Welcome to worship at New Hanover

Pentecost Worship – Affirmation Celebration May 23, 2021

General Info for Drive-in Service Only:

- 1. Stay in your vehicle at all times.
- 2. Tune your FM Radio to 90.7 to listen to the live broadcast
- 3. The building, including the bathrooms, continue to be closed, except to essential employees and volunteers supporting the foodbank and worship service activities.
- 4. There are NO bathroom facilities available at this time.
- 5. There is no need to wear a mask within your vehicle, but we ask that each person within your vehicle has a mask available should a safety need arise.
- 6. If you have an emergency, please wave down an usher or put your hazard lights on.
- 7. If you wish to sit outside on our sidewalk and lawn area for worship next to the Fellowship Hall building, follow the usher's direction and please park in the rear row of the parking lot near the baseball field. Also, please provide your own chair for worship. Be aware that cars are traveling through the parking lot. As always, ask for assistance as needed.

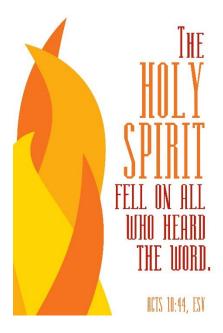
Parking:

- 1. Please direct your attention to the parking lot ushers for parking instructions.
- 2. <u>Vans</u> and <u>Trucks</u> should *back into* the rear parking spaces.
- 3. Motorcycle, bicycle, or walking to worship: Please wear your mask at all times and maintain at least a 6' distance between others.

Offering: Please drop your offering into the designated tubs located by the exits.

General Info for Video and Drive-in Services:

- 1. Most of all, THANK YOU for supporting NHELC!
 Your gifts of time, talent and finances allows us to continue our good works!
- 2. Relax and ready your heart to receive God's glory!
- 3. NHELC Worship Services are also live and recorded and can be found here: http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/worshipinfo.php
- 4. General information for NHELC can be found here: http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/index.php



Introduction

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

All Worship can be viewed online at newhanoverlutheran.org, facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch and/or on YouTube.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist Brian Tracey, organist Lindsey Waltermyer, soloist

Prelude

"Little" Prelude and Fugue in F Major

J. S. Bach

"Little" Prelude and Fugue in F Major. Music and arrangement are in Public domain.

Welcome

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

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Spirit of Gentleness

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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.

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

The Gospel speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Gospel Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

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Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Reading

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b} I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Questions about God & the Church

Song of the Day

Your Grace Is Enough

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

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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.

Sending

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

Announcements

Sending Song

Big House

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Affirmation of Baptism Celebration

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Harrison Grant, Austin Parker, Tyler Sauers and Alexis Urbassik

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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. You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each Confirmand responds: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Harrison Grant, Austin Parker, Tyler Sauers and Alexis Urbassik the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sister and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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

Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen!

I am Risen!

I am Risen!

You are Risen!

We are Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Children's Message Jake Anzulewicz

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Announcements

The Pentecost Carnation Cross is presented to the glory of God and in honor of today's confirmands: Harry Grant, Austin Parker, Tyler Sauers and Alexis Urbassik by Larry and Becky Gallagher.

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Josh Anzulewicz, who celebrates his 14th birthday on May 24th, by Mom, Dad and Jake.

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2021: Harry Grant, Austin Parker, Tyler Sauers and Alexis Urbassik. May you continue to learn and grow in your walk with Christ.

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

Graduation Sunday is July 4th. Graduates from Winter 2020-Spring 2021 will be acknowledged during the worship service. Graduates should email their name, graduation date, school, awards and future plans to Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org so we can include them in the recognition.

2021 Summer Yoga Class Series: Cleanse, Stretch and Grow! Classes will be held Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM June 10th, 17th, 24th and July 1st. Classes are for all levels and anyone age 13 years and up. Those who are age 13-18 should be accompanied by an adult. Classes will focus on cleansing mind, body and spirit, stretching and strengthening and growing an intention towards peace and unity within. Classes are held in the meadow at the church, weather permitting. The cost is a free-will donation with proceeds assisting the Peer Support Recovery Ministry and Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry. To sign up, text or call Leslie Gates at (484) 686-8619.

Garden of Hope There are opportunities for you to participate in this exciting, new ministry at NHELC. Helpers are needed to serve as community/corporate liaison and day captains. Community/Corporate Liaison will communicate needs and opportunities to the community and local businesses. Day Captains will attend meetings to understand expectations, welcome volunteers, help with the garden and educate and communicate with the team. For more information about this program, contact Nikki Young (nikkiannyoung@gmail.com), Marsha Staub (marsha.staub@comcast.net) or Donna Kehs (donnakehs@gmail.com).

Thank you from Lincoln and Barbara Noecker to everyone for their prayers, words of comfort and cards following the death of Lincoln's father, Kenneth.

Sponsors Needed You can help support the ministry at NHELC by sponsoring communion and *The Word in Season* devotion booklets. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 to sign up. Suggested donation to sponsor the communion is \$20 a month and *The Word in Season* devotional is \$35 a month. And, don't forget, there are weeks available to sponsor the bulletin and flowers too. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 week and the flowers is \$35 a week.

Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities – Now through June, NHELC is collecting non-perishable items for the local food bank. Bring your donations to the church kitchen door on Sunday before the 9 AM worship service or between 1 – 2 PM. Be sure to distinguish your donation for the Cluster or Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry. Suggested food items include: jelly, pancake mix and syrup, pasta, crackers, instant mashed potatoes, condiments, soup, 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 shampoo. Also, sugar-free and sodium-free items for those with dietary restrictions are greatly appreciated.

A Community Blood Drive hosted by the Optimist Club of Boyertown will be held on Saturday, June 26th, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Windlestrae Park, located at 132 Chalet Road in Gilbertsville. Appointments are required. To sign up, contact Miller-Keystone Blood Center at GIVEaPINT.ORG and use sponsor code 8744.

Faith Formation

VBS 2021 is coming! Join us for "God's Good Creation" which will be both online and in-person and done in collaboration with some of our neighboring Lutheran congregations. For five consecutive Mondays beginning June 21st, an online "welcome video" introducing the week's theme will be posted. Each Wednesday for those

five weeks, beginning June 23rd, **children and parents** will meet outdoors, 6:30-8 PM, at NHELC for a story time, yoga/mindfulness exercises, a mission-related project and a snack. We will also be posting some of those activities online for children who still cannot attend in-person activities. New this year: an **Adult VBS** which will meet outdoors those Wednesday mornings, 10-11:30 AM at NHELC. Bring a comfortable lawn chair in which to relax! All outdoor gatherings will follow CDC recommendations. An online registration for children and adults can be found on the Faith Formation page of our church website. Early registration is encouraged to help with planning. For adults without computer access a hard copy will be in our upcoming newsletter with extras also in the wooden pick-up box outside of the Sunday School portico door. Also, you can call the church office and leave contact information on Deacon Carol's voicemail. We are currently looking for someone to help coordinate the first Wednesday evening gathering. Contact Deacon Carol for more information about that.

Another faith formation link is available. Called "**Parent Pause**" the link features a simple question each week for parents to 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, newhanoverlutheran.org.

Camp Falckner 2021 Registration is available on the church's website at newhanoverlutheran.org. This year's theme is "Ready, Set, Go! 'Here I am, Lord.'" Camp Falckner is an overnight camping experience for youth completing fifth – twelfth grade and will be held July $27^{th} - 30^{th}$ in the New Hanover Lutheran Church picnic grove.

You are never too old to color! On our Faith Formation page you'll find prayer coloring pages you can download and print out for those times you could use some quiet, mindful spaces in your life. Take deep breaths, color and enjoy!

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. Contact Deacon Carol with your prayer request at caroldetweiler@comcast.net or call the church office (610-326-1335), 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

Drivers are needed to deliver meals on Wednesdays at 2:00 PM and/or Sundays at 1:45 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 grocery donation this Sunday before the 9 AM worship and 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 www.newhanoverlutheran.org/donate. 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, Linda Harpel, Jeffrey Kunsch, Mary Ellen Jonczyk, Hannah Phillips, Braydon Kline, Edwin Sugita, 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 Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Doris Gross, Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Patricia Hoffman, Andy Van Dyke

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Long-term

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

Grieving

For the family and friends of Nancy Moser; David Schonely, Diane Snyder's father; Jean Caputo, Joe Caputo's mother; Ken Noecker, Lincoln Noecker's father; Linford Moyer and Doris Renninger

Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Fran E. Weaver, 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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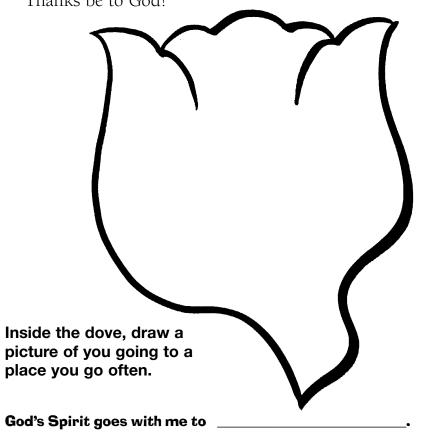
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Send

God goes with you

God's love goes with you everywhere you go, because God's Spirit is always with you. You are never alone. Thanks be to God!





Thanks, Jesus, for sending your Spirit to be with me everyday. Amen

This week

How do you feel God's Spirit blowing each and every day?





Welcome to worship.

Happy Pentecost to you, Happy Pentecost to you, God's Spirit is here, Happy Pentecost to you! (After church, try singing those words to the tune of "Happy Birthday to You.")

It is Pentecost, the day we celebrate the birthday of the church. It's the day God's Spirit came to be with Jesus' followers. Look around. Is there one color you see a lot of?



Decorate this Pentecost birthday cake with as many candles as you can fit on it, then imagine what it would be like if all the candles were lit.

hear & celebrate

Jesus' promise

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15, Acts 2:1-21

Jesus promised to send God's Holy Spirit to guide his disciples and to show them what is true. On the day of Pentecost, that's exactly what happened. Jesus' disciples were together in a house when suddenly a loud, rushing wind filled the room, and something that looked like flames touched each of their heads. The disciples began to speak in many languages, that the people from different countries could understand. They were telling everyone about Jesus! It was an exciting day.



God's Spirit is here! Search the picture for a and a symbols of God's Holy Spirit, then draw a above each of the disciples heads, and a draw people gathering outside the house. Draw yourself in the picture, because *you too* have the gift of the Spirit.



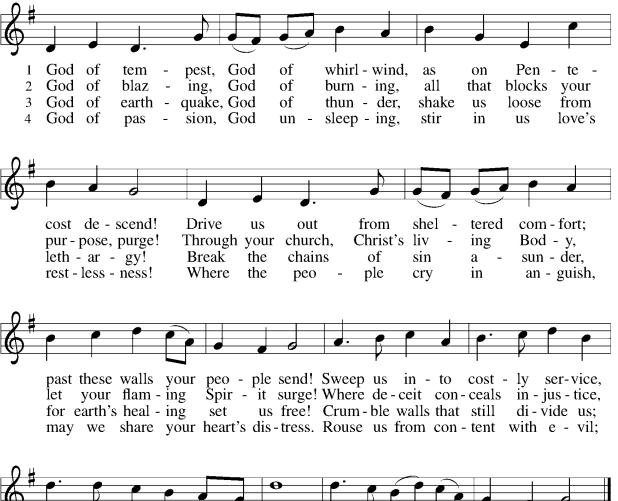
Make a birthday cake at home and celebrate the church's birthday. Invite another family to celebrate with you.

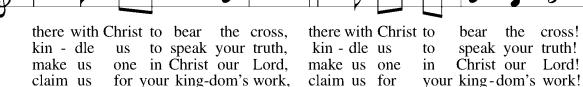
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