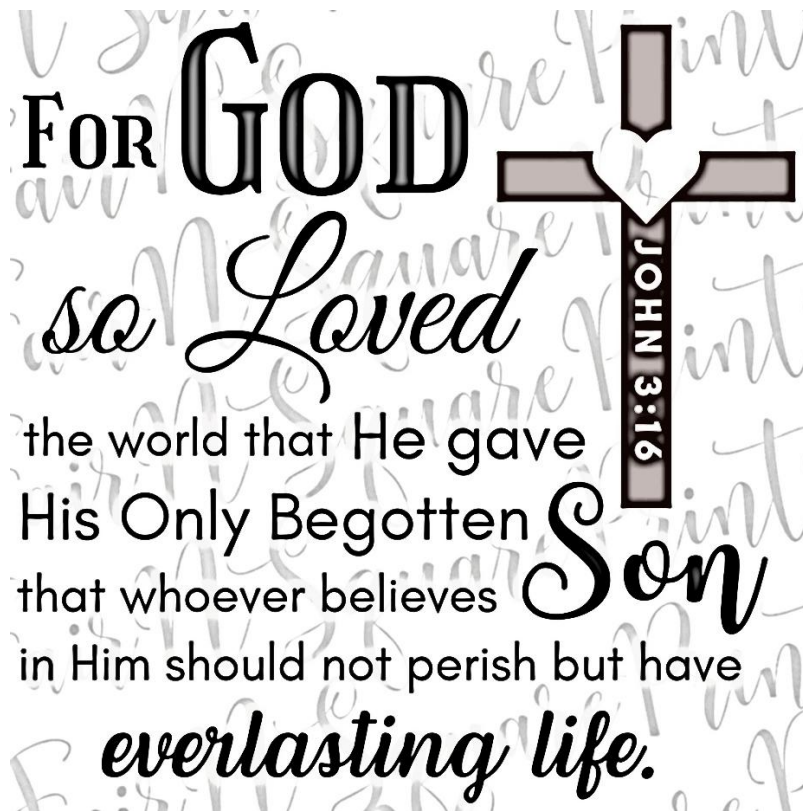


Worship Guide for September 14, 2025

Holy Cross Sunday



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

God invites us to come to Him, with honesty and trust, already knowing our failures, our burdens, and our brokenness, yet still welcomes us in love. Let us, therefore, come before God with open hearts, confessing our sin and seeking God's mercy.

Brief silence for reflection

Holy and gracious God, *we come before You confessing that we have not loved You as we ought, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Though You have called us to walk in Your light, we have chosen the shadows of selfishness and pride. Though You have called us to be peacemakers, we have spoken words that wound and have harbored anger in our hearts. Though You have entrusted us with gifts and resources, we have too often pursued our own comfort rather than Your kingdom. Have mercy on us according to Your steadfast love, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Hear the good news: God, who is rich in mercy and abounding in steadfast love, does not leave us in our sin but meets us with grace. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven, and you are made new by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn**In the Cross of Christ I Glory**

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross so that he might draw the whole world to himself. To those who look upon the cross, grant your wisdom, healing, and eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9**

[From Mount Hor the Israelites set out,]^{4b} but the people became discouraged on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a

poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze and put it upon a pole, and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Psalm: Psalm 98:1-4

¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² **O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴ **Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸ The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

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Children’s Message

September Mission Partner – Village of Hope



This month New Salem is lifting up the work of ***Village of Hope*** (*not to be confused with Hope House, one of our Mission Partners earlier this year*), 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 **Village of Hope**. For more information on **Village of Hope** and its programs, see page 14 of the worship guide or their website at **www.bemidjivillageofhope.org**

Gospel Acclamation**Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (sing 2X)**


Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your
 prais-es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
 I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav-en to earth
 to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
 from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
 Lord, I lift your name on high.

Gospel: John 3:13-17

[Jesus said:] ¹³ "No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Sermon

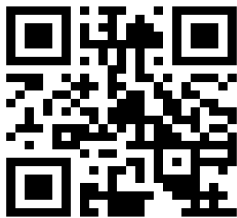


**Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to
have you worship with us today!**

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



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New Salem Electronically!**

Use your phone to scan the QR code to the left; it will take you to a secure Vanco page where you can quickly and easily make your gift!

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.☹**



God's Work, Our Hands - Today's the Day!



Immediately following today's worship service New Salem will participate in "God's Work, Our Hands" activities: clean-up of Pine Ridge Cemetery and working on the church's Pollinator Garden. A soup lunch at the church will follow - we hope you can join us for the fun and fellowship!

Hymn of the Day**Lift High the Cross**

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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.

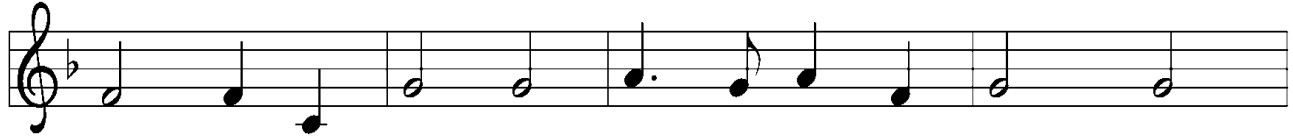
Offering Prayer

Generous God, *all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts we bring, and use them to bring hope, healing, and love to the world. Make us bold in sharing your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

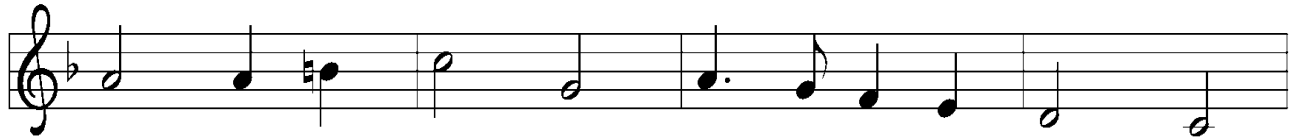
Words of InstitutionLord's Prayer

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**There In God's Garden**

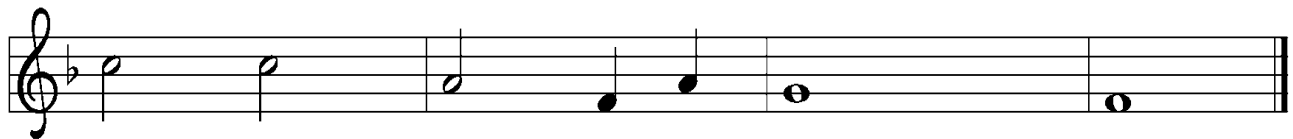
1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



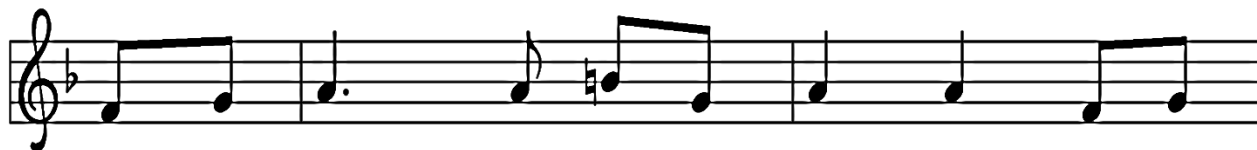
Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

Communion Hymn #2**Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery**

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



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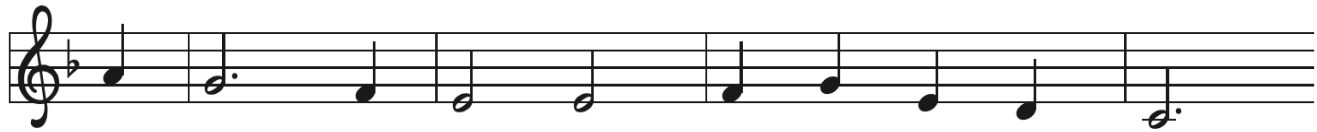
Communion Blessing**Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, ***we thank you for welcoming us to your table and nourishing us with the body and blood of Christ. Filled with your Spirit, send us out to be your hands and feet in the world, to love, to serve, and to share your good news. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.***

Benediction

Sending Hymn**Go to the World**

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen

Ushers: Gerald and Nora Illies

Reader: Ardis Hofstad

Communion Assistant: Karyn Lutz

Fellowship Host: Linda Hendrikson

Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies

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August Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)

Total General Fund Income for August: \$19,963
SURPLUS for August: \$301

Total Expenses for August: \$19,662
9.7.25 General Fund Offering: \$3,966

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 9.10.25)

Sept 7 Attendance (in person/online): 74/21
YouTube Subscribers: 128

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,739
Facebook reach (2025 to date): 57,620

Announcements for the Week of September 15

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 Team/Council Night September 16: Teams meet at 6:00 p.m.; the Council meets at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to join a team and/or attend the Council meeting as an observer; if you have an issue or topic you’d like to bring 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.

October Food Shelf Dates: New Salem will provide volunteers to assist Food Shelf clients on Friday, October 10, from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and Monday, October 13, 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 or 612-940-7312.

Boo! Trunk or Treat 2025 is Saturday, October 25! Decorate your car and yourself for Trunk or Treat 2025! This is a great event with fun for the whole family – trunk or treating in the newly paved church parking lot, horse-drawn wagon rides, and Jake’s pizza and cupcakes inside. Missing this event would be a *grave* mistake!

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!

Upcoming Events @ New Salem

Sun, 9/14	God’s Work/Our Hands Projects/Soup Lunch	Following worship
Tues, 9/16	September Team Meetings	6 p.m.
	September Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Wed, 9/17	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
	Prayer Group	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 9/18	Bible Study	

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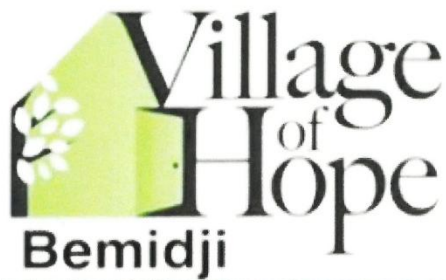
Fun, Fellowship and Praising God Through Song: The New Salem Choir



Come make a joyful noise - join New Salem's "small but mighty" choir! Choir practice is at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays at the church, and the choir sings in church on the first and third Sundays of the month. The group also sings in the Christmas program in

December and in New Salem's Bemidji Area Church Musicians Recital in the summer. We would love to welcome YOU as part of our music ministry!

(An ability to read music is helpful but is not a requirement. 😊)



*New Salem's
Highlighted Mission
Partner
September 2025*



WE ARE AN EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

We work with the families who seek shelter with us so much more beyond putting a roof over their heads. We work with them to identify and achieve their goals and dreams. We give them the tools and connections they need to move from homelessness into a home they can call their own.

Emergency Shelter

Village of Hope provides safe, secure emergency housing for families 24 hours/day ~ 7 days a week. We are open 365 days a year.

The environment that a family experiencing homeless comes into is very important. We work to create a calm, safe environment in which families can build a future.

Families can stay with us for 90 days, as long as they are actively looking for housing.

Each family has their own apartment. This preserves the family unit and provides privacy.

Removing Barriers

There is no "one size fits all" solution for homelessness. Every family has unique barriers and requires an intervention that fits. The case manager will begin this process by talking with the family and helping them set goals they want to achieve and looking at strengths and barriers to overcome. Then the networking starts! We work with many agencies and organizations to create the family future.

Families

What is our definition of family? Each family is unique and has their own composition. They do need to be looking to move into a house together. We have single moms with kids, single dads with kids, sisters raising kids together, grandparents raising kids and couples. Every combination possible!

HOPE

When families come to Village of Hope, they are at the lowest spot in their lives. They are exhausted and frustrated. They don't trust themselves or others. By working together, and building relationships, we start to rebuild their confidence and hope. We are so much more alike than different and pointing that out makes all the difference to a heartbroken family.

School Attendance

Because graduation is one factor in success, attending school is very important at Village of Hope. We work with the district 31 Homeless Liaison for transitions to help kids stay in their own school or get them registered if school is new. Keeping the routine of attending school is a goal that every family must achieve during their stay.

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