

Worship Guide for September 7, 2025

The Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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**Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross**

- 1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.***

Reading of the Word**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing

the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To our beloved coworker Philemon, ² to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶ I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. ⁷ I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸ For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, ⁹ yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. ¹² I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you

might have him back for the long term, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

Children's Message

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: Luke 14:25-33

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

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

Sermon

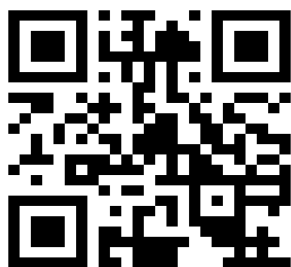
**Welcome to New Salem - we are blessed to
have you worship with us today!**



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easily make your gift!**

Hymn of the Day**Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)**

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 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**O Jesus, I Have Promised**

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

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

Communion Hymn #2**Where Charity and Love Are Shown***Refrain / Estribillo*

Don-de hay ca - ri - dad y_a - mor, a - llí es -
 Where char-i - ty and love are shown, our God is



tá_el Se - ñor, a - llí es - tá_el Se - ñor.
 there made known, our God is there made known.



1 U - na sa - la y_u - na me - sa, u - na co - pa,
 1 One as - sem - bly at one ta - ble; one the cup, the
 2 At the ta - ble we are wel - comed to the ban - quet
 3 This, the bread of life e - ter - nal; this, the sav - ing



vi - no_y pan, los her - ma - nos com - par -
 bread, the wine; in one love we are com -
 from a - bove. We re - call the Lord's com -
 cup we claim, draw us close with - in one



tien - do en a - mor y_en u - ni - dad.
 pan - ions, and in u - ni - ty we dine.
 mand - ment that we live and grow in love.
 fam - 'ly, make us one in Je - sus' name.



Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y_el re - cuer - do
 Brought to - geth - er by the pres - ence and the prom - ise
 As the gifts of God are giv - en, Je - sus' bod - y
 Let us tell the liv - ing sto - ry of his suf - f'ring



del Se - ñor; ce - le - bra - mos su me -
 of God's Word, here in joy and in re -
 and his blood, so we give our - selves to -
 and his pain, and pro - claim the ho - ly

Refrain / Estribillo

mo - ria y la_en - tre - ga de su_a - mor.
 mem - brance we re - ceive our lov - ing Lord.
 oth - ers and we seek our neigh - bor's good.
 mys - t'ry: Christ has died, yet lives to reign.

Communion BlessingPost 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.*

BenedictionSending Hymn

Lead Me, Guide Me (continues next page)

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;
 for if you lead me, I can - not stray.
 Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
 1 I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r
 2 Help me tread in the paths of righ - teous - ness,
 3 I am lost if you take your hand from me,
 to help me o - ver my weak - est hour.
 be my aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press.
 I am blind with - out . . . thy light to see.
 Help me through the dark - ness thy face to see.
 I am put - ting all . . . my trust in thee.
 Lord, just al - ways let me thy ser - vant be.



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 - September 14, 2025



God's Work ~ Our Hands

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 - a signup sheet for the projects and lunch is available on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall.

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: Gerald and Nora Illies
Reader/Communion Assistant: Pat Sanford
Fellowship Host: Joy Wilander
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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August Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)

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

SURPLUS for August: \$301

Total Expenses for August: \$19,662

8.31.25 General Fund Offering: \$1,813

Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 9.5.25)

Aug 31 Attendance (in person/online): 62/22

YouTube Subscribers: 128

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 1,718

Facebook reach (2025 to date): 56,623

Announcements for the Week of September 8

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 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!

Upcoming Events @ New Salem

Mon, 9/8	New Salem Volunteers at Food Shelf	9 a.m. -12:15 p.m. and noon-3:15 p.m.
Wed, 9/10	Choir Practice	5 p.m.
Thurs, 9/11	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri, 9/12	New Salem Volunteers at Food Shelf	9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Sun, 9/14	God's Work/Our Hands Projects/Soup Lunch	Following worship
Tues, 9/16	September Team Meetings September Council Meeting	6 p.m. 6:30 p.m.
Wed, 9/17	Choir Practice Prayer Group	5 p.m. 6:30 p.m.

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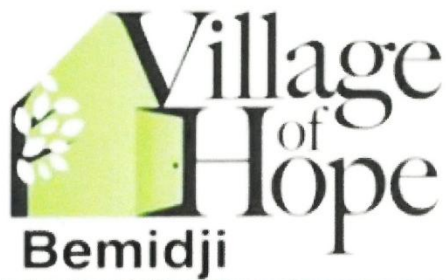
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Those who sing pray twice.





*New Salem's
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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 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.

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!

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.

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.

God's Work, Our Treasure—SEPTEMBER 2025

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