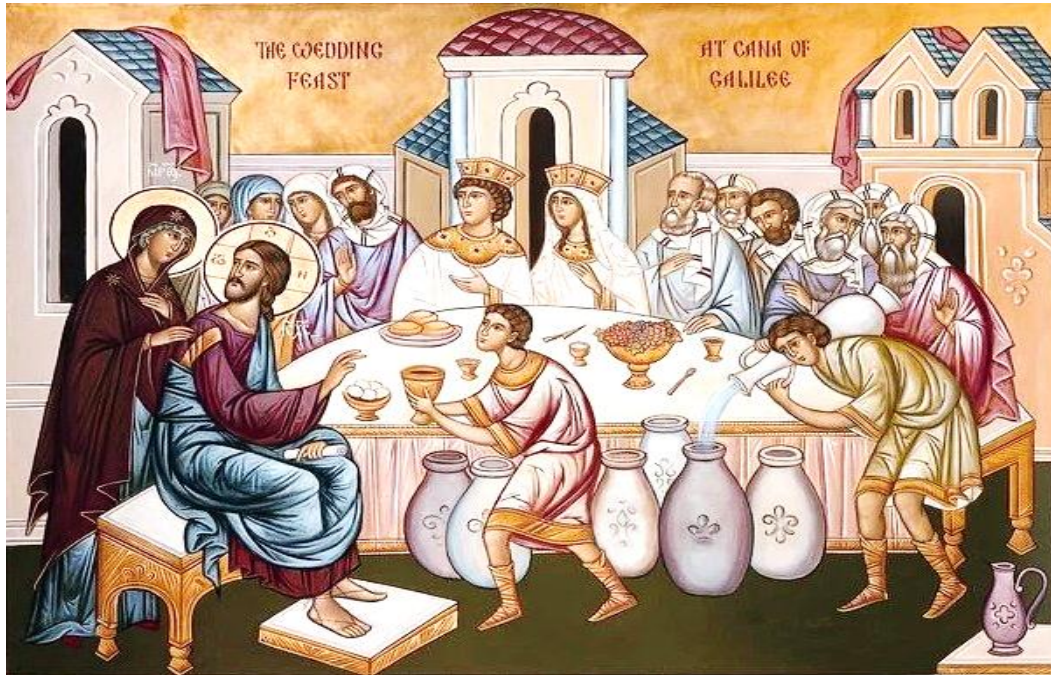


# Worship Guide for August 31, 2025

## The Twelfth 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****God Is Here**

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

**Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray: ***O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

## **Reading of the Word**

### **First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

<sup>6</sup> Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, <sup>7a</sup> for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

### **Psalm: Psalm 112**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup> **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup> Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup> **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup> **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup> They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

<sup>8</sup> **Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup> They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup> **The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup> Let mutual affection continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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.

### Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day****As We Gather at Your Table**

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

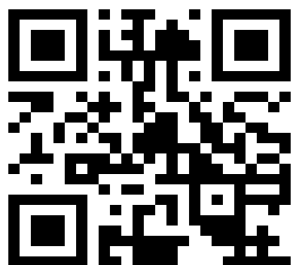
**Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to have you worship with us today!**



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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****Now We Join In Celebration**

- 1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
- 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
- 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing  
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,  
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.  
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav' - n - ly glad - ness.  
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.





## 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

### In the Singing



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,  
2 In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,



in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,  
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

## God's Work, Our Hands for 2025

On Sunday, September 14, New Salem will participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" activities following worship. Groups will clean up the Pine Ridge Cemetery and work on the church's Pollinator Garden. A soup lunch at the church will follow these tasks - watch worship guides and your email for additional information!



**Communion Hymn #3****Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service**

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
 hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
 stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

**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****Come Now, You Blessed**

1 "Come now, you bless - ed, eat at my ta - ble,"  
 2 When did we see you hun - gry or thirst - y?  
 3 "When you gave bread to earth's hun - gry chil - dren,  
 4 Christ, when we meet you out on life's road - ways,



said Je - sus Christ to the righ - teous a - bove.  
 When were you home - less, a strang - er a - lone?  
 when you gave wel - come to war's ref - u - gees,  
 look - ing to us in the fac - es of need,



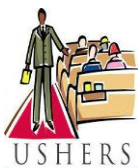
"When I was hun - gry, thirst - y, and home-less,  
 When did we see you sick or in pris - on?  
 when you re - mem - bered those most for - got - ten,  
 then may we know you, wel - come and show you



sick and in pris - on, you showed me your love."  
 What have we done that you call us your own?  
 you cared for me in the small - est of these."  
 love that is faith - ful in word and in deed.

**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. ☹️**



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**Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants**

**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen**

**Ushers:**

**Reader/Communion Assistant: Stu Rosselet**

**Fellowship Host: Ardis Hofstad**

**Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies**

**Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft**

**Pianist: Cheryl Durant**

**Cantor/AV Services: Traci Schanke**

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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  
8.24.25 General Fund Offering: \$1,813**

**Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 8.26.25)**

**Aug 24 Attendance (in person/online): 61/24**

**YouTube Subscribers: 127**

**YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,696**

**Facebook reach (2025 to date): 55,454**

**Announcements for the Week of September 1**

**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!

**September Noisy Offering Collection Sunday, September 7:** Get your change ready - Noisy Offering for September will be collected on September 7! (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 7:** 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](mailto: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 September 1 – 6**

<b>Mon, 9/1</b>	<b>Church and Office Closed for Labor Day Holiday</b>	
<b>Wed, 9/3</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs, 9/4</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>

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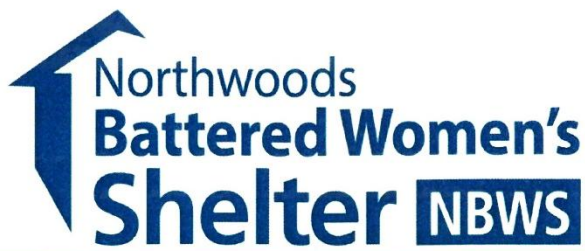
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Those who sing pray twice.





*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

NWBS 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 NWBS 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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