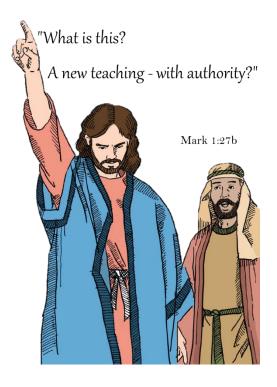
Welcome to worship at New Hanover

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 31, 2021

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist
Brian Tracey, organist and soloist
Charlotte Lindenmuth, lector



Introduction

In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

May your worship experience strengthen you with God's love and grace.

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

Prelude

Be Thou My Vision

S. Eithun

Handbell Ensemble 2

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Welcome

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **Amen.**

Gathering Song

Came to My Rescue

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Jim and Diane Davidheiser

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 A reading from 1 Corinthians

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn Arise, Your Light Has Come! ELW #314

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Gospel Reading Mark 1:21-28 The holy gospel according to Mark Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Sermon

Hungry for Healing

Song of the Day Open the Eyes of My Heart

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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 Intercession Let us pray. Have mercy, O God.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Hymn I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ELW #611

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Blessing

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter \$\P\$ keep you in peace.

Amen.

Dismissal
Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.
Go get'em!

Postlude

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Announcements

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in memory of Len Rath, who would have celebrated his 91st birthday on January 29th, by his wife Jonnelle.

Vow of Love Renewal Worship Service will be held on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14th. During the service you will recommit your love to your loved ones. Send a photo of your loved one to Amy Marazas and the picture will be included in the worship video on February 14th.

Ash Wednesday Worship February 17th. You can pick up ashes on Sunday, February 14th, from noon – 1 PM at the Church office portico.

Annual Congregational Meeting will be held via Zoom at 11:00 AM on Sunday, February 28th. Information to join the meeting is included in the mailing you will receive. Call (610) 326-1335 for more information or help.

Have a pastoral emergency? Call the church office at (610) 326-1335 ext. 1 to contact Pastor Scott.

Staff, committee and board reports for 2020 are due. Email your report to Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at susan.gutshall@comcast.net.

Several seats on the Congregation Council are available for next year and you are invited to join them! Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month to discuss and make decisions about the life and ministries of the congregation. Contact Steve Eisenhart, Pastor Scott or any current council member for more information or if you're interested in participating. Other members of Council are: Robin Fatzinger, Scott Geiser, Nevada Grant, Jim Gross, Marty Hauser, Amy Hoffman, Vicki Mutter, Barbara Repa, Sally Sugita and Andy Van Dyke.

Souper Bowl Soup Sale Saturday, February 6th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM The Picnic Grove committee is holding their annual Soup Sale just in time for Super Bowl Sunday. Soup available this year include Chili and Chicken Potpie. Cost is \$9 per quart. Preorder your soup today by signing up on the church's website at www.newhanoverlutheran.org or calling the church office at (610)

326-1335 by February 1st. When calling the church office, be sure to leave your name and number of quarts, soup preference and phone number in case a return call is needed. Then, pick up your soup on Saturday, February 6th, between 2 and 4 PM at the church kitchen door.

Did you know you have free stimulus money to spend? If you are a Thrivent Member, you may have \$500 to help our ministries. It is true. Each year Thrivent members receive two \$250 visa cards for a charity-related project or event. You could help our Food Ministry by buying groceries, or our Christian Education for buying supplies needed as part of mission-related projects. Call Pastor Scott at (610) 326-1335, ext. 1, to find out how you can get this free money and help our church love our neighbors.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnals may be checked out on loan during the pandemic. If you would like a hymnal, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335 to arrange a time for pick up.

Thank you to everyone who brings Redner's Markets tapes to church. Be sure to show your save-a-tape card when checking out so credit is given on the receipt.

Faith Formation

We have an **online Winter Family Faith Formation resource!** Each week our Sunday School families will be directly emailed a link to that coming Sunday's learning experience. Watch for the link to come towards the end of the week. The resources are geared towards elementary aged children but can be adapted for younger children and youth. Contact Deacon Carol with any questions or if you are not on the current Sunday School Family email list and would like to receive these mailings.

We're planning **another Family Faith Formation Bag-to-Go Drive-by!** Tentatively the drive-by is scheduled for Sunday, February 14th. The drive-by time will be from noon till 1 PM. Feel free to bring your food donations at that time.

Another new faith formation link is being added! Called "**Parent Pause**" it will feature a simple question each week for parents to just ponder throughout the following seven days. Feel

free to email Deacon Carol any insights, questions, etc. This link can be found on NHELC's Faith Formation page on the church website, www.newhanoverlutheran.org.

A reminder to fill out the **Sunday School Registration Form** on the Faith Formation page on the church website (newhanoverlutheran.org). By registering, you will receive communications about future faith formation opportunities. Also, there is an **Adult Faith Formation Form** for those who are interested in future learning opportunities like book discussions, etc.

Check out the virtual Bible Study on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch and the church's website at www.newhanoverlutheran.org each week beginning on Wednesdays. The Bible study is a joint venture between Pastor Scott and Pastor Mary Ann Harris Siefke from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville. The two pastors discuss the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday service, sharing their personal thoughts on what the Holy Spirit is leading them to teach.

Feeling a little stressed these days? Check out a link for "Prayers for When You Feel Anxious Coloring Pages" on the Faith Formation page under the "Faith Formation Moments" section of our NHELC website. They are downloadable and for all ages. The prayers are wonderful spiritual pick-me-ups!

Need a prayer lifted up? The NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry is here for you. If you need a prayer, know someone else who could use one, or just want someone to pray about peace and healing for our communities, nation and world, we will lift those prayers up! All information will be kept confidential. Just contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office and leave her a voice mail and she will pass it on to the prayer group. Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain. Your prayers will be "delivered"!

Food Ministry

Over 20,000 Meals Delivered

Drivers are needed to deliver meals on Wednesdays and/or Sundays at 2:15 PM. To signup, go to www.signupgenius.com then login using the email address marsha.staub@comcast.net. Need help signing up? Email Marsha or contact Pastor Scott to help.

Drop off your grocery donations on Sunday from 1-2 PM at the church kitchen entrance door. Someone will collect your items at the door and if they are busy, please place the items on a cart outside the door. Someone will take them inside shortly. Thank you for all your generosity this year in helping feed our neighbors. Chicken, beef, fresh fruit, pasta, frozen veggies and snacks are always welcomed and if in doubt, feel free to bring in any non-perishable food item.

Monetary donations for this ministry are appreciated. Go to our website using the link here: http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/giving.php. Also, donations can be put in our mail slot located at the church fellowship hall entrance. Be sure to designate on your check or envelope "Food Ministry."

Know someone in the community who needs meals? Email Sally Sugita at sallysugita@yahoo.com with the person's name, number of people in the household and the address.

Thank you for your support.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Larry Gallagher, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, Roy Fleming, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, Stephanie Holtz, Carol Buchholtz Yost, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, Gene Reider, Barbara Morris, Kathy Campos, Karen Trout, Pr. Susan Lynch, Richard Norris, Pr. Kork Moyer, Betty Lou Shadle, Julia Hauck, Tony Mancini, Raul Castro, Amy LeVan, Susie Edwards, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, Carly, Wilma Lahr, Robert Tadley, Jim Price, Donna Kehs, Melissa, Bernadette Phillips, Marlyn Bieleski, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, MaryAlice Mack, Dorothy Bingaman, Emily Ocelus, Russ and Lenore Gates, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, Linda Norton, Alyssa Dierolf, Hank Droneberg, Pena family, Kim Frain, Catherine Underwood, Debra Kissinger, Bobbie, Steve, Matt, Bob and Cindy, Ken Jacobs, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Doris Gross, Pam Helfrich

The victims and families of the hurricanes, wildfires and floods Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Jean Caputo, Shannon, John, Jean Boyer, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Mark Noecker

Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Fran E. Weaver, Doris Renninger, Janet Deloplaine, Wade Miller

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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Stories to tell

Bible stories tell us many things about Jesus. What is your favorite Bible story?

Draw a picture of it here, then use the picture to help you tell the story to someone else!



Thank you, God, for Bible stories. Help me to share them with others. Amen

This week

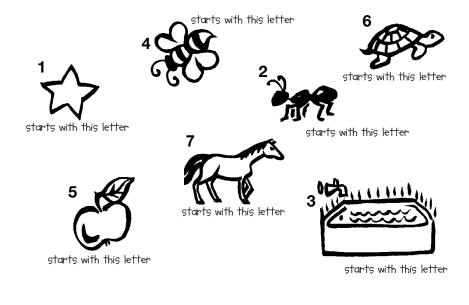
Try reading one Bible story each day with your family. What is your family favorite?



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is Sunday, the day when Christians gather to worship God. Jesus and his disciples worshiped God too. Their worship day had a special name.

Use the code below to discover what that name was.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7

This word means *rest*. How do you rest with your family on Sunday?



Jesus, the teacher

Mark 1:21-28

Jesus spent most of his life teaching people about God. One day, in the city of Capernaum, Jesus was teaching a group of people when suddenly a man with an evil spirit burst into the room. He shouted, "I know who you are! You are God's Holy One." Jesus told the evil spirit to leave, and it shook the man, then left. Everyone listening to Jesus was amazed and surprised by what Jesus did.



Set aside time to rest with

your family.

CIRCLE THE FISHING BOATS.

COLOR THE WELCOME SIGN.

DRAW SURPRISED LOOKS ON THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE LISTENING TO JESUS.

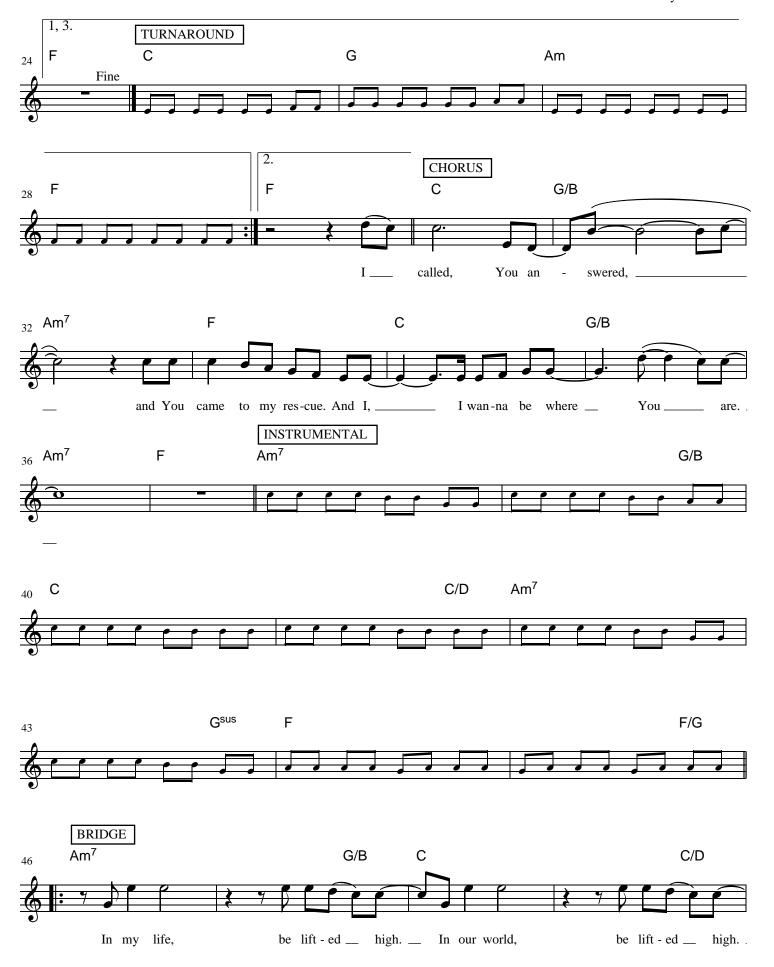
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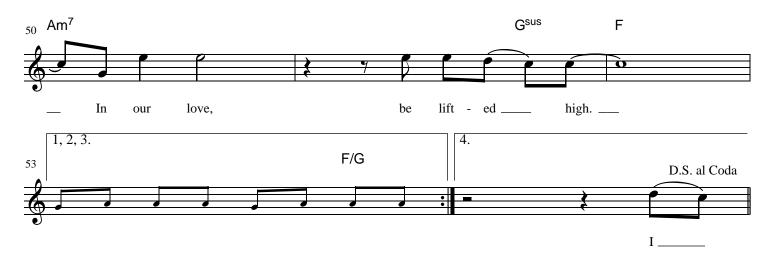
Questions to ponder... How did the man feel when Jesus sent his evil spirit away? What does an evil spirit look like?

Came To My Rescue

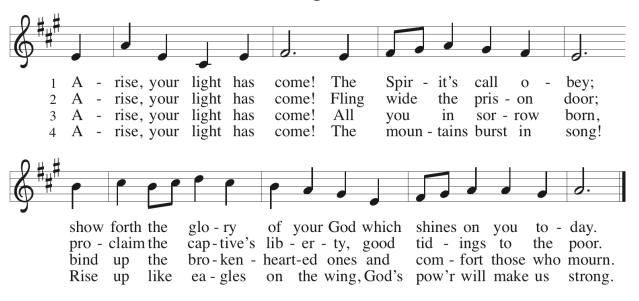
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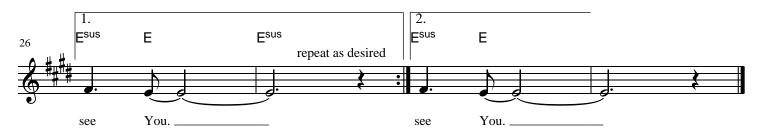


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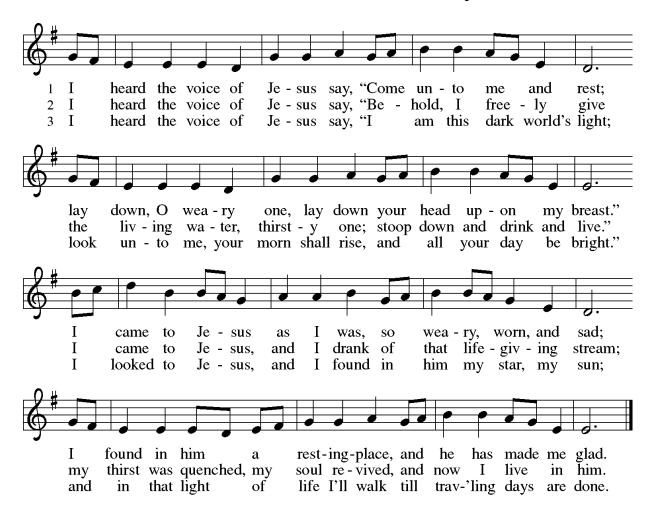
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