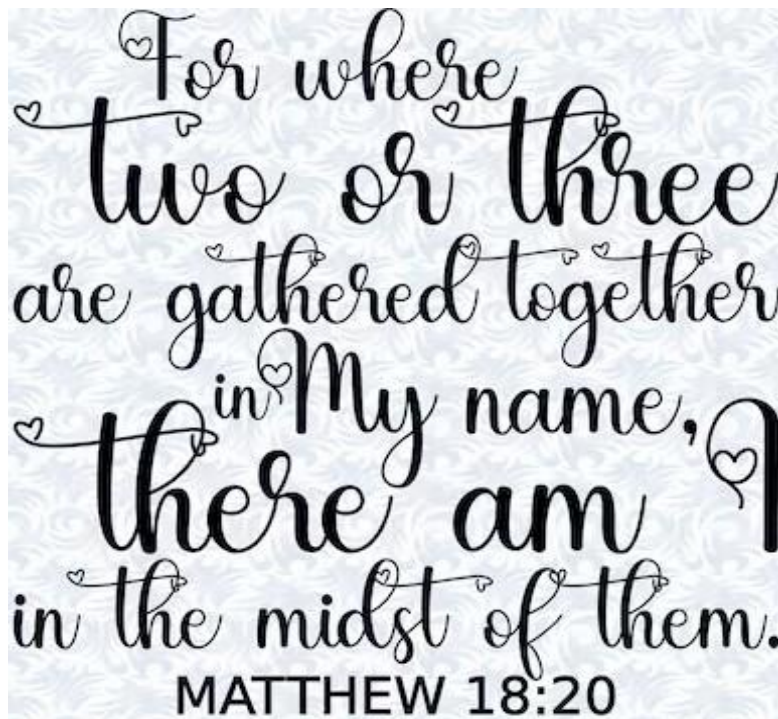


Worship Service for September 6, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Forgiveness

In remembrance of our Holy Baptism, we begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beloved people of God, if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Brief silence for reflection.

Together we pray: **Heavenly Father, Maker of heaven and earth, we come before you acknowledging our brokenness. We confess that we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have often focused on our own desires instead of your will. We have failed to love you with all our hearts, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. "In your mercy, create in us clean hearts, and send your Holy Spirit to renew us and lead us in the way of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Beloved people of God, through the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God forgives all our sins and grants us grace to walk in the way of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Trusting in God's abundant grace, let us go forth to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn**Earth and All Stars**

1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Refrain

God	has	done	mar	-	vel - ous	things.
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Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-11**

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

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

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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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.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

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.
Fri, Sept 11	New Salem Volunteers @ Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Mon, Sept 14	New Salem Volunteers @ Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. & 12 – 3:30 p.m.
Tues, Sept 15	Team/Council Meetings	6 p.m./7 p.m.
Wed, Sept 16	Choir Rehearsal	5 p.m.
Thurs, Sept 17	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.



Noisy Offering Today!

Coins, folding money (and checks!) are cheerfully accepted. Funds raised through this monthly offering support projects selected by church youth, such as ELCA Good Gifts, The Cow Project and United Way's Backpack Buddies, among others.

Hymn of the Day**Come Now, O Prince of Peace**

O - so - sŏ o - so - sŏ, pyong - hwa - ŭi - im - gŭm

- 1 Come now, O Prince of peace, make us one bod - y.
- 2 Come now, O God of love, make us one bod - y.
- 3 Come now and set us free, O God, our Sav - ior.
- 4 Come, Hope of u - ni - ty, make us one bod - y.



u - ri - ga han - mom i - ru - ge ha - so - sŏ.

- Come, O Lord Je - sus, rec - on - cile your peo - ple.
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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

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
 all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Offering Prayer

Together we pray: *Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with your blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, fill us with grateful and generous hearts, that we may praise you through our words and actions and respond with love to those in need; through 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

Service Group Meeting - Sunday, September 20

The New Salem Service group will meet immediately following worship on Sunday, September 20. Topics to be discussed include:

- Determining a second bank account signer
- Fall Bazaar/Craft Event on November 14
- Ditch Clean-Up
- Leadership/Volunteers/Ideas
- Other topics as needed

ALL are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in the Service Groups projects and events!

Communion Hymn #1**Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

- 1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your trib - ute bring.
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis - tress.
 3 Tend - er - ly he shields and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows.
 4 An - gels help us to a - dore him, who be - hold him face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing.
 Praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 In his hands he gent - ly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
 Sun and moon bow down be - fore him; all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Communion Hymn #2**Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace (continues next page)**

- 1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh-bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought-less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher-e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Communion Hymn #3

When We Are Living



Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,
 1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find



y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.
 and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
 Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 and when we help them, or when we feed them,



so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
 we be - long to God, we be - long to God.

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Together we pray: *Life-giving God, you nourish us with your Word and strengthen us with your grace. By the power of your Holy Spirit, deepen our faith and guide us in the way of Jesus. Send us forth to love our neighbors, serve those in need, and share your grace through our words and actions; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Benediction**Sending Hymn****Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap-tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for-ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com-fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry R. Hagensen
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August Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)**Total General Fund Income: \$16,971****(DEFICIT) for August (-\$1,886)****Total Expenses: \$18,837****8.30 General Fund Offering: \$1,762****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 9.3.26)****Sunday, August 30 (in person/online): 73/19****YouTube Views: 1,393****Facebook reach: 82,609****YouTube Subscribers: 143****Announcements for the Week of September 6, 2026**

Traci's Office Hours This Week: Tues, 9/8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Wed, 9/9, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Thurs, 9/10, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Friday, 9/11, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

New Month-New Mission Partner! This month New Salem is lifting up the work of **Village of Hope** (not to be confused with Hope house), 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 **Village of Hope**, or donate online at www.bemidjivillageofhope.org See page 13 of the Worship Guide 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!

September Food Shelf Volunteer Dates

New Salem is scheduled to provide assistance to Food Shelf clients on the following days/times in September:

- **Friday, September 11: 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**
- **Monday, September 14: 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. & 12 – 3:30 p.m.**

For more information or to volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at ksnortland5@gmail.com or 612-940-7312.

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Boo!



Trunk or Treat 2026 is coming –
mark your calendars!

2 – 4 p.m. Saturday, October 31 (Halloween!!!)



More details to come – 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 would be a GRAVE mistake!



New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner

September 2026

Village of Hope



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 homelessness comes into is very important. We work to create a calm, safe environment in which families can build a future.

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.

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

We have single moms with kids, single dads with kids, sisters raising kids together, grandparents raising kids and couples. Every combination possible!

There is no "one size fits all" solution for homelessness. Every family has unique barriers and requires a 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.

Many families come to Village of Hope already working, but if they are not and that is a goal, we assist them in finding the right fit, filling out applications and working with the employer. Community contribution is a powerful human need and we recognize and support that.

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.

Life skills are the skills that many people take for granted, like managing money, shopping, cooking, running a home and maintaining social networks. Some people experiencing homelessness do not have all of these skills, either because they never acquired them or because they lost them through extended periods of homelessness. Helping those experiencing homelessness acquire life skills can help them move on from homelessness and resettle into the community. By working together, and building relationships, we start to rebuild their confidence and hope.

God's Work, Our Treasure—SEPTEMBER 2026

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Village of Hope**, 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 **Village of Hope**

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

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Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment