

Worship Guide for January 12, 2025



Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Call To Worship

Oh Lord, open our lips, **and our mouths shall declare your praise.**

Oh God, come to our assistance. **Oh Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let the words of our mouths **and the meditation of our heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and redeemer.**

We ask this all **in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God.

Brief silence for personal reflection.

Almighty God, **our Maker and Redeemer, we confess that we are by nature sinful and have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we ask for your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Our Almighty God has given Jesus Christ to die for you and, for His sake, forgives you for all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I declare that God forgives you all your sins in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



- 1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
- 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
- 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
 and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
 grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
 man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
 that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
 and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, 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 WordFirst Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴ Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶ I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

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

Psalm: Psalm 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God’s name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**

³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading: Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴ Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶ (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The melody is simple and repetitive, suitable for children's worship.



Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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

Sermon**Hymn of the Day****Crashing Waters at Creation**

- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
 wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
 o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
 Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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: *Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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**Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters**

- 1 Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
- 2 We who bring them long for nurture; by your milk may we be fed.
- 3 Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!



Number them among your people; bless as Christ blessed long ago.
 Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
 To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!



Weave them garments bright and sparkling; compass them with love and light.
 God, renew us, guide our footsteps; free from sin and all its snares,
 We your people stand before you, water-washed and Spirit-born.



Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
 one with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.
 By your grace, our lives we offer. Re-create us; God, transform!

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

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. ☹



Communion Hymn #2

O Living Breath of God



- 1 O liv-ing Breath of God, wind at the be-gin - ning up-on the wa - ters;
- 2 O liv-ing Breath of God, by whose pow'r the Son came to birth a - mong us;
- 3 O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing us to life through bap-tis-mal wa - ters;



- O liv-ing Breath of God, bear-ing the cre - a - tion to won-drous birth:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, who to the cre - a - tion gives life a - new:
 O liv-ing Breath of God, sigh-ing with cre - a - tion for free-dom's birth:

Refrain



Come now, and fill our spir - its; pour out your gifts a - bun - dant.



O liv-ing Breath of God, Ho-ly Spir-it, breathe in us as we pray.

Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Together we pray: *O God, in this holy communion, you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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

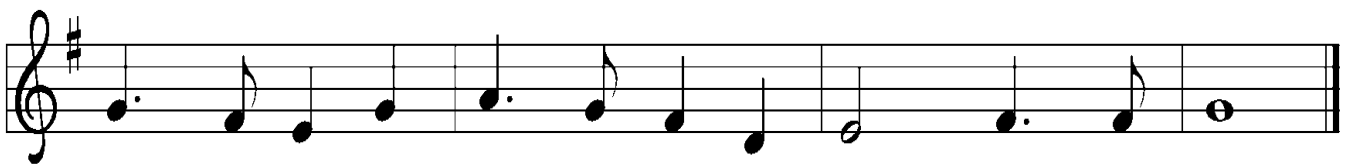
- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



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 Hagensen
Ushers: Nora and Jerry Illies
Reader/Communion Assistant: Pat Sanford
Fellowship Hosts: Bob and Val Wagner
Social Media: Nora Illies

Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft,
Pianist: Cheryl Durant
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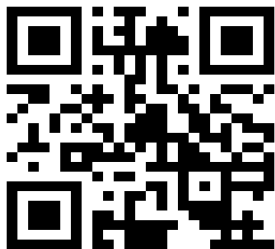
December 2024 Income vs Expenses (PRELIMINARY)

Total General Fund Income for Dec: \$40,125

Total Expenses for Dec: \$15,945

SURPLUS for Dec: \$24,180

1.5.25 General Fund Offering: \$3,061



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Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 1.8.25)

Jan 5 Attendance (in person/online): 44/37

YouTube Views (2025 to date): 37

YouTube Subscribers: 119

Facebook reach (2025 to date): 206

Announcements for the Week of January 13, 2025

Traci's Office Hours Jan 13 – 17

Mon, 1/13: 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Tues, 1/14: 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Wed, 1/15: classes all day, not in the office

Thurs, 1/16: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday, 1/17: 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Calendar for the Week of January 13

Mon, 1/13 New Salem @ Food Shelf

9am-12:15pm and 12-3:15pm

Wed, 1/15 Choir Practice

5 p.m.

Thurs, 1/16 Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

Sat, 1/18 BSO Retreat at New Salem

8:30am – 2:00pm

January Mission Partner – Churches United: Please prayerfully consider how you might support this important community resource. More information on Churches United and its programs can be found on the back of the worship guide.

Service Group Meeting January 19: The New Salem Service Group will meet on Sunday, January 19, following worship and coffee fellowship. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the group's upcoming projects and plans!

The Congregational Report: If you and/or your team are responsible for contributing an activities update, please prepare and send it (no PDFs; Word or Excel format please) to Traci Schanke in the church office by **Monday, January 13** (newsalem@paulbunyan.net). That way, there is ample time to format and assemble the final report for distribution on Sunday, January 19 – the week before the meeting. THANK YOU!

Mark Your Calendars – The Annual Congregational Meeting/Potluck is Sunday, January 26!
The meeting will take place right after worship that morning, followed by a potluck lunch to celebrate New Salem's 20th Anniversary in our current location. Please plan to attend this important annual gathering to hear updates regarding New Salem's missions and ministries, finances, and vote for new Council members.

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 of New Salem!

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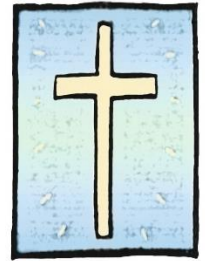
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New Salem's Highlighted Mission Partner — January 2025

Churches United

"Welcoming the stranger as Jesus."



Churches United is a collaboration of Bemidji area churches led by the Spirit of Christ, organized to serve and meet the needs of homeless,

persistently poor, and impoverished individuals and families in the Bemidji area by providing individuals and families financial assistance and referrals in an empowering manner. One of more than 20 Bemidji area churches led by the Spirit of Christ to work together to meet the emergency needs of homeless and low-income people in a prayerful way, New Salem Lutheran Church has supported the work of *Churches United* for many years.

Through the various services it provides, *Churches United* assists impoverished people and people experiencing homelessness. There are three specific areas in which ***you can help Churches United*** transform the lives of those *Churches United* serves.

1. **Financial Support:** *Churches United* relies upon financial contributions from its participant churches to provide these diverse services but contributions from individuals are also quite important. *Churches United* accepts donations year round (cash or check). Note: All donations are tax deductible.
2. **Volunteering:** Please call **218-444-1380** to be sure that we are open, before coming to our office. We ask for just four (4) hours of your time per month. We have a job for you, no matter what your skill set is. If you like helping people, greeting people, filing paperwork, data entry, or just organizing the office; we have a job for you.
3. **Donations:** Churches United is taking donations of hygiene products, quilts, clean blankets, towels, etc. Please call ahead to be sure the office is staffed. All donations are quarantined for 72 hours prior to being inventoried and distributed. They are currently in need of the following items to help serve its clients:

- Women's Winter Gloves/ Mittens
- Men's Winter Gloves/Mittens
- Children's Gloves/Mittens
- Winter socks for all ages
- Handwarmers / Footwarmers
- Travel size lotions, shampoo, conditioner
- Child sized [small] and adult toothbrushes

- Gift cards to area grocery stores (Aldi, Lueken's, Target, and Walmart)
- Laundry detergent (single packs are preferred, for example, Tide Pods)
- Shaving Razors and Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Dish detergent
- Fruit cups, Granola bars, Snack crackers

Winter is here, please help us provide for the needs of our homeless neighbors.

God's Work, Our Treasure—January 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, Churches United, 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 work of Churches United and we will forward your gift to them. For more information see: bemidjicu.org

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