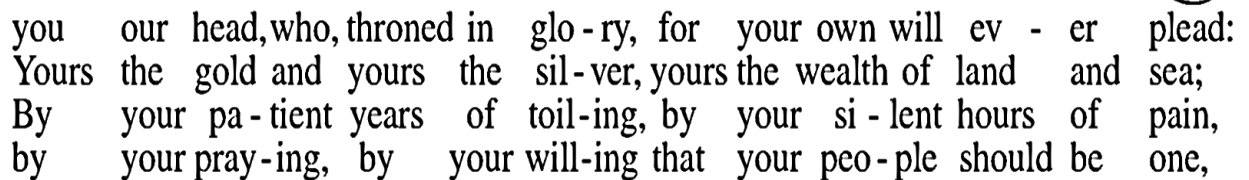
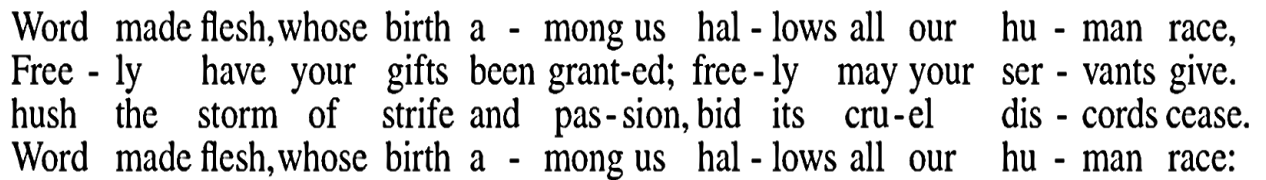
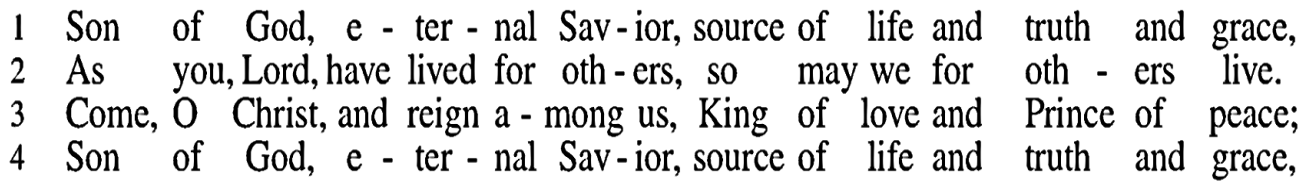
Confession and Absolution

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.***

Son of God, Eternal Savior



Together we pray: ***O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen***

Reading of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

¹⁵ O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

¹⁹ Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

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

Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

¹ Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

² **Test me, O Lord, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

³ For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

⁴ **I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

⁵ I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

⁶ **I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

⁷ singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

⁸ **Lord, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will

repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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 16:21-28

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

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

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! Please watch your email in the coming weeks for an invitation - or you can sign up using the sheets available on the rear table in the narthex! (Choir rehearsals are 5 p.m. on Wednesdays - no need to sign up, just join us!)

Upcoming @ New Salem

Wed, Sept 2	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 3	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Mon, Sept 7	Labor Day – Church/Office Closed	
Wed, Sept 9	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 10	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.

**Save October 31 for Trunk or Treat 2026 -
missing this event will be a *GRAVE* mistake!**



Hymn of the Day**Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song**

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an-non-cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

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

Refrain



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.***

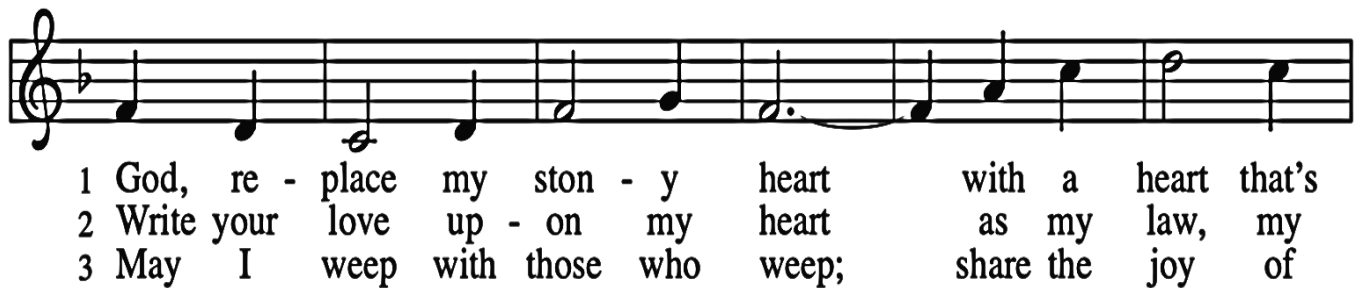
Words of Institution

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 MealCommunion Hymn #1

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain*Refrain*

Communion Hymn #2**Will You Let Me Be your Servant?**

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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****Blest Be the Tie That Binds (next page)**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com-forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen****Ushers: Kathy & Steve Flaatt****Reader: Ardis Hofstad****Communion Assistant:****Fellowship Hosts: Ardis Hofstad & Dar Moen****Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies****Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft****Pianist: Cheryl Durant****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****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)****Total Expenses: \$17,047****8.23 General Fund Offering: \$2,047****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 8.30.26)****Sunday, August 23 (in person/online): 77/34****YouTube Views: 1,374****Facebook reach: 81,149****YouTube Subscribers: 143****Announcements for the Week of August 30, 2026**

Traci's Office Hours This Week: Mon, 8/31, 1 – 5 p.m., Tues, 9/1, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Wed, 9/2, 10 – 3 p.m., Thurs, 9/3, 10 – 3 p.m.

August Mission Partner –Northwoods Battered Women’s Shelter/Heart’s Haven: This month New Salem is lifting up the work of Northwoods Battered Women’s Shelter (NBWS)/Heart’s Haven Shelter, and urges you to consider the various ways you might support this valuable area ministry. You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for **NBWS/Heart’s Haven**, or donate online at www.mnshelter.org. See page 12 for more information.

Need Medical Equipment?/Have Medical Equipment?. If you are in need of medical equipment, call and/or come to the Bemidji Senior Center (216 3rd St NW, 218-751-8836, in downtown Bemidji) Mon – Fri 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. to see what is available through the HELP program (Home Equipment Loan Program). The item(s) can be checked out and used as long as needed. The Senior Center also accepts used-clean-workable equipment. The Disabled American Veterans (15th Street NW, 218-556-4592, in Bemidji) also has equipment to loan. The DAV has electric hospital beds/etc.; the Senior Center **does not** have any electrical equipment to loan out. You do not have to be a veteran borrow the DAV equipment.

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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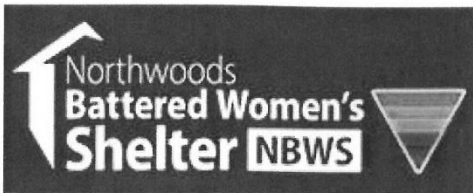
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New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner

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.

You can send your check to New Salem and indicate it is for the **Heart's Haven**

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

<https://www.mnshelter.org/>



Boo!

Trunk or Treat 2026 is
coming – mark your calendars!
2 – 4 p.m. Saturday, October 31
(Halloween!!!)

Watch your email and the sign-up
table in the Fellowship Hall for more
information –decorate your
car and join the fun!

Missing this event will be
a **GRAVE** mistake!



Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment