# Welcome to worship at New Hanover

# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 7, 2021

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He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up.

Mark 1:31a

#### Introduction

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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

#### We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

#### Prelude

Welcome

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

Amen.

#### **Gathering Song**

**Breathe** 

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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.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### Word

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

First Reading

Isaiah 40:21-31

A reading from Isaiah

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Nevada Grant

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 A reading from 1 Corinthians

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from

God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Come, Ye Disconsolate

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Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39
The holy gospel according to Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Healing – Self and Others

#### Song of the Day Not in a Hurry

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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 God, Whose Almighty Word

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#### Blessing

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter & 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**

**Vow of Love Renewal Worship Service** will be held on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

The Picnic Grove committee is hosting a **take-out spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy delicious spaghetti with homemade sauce, homemade meatballs, homemade bread, salad and for desert, Pizzelle. The cost is \$10 per meal and are ordered in units of one or two to simplify packing. Multiple meals will be packaged family style. Orders may be placed online at <a href="https://www.newhanoverluthran.org">www.newhanoverluthran.org</a> or call the church office at (610) 326-1335. Please designate your pickup time of 4:00, 4:30, 5:00 or 5:30 with your order. Orders are due by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Pick up your dinner on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the church kitchen door at your selected pickup time.

**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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup>. The drive-by time will be from noon till 1 PM.
Included in this bag will be resources for Ash Wednesday and
Lent. Oh, and we didn't forget Valentine's Day! Feel free to bring
your food donations at that time.

Another new faith formation link is available. 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 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

#### **New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# Not In A Hurry

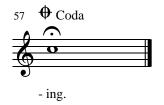
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