

# Worship Guide for April 27, 2025



## Welcome and Announcements

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship.*

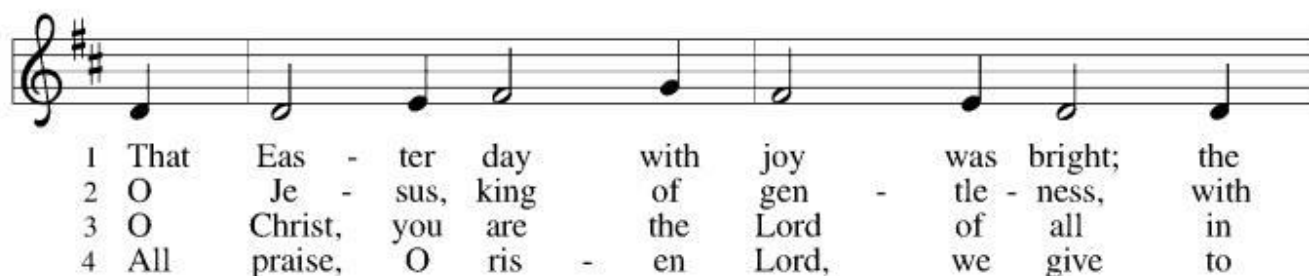
## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal. In the presence of the living God, we confess our sins.

*Brief silence for reflection*

***Risen Lord Jesus, we confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit. Amen.***

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God, for Christ has risen, ***He is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

**Gathering Hymn****That Easter Day with Joy was Bright****That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

**Prayer of the Day**

Together we pray: **O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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: Acts 25:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom

you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

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

### **Psalm: 118:14-29**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the <sup>1</sup> LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the <sup>1</sup>LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the <sup>1</sup>gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks <sup>1</sup>to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> **Hosanna! O LORD, save us! We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name <sup>1</sup>of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> **The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

<sup>29</sup> **Give thanks to the LORD, for the <sup>1</sup> LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.**

### **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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: John 20:19-31**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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



**Prayers of the People**

Hear us of God, Your Mercy is Great

Sharing of the Peace

Tithes and offerings



**Offertory Hymn****Shout to the Lord**

let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es - ty, praise



to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands;



for - ev - er I'll love you, for - ev - er I'll stand.



Noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

**Offering Prayer**

Together we pray: ***Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond 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

### Worship Volunteers Needed

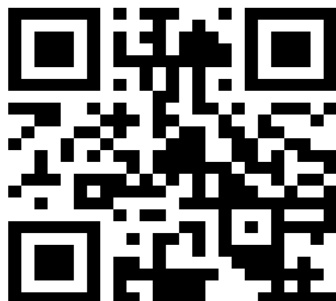
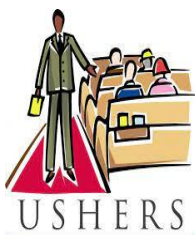
Volunteers are urgently needed to assist with various Sunday ministries here at New Salem! Ushers, readers/Communion assistants, helpers to set up Communion before the worship service and tidy up afterward, offering counters (we will train you!), and hosts for our coffee fellowship after worship. Sign 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. ☹**

## Support the Missions and Ministries

### of New Salem Electronically!

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# Communion Hymn #1    We Walk by Faith

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near, and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Communion Hymn #2

## Touch that Soothes and Heals

# Touch That Soothes and Heals

*See My Hands and Feet*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a

break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
 peo - ple, first and least, know with - in each act of  
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good

wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased,  
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

*Refrain*

"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the  
 grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as  
 ones I died to save."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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Communion BlessingPost Communion Prayer

Together we pray: ***Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.***

## Benediction

## Sending Hymn

## This Joyful Eastertide

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1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - row.  
 wake the dead in num - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our  
 faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.



### Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

**Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry Hagensen**

**Ushers: Jerry and Nora Illies,**

**Reader Darlene Schultz**

**Communion Assistants: Kevin Estenson**

**Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies**

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

**Fellowship Host: Darlene Schultz and Pauline Golden**

**Pianist: Cheryl Durant**

**Cantor/Choir**

**AV Services: Traci Schanke**

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### Announcements for the Week of April 28, 2025

**April Mission Partner – Lutheran Campus Ministry (LCM):** Please prayerfully consider how you might support this important resource for BSU and NTC students. More information on LCM and its programs can be found on page 14 of the worship guide.

**May Food Shelf Dates:** New Salem will volunteer at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf on Friday, May 9 from 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and on Monday, May 12 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and 12 noon – 3:15 p.m. For more information or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Karin Snortland at 612-940-7312 or [ksnortland5@gmail.com](mailto:ksnortland5@gmail.com).

**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!

### Calendar for the Week of April 21

<b>Wed, 4/30</b>	<b>Confirmation</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
	<b>Choir Practice</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thurs, 5/1</b>	<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>





*New Salem's  
Highlighted Mission Partner  
April 2025  
Lutheran Campus Ministry  
Bemidji*



**Mission:** Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a welcoming grace-filled campus community where everyone is invited to explore faith, deepen relationships and serve our neighbors.

**Vision:** Lutheran Campus Ministry of Bemidji is a centering place for students to connect with God and each other. Rooted in God's infinite grace, we invite opportunities to be curious about faith, engage in service and grow deeper in relationships. We are committed to welcoming everyone while integrating faith and life to belong and feel both safe and challenged as we learn and journey together.

### **CORE VALUES**

**Acceptance**

**Belonging**

**Relationship**

**Connection**

**Contribution**

**Faith**

Lutheran Campus Ministry is connected to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)! We're a part of one of the largest Christian denominations in the United States. The ELCA is a church that has a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Grace is the hope, forgiveness, joy and new life that is always, always available to us in God. We believe one of the ways grace announces itself in our lives is through faith. For us, faith comes through hearing the good news of God in Jesus:

- **We are loved unconditionally by the Holy One who created us!**
- **God has promised to meet us and be with us in hard times as well as good ones!**
- **We get to see, feel, hear and know God in stories of scripture, in our faith communities and relationships with people around us!**
- **In baptism our liberation & salvation are assured so we have been set free to love and serve our neighbors!**
- **It's because of God in Jesus that we are called into the courage to wonder, discover and boldly participate in what God is up to in the world!**

Your support makes a big difference. Visit us at  
1221 Birchmont Dr. NE  
on the BSU Campus  
[www.lcmbemidji.org](http://www.lcmbemidji.org)

### ***God's Work, Our Treasure—APRIL 2025***

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, **Lutheran Campus Ministry Bemidji**, 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 **LCM-Bemidji**

**Prayers of the People**

Hear us of *God, Your Mercy is Great*

**Sharing of the Peace**

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## Sermon Notes/Weekly Assignment

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