Welcome to worship at New Hanover

Second Sunday in Lent February 28, 2021

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist Patricia Nyce, organist Carolyn Fleming, soloist Joan Girard, lector



Introduction

The second covenant in this year's Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God's promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham's faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **†** one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,

pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are **†** forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus.

Amen.

Gathering Song Come Now Is the Time to Worship

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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.

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake 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.

Word

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

First Reading Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from Genesis

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Romans

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")-in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove ELW #404

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Gospel ReadingMark 8:31-38The holy gospel according to MarkGlory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Sermon

Song of the Day 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

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Peace

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

Prayers of Intercession Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Let us 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

After Communion Prayer

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.

Sending

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

Announcements

Sending Hymn O Jesus, I Have Promised

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Blessing

The blessed and holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace, now and forever.

Amen.

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

Postlude

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Announcements

Weeping may linger for the night but joy comes with the morning is this year's mid-week Lenten service theme based on Psalm 30. Join Pastor Scott and Pastor Mary Ann Harris Siefke from St. Luke Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville each week as they offer a solution from a life of pain, anger, despair and fear to living in the light of Christ with healing, grace, strength and help. Taped services will be available beginning on Wednesdays at noon. The lesson for March 3rd focuses on replacing anger with grace.

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

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Collection During the month of March, NHELC is collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. Bring your donations to the church kitchen door on Sundays between 1 - 2 PM. Be sure to distinguish your donation for Multi-Service or Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry. Suggested food items include: jelly, pancake mix and syrup, rice, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, condiments, Hamburger Helper, kids snacks, cereal and canned fruit. Suggested non-food items include: paper towels, diapers (size 6), toothbrushes, laundry detergent, hand soap, toilet paper, deodorant, dish soap, conditioner and assorted gift wrap. Also, sugar-free, sodium-free and low-fat items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

Time to order Easter lilies. The suggested donation is \$8.75 per plant. Orders are due Sunday, March 14th. Order forms were sent in a recent mailing and are available in the box located outside the office wing door.

The Picnic Grove committee is hosting a **take-out spaghetti dinner** on Saturday, March 20th. 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 www.newhanoverluthran.org 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 15th. Pick up your dinner on March 20th 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.

Garden of Hope NHELC is partnering with Trellis for Tomorrow for an innovative organic gardening program onsite at NHELC. Helpers are needed to serve as data manager, pantry relations and logistics, community/corporate liaison, day captains and event/engagement coordinator. For more information about this program, look for the flyer in a recent mailing.

Have an idea for the Garden of Hope logo? Garden of Hope is sponsoring a logo contest. Submit your logo idea to Nikki Young at nikkiannyoung@gmail.com by March 20th and be entered for a chance to win a family fun night gift basket. For more information, contact Nikki at her email address above.

Faith Formation

Didn't get the latest Faith Formation Bag-To-Go? Contact Deacon Carol to arrange a pickup. You can email her or leave a voice message for her at church. Even though Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday have passed, there are other resources in the bag to start off your Lenten season.

Lessons in Lent NHELC's new Family Faith Formation learning link is now being emailed weekly to our Sunday School families. Each week's session will be based on our mid-week Lenten theme and our Sunday lectionary texts. This link will also be available on both our "Faith Formation" page and our "Worship Materials and Devotionals" page on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org).

Parents of Nursery-Grade 2 students – an email has been sent to you about the opportunity to purchase the Spark Story Bible, a Bible written expressly for this age group. It would be a wonderful faith formation resource to have on hand to share with your child. We would like to get the order in so if you let Deacon Carol know as soon as possible, that would be most appreciated!

Parents of Youth - A Faith Formation Lenten Devotional App for your young person is now available. You should have received an email from Deacon Carol with instructions on how to download the app. Each day will include scripture, a reflection, a prayer and a pop art image. If you didn't get the email, let Deacon Carol know and she'll be glad to send it to you!

Another faith formation link is available. Called "Parent Pause" the link features 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.

Save the Date for Camp Falckner 2021 An overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade will be held July $27^{\text{th}} - 30^{\text{th}}$ in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove. Watch for registration and more details.

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.

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, Bravdon 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

Grieving

Family and friends of Jim Steber (Ruth Fisher's husband) and Richard Dotterer (Jerry Dotterer's son and Randy Dotterer's brother)

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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At the end of worship, a pastor says a special blessing that often includes the words *Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.* Make the sign of the cross over your body any time your pastor says those words and remember God's promise to always be with us!





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Thank you, God, for your promises. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen T

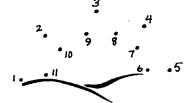
This week

A Make a Lenten cross by tying two sticks together with purple ribbon. Place it outside or on a windowsill.



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Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday in Lent.



hear & celebrate

Trust in God...always ස්

Mark 8:31-38, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Abraham and Sarah trusted God and believed that God would keep the promise to give them lots of children and grandchildren, even though they were nearly 100 years old.

Jesus trusted and believed that God would always be with him, even when he knew he was going to die on the cross.

God always keeps promises!

Jesus asks us to trust God and to do one thing. Solve the puzzle below to discover what we can do.

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What do you thínk that means? 🕂

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Crosses everywhere...

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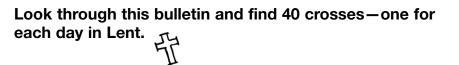
Look around your worship space. How many crosses do you see? Where are they? Do they all look the same?

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Draw a picture of all the crosses you can see in your worship space.

Do you have any crosses at home? Where are they? **Draw a picture of your at-home crosses.**

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What is your family's favorite symbol of God's promises? •

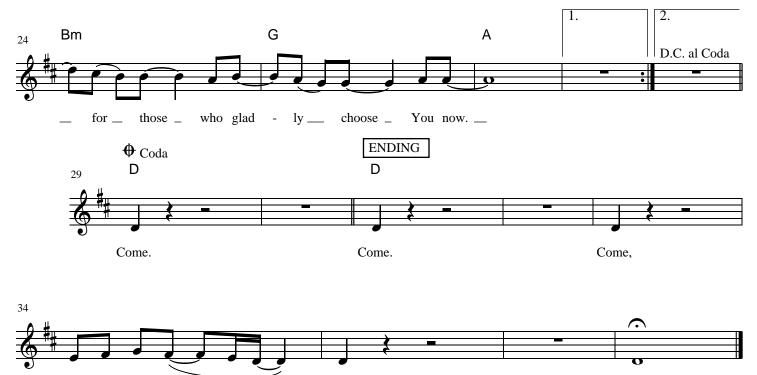
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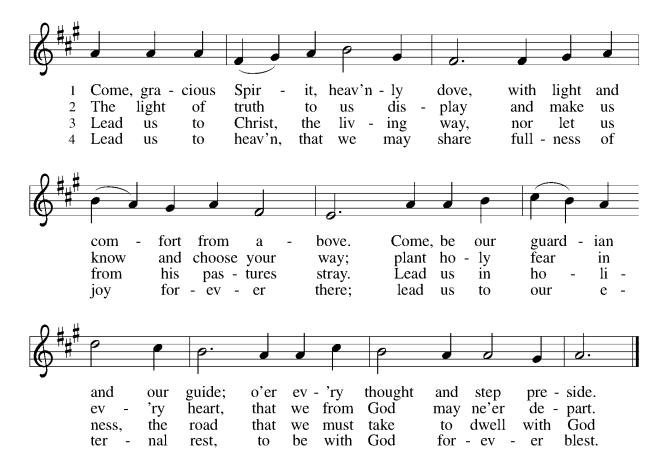
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Come.





Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove



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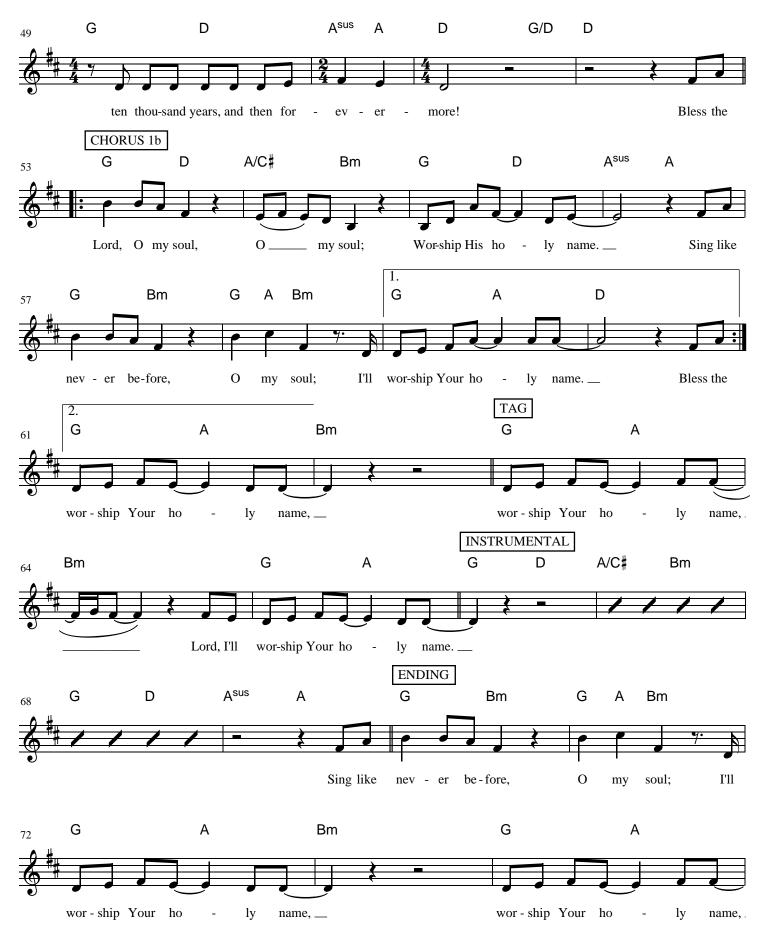
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