

Worship Guide for March 30, 2025



Fourth SUNDAY IN LENT

Welcome and Announcements

Let us prepare our hearts for worship.

Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ***But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

Silence for self-reflection.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father: ***Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.***

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

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Gathering Hymn**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.

Prayer of the Day

Together we pray: ***God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12**

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

Psalm: Psalm 32

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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Children's Message

Gospel Acclamation**Jesus, Remember Me (Sing 2X)**

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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

Sermon

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.☺



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



LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

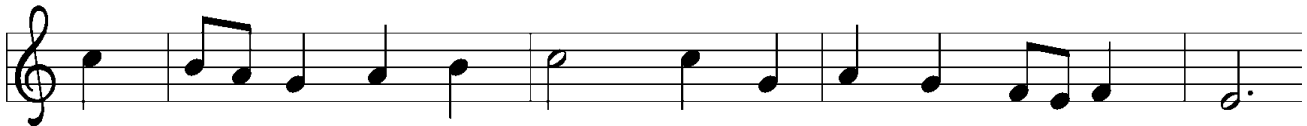
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Hymn of the Day**Our Father, We Have Wandered**

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
 2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
 3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
 be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
 com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
 In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
 grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
 in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
 Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God, *Your mercy is great.*

Sharing the Peace**Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Hymn**

Let the Vineyards be Fruitful (continues next page)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

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

Lent and Easter at New Salem

Lenten Midweek Services - April 2, 9 at 6:30 p.m.

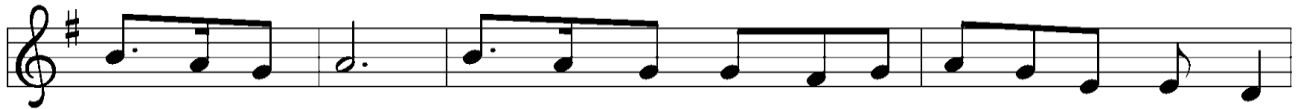
Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13 9:30 a.m./Maundy Thursday, April 17 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 18 6:30 p.m./Easter Sunday, April 20 9:30 a.m.

Communion Hymn #1**Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling**

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

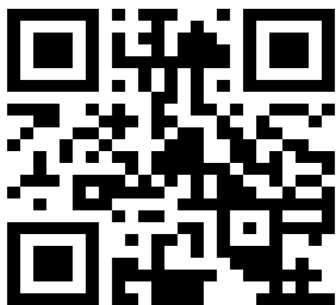
watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"



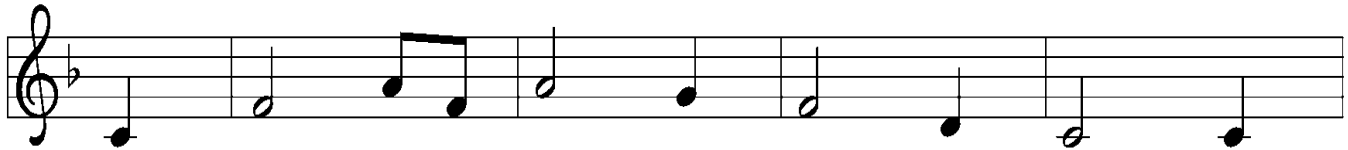
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Communion Hymn #2

Amazing Grace



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Communion BlessingPost Communion Prayer

Together we pray: ***God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

Benediction

Sending Hymn**How Can I Keep From Singing?**

- 1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
- 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring - ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Today's Worship Leaders/Assistants

Presiding Clergy: Pastor Terry Hagensen

Ushers:

Reader/Communion Assistant:

Nedyne Gustafson

Social Media Coordinator: Nora Illies

Setting the Lord's Table: Sonya & Paul Kraft

Fellowship Host: Pastor Terry

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February 2025 Income vs Expenses (FINAL)**Total General Fund Income for Feb: \$15,724****SURPLUS for Feb: \$1,254****Total Expenses for Feb: \$14,470****3.23.25 General Fund Offering: \$4,050****Attendance/Social Media Engagement (as of 3.27.25)****March 23 Attendance (in person/online): 43/46****YouTube Views (2025 to date): 604****Facebook reach (2025 to date): 26,072****March 26 Attendance: 17/15****YouTube Subscribers: 123****Announcements for the Week of March 31, 2025**

March Mission Partner – Peoples Church: Please prayerfully consider how you might support this important area resource. More information on Peoples Church and its programs can be found on page 13 of the worship guide.

Rummage and Bake Sale April 5: It's time to start assembling your rummage items - Saturday, April 5, is the date for the 2025 Spring Rummage and Bake Sale. Items for the sale can be brought to the church starting Sunday, March 30. A signup page for sale prep/working at the sale and foam trays/plastic bags for baked goods are available on the rear table in the Fellowship Hall.



Red Geraniums are available for ordering again this year. Flowers may be given in honor or memory of a loved one and are to be taken home following Easter services. If you would like to order flowers, please complete the form on the back table in the Fellowship Hall and put it in the envelope/basket provided, or return to the church along with your payment by **Monday, April 7.**

April Food Shelf Dates: New Salem will volunteer at the Bemidji Community Food Shelf on Friday, April 11, 9 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. and Monday, April 14 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, contact Karin Snortland at 612-940-7312 or ksnortland5@gmail.com.

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Calendar for the Week of March 30 – April 5

Sun, 3/30	Table Set Up/Box Hauling	After Worship and Fellowship
Mon, 3/31	Sorting/Pricing for Rummage Sale	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tues, 4/1	Sorting/Pricing for Rummage Sale	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wed, 4/2	Sorting/Pricing for Rummage Sale	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
	Confirmation	4 p.m.
	Choir	5 p.m.
	Midweek Lenten Worship	6:30 p.m.
Thurs, 4/3	Sorting/Pricing for Rummage Sale	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
	Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Fri, 4/4	Sorting/Pricing for Rummage Sale	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sat, 4/5	Working the Rummage/Bake Sale	7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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Those who sing, pray twice.





*New Salem's
Highlighted Mission Partner
March 2025*



Mission

We strive to provide a sanctuary for prayerful worship within a respectful and welcoming environment and to meet the spiritual needs of our parishioners and community using Christian values while respecting the 'One God with Many Names.' After 25 years of seeing who shows up to worship with us, it is clear we are largely an indigenous church. We celebrate Cross and Feather and are very sensitive to justice issues for Native Peoples.

Peoples Church exists to help serve not only the spiritual needs but basic living needs of many who would go without. Shelter and food—that's where healing begins.

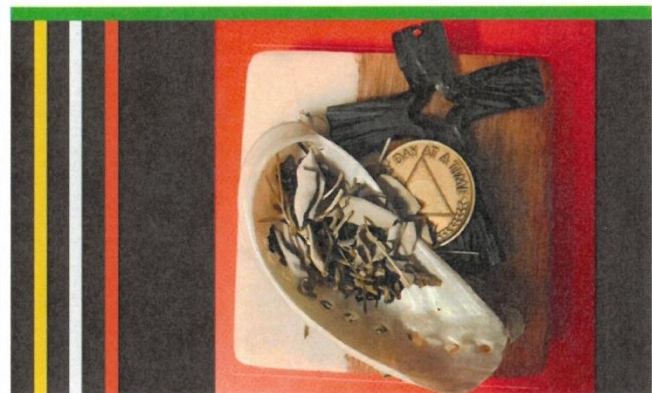
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**Sunday Feast 12:00pm and
Worship 12:30pm**

**Overnight Shelter Every
night Meals Everyday**

Peoples Church offers overnight shelter year-round. We have a hot evening meal on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays served beginning at 6:30p and breakfast 7 days a week from 8-10a. Anyone in the community is welcome to share in our meals, you do not have to be a shelter guest to eat with us.

Sundays we have a feast with a hot meal at noon. 824 America Ave. NW



God's Work, Our Treasure—March 2025

This month New Salem is lifting up the work of a mission partner, the **Peoples Church**, 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 **Peoples Church**

And we will forward your gift to them. peopleschurch-elca.org

