Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11, 2021

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Kevin Tracey, presiding pastor Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist Brian Tracey, organist Carolyn Fleming, soloist

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

Welcome back to worshipping in the Sanctuary.

Here are some guidelines for attendance.

- ✓ Face masks are worn at all times within the indoor facility; singing with masks on is permissible.
- ✓ If you are feeling ill, stay home, get rest and heal. We invite you to participate via the live stream or video. We look forward to worshipping with you when you return.
- ✓ Bathrooms in the fellowship hall are open for use. Wash hands frequently. Sanitizers are available.
- ✓ The kitchen is off limits. Please observe this rule and stay within the confines of the fellowship hall, welcome center and sanctuary.
- \checkmark Do not enter the multi-purpose room or kitchen for any reason.
- ✓ Maintain a 3-foot distance between YOU (yourself, family and/or groups of friends who normally are in contact with each other) and other singles or groups.
- Communion will be distributed at the entrance and received in the pew.
- ✓ No physical exchanges including sharing of the peace are encouraged.

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

Today's Theme



THE ANCHOR A symbol of hope

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Children's Message (Online, streamed video) Donna Kehs

Prelude

Trumpet Prelude

Robert Lau

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn Let Justice Flow like Streams ELW #717

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, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

Gospel Hymn Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

ELW #674



Gospel Reading Mark 6:14-29 The holy gospel according to Mark Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the

king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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

Sermon

Kevin Tracey, MDiv

Song of the Day God of Wonders Lord of all creation Of water earth and sky The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1 God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy The universe declares Your majesty You are holy holy Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning I will celebrate the light When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) You are holy

Chorus 2 God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father hold me hold me The universe declares Your majesty You are holy holy holy *Chorus 3* God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father hold me hold me

Ending

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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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 Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. 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 Open the Eyes of My Heart Chorus Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You. I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy holy

Bridge Holy holy holy Holy holy holy Holy holy holy I want to see You

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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 to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Announcements

Thank you to the essential workers whose dedication and support allowed us to continue the ministry of New Hanover Lutheran Church and the cooperation of the congregation during the pandemic.

The bulletin and flowers are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip and Myrtle Bechtel by Lincoln and Barbara Noecker.

The *Word in Season* **daily devotion books** July – September are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner. The booklets have arrived and are available in the box outside the Sunday School door and are available from the ushers.

NHELC Camp Falckner 2021 is a Go! *Ready, Set, Go! – "Here I am, Lord"*

Isaiah 6:8 - Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

NHELC will hold Camp Falckner **July 27-30, 2021** at the church picnic grove on Swamp Picnic Road. Camp Falckner is a gathering of young people interested in strengthening their faith, creating lifelong friendships and memories, and enjoying all that a camp experience can provide in fun games, activities, food, song and mission. The camp, located on our campus, is open to the congregation's young people and friends, who have finished grades 5 - 12. You can camp overnight or go home to rest as an option. Chaperones are provided.

Fun, Activities, Mission & did I say Fun!

The cost is \$50.00 per camper (camperships are available). If your child is interested in attending, go to

https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org to register and forward the check to the church office by July 18th if possible. Emergency and health information is required.

For information contact Marlene Hansley at (610) 698 - 1276, or Donna Kehs at (610) 212 - 2673.

VBS 2021, "God's Good Creation" has begun! But it's not too late to register! Both children and adult participants are welcome

any time in the next two weeks for the Wednesday morning Adult VBS sessions, 10-11:30 AM, or the family VBS gatherings, each of those Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8 PM at NHELC. To sign up, go to the VBS page on the church website. Also you'll find basic information for VBS as well as a listing of each week's Mission Project and any donations needed for that cause. Contact Deacon Carol with any questions. Both outdoor programs will follow current CDC recommendations. Please bring a mask and a comfortable lawn chair.

VBS donations Anyone is welcome to donate items needed for the various organizations that we are helping as part of our VBS Mission Outreach. To learn what items are needed each week, logon to www.newhanoverlutheran.org, go to the VBS page then click on the link for Mission Service Projects. For those who don't have access to a computer, there will be copies of that information in the outside wooden box next to the Sunday School portico door (on blue paper).

NHELC Men's Breakfast is back. Join in good food and friendly conversations at 8:00 on the second Saturday of the month at Brookside Family Restaurant.

The Great Swamp Picnic is back! Save the date - **August 28th from 4:00-8:00 PM.** Volunteers are needed. Contact Sally Sugita if you are interested in helping (610-505-9682 or sallysugita@yahoo.com). More information coming soon!

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 a week and the flowers is \$35 a week.

Daily Bread Community Food Pantry is collecting school supplies for children of their clients. The biggest needs this year include backpacks - small - medium and especially large, 24 count packs of crayons, Fiskars children's scissors, boxes of 24 colored pencils, plastic pencil boxes, pencil cases with 3 holes to go into binders for the older children, composition books for elementary age school children, red pens, 3x5 index cards, dividers for binders, 1" three-ring binders, folders with prongs, three-ring loose leaf filler paper, black dry erase markers, packs of dry erase markers containing four different colors, highlighters of any color, mechanical pencils, Sharpie markers, small pencil sharpeners, packs of Post-It notes and flash drives. Donations will be accepted through mid-August. Drop off donation at the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry, 3938B Ridge Pike in Collegeville, Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. until Noon, except Wednesdays between 9 – 11 AM, when they are distributing food to clients. Or, drop off school supplies in the beige bin near the garage doors on the side of the food pantry at any time.

We are hiring a Director of Children, Family & Youth Ministry!

NHELC is accepting resumes for this new position. Please read below the expectations and if you or if you know someone who may be interested, please check out the Job Description on our website under the Faith Formation tab. Please forward a resume to Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org. If you have any questions, email Pastor Scott.

The Director of Children, Family & Youth Ministry extends the ministry of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELC) into the congregation and community through various activities designed to engage youth and families and strengthen their faith in our Lord.

Ministry Goals

- 1. As part of the staff leadership of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, work with and guide all people of this church so that they are thriving, passionate disciples of Jesus Christ.
- 2. To oversee, and in partnership with other leaders, coordinate, strengthen, expand and create ministries that help children, youth and families grow as disciples in mission, faith formation, inclusivity for all, and loving their neighbor.

- 3. To work in partnership with parents to assist them in their baptismal responsibility to help their children grow as followers of Jesus Christ.
- 4. By encouraging and mentoring, recruit and equip more leaders into children, youth and adult ministry.

Faith Formation

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"!

New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM, Call for an appointment.

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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 Tadlev, 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, 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, Lilly Marie Kuzminski, Donald Gabel, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family

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

Shut-ins

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

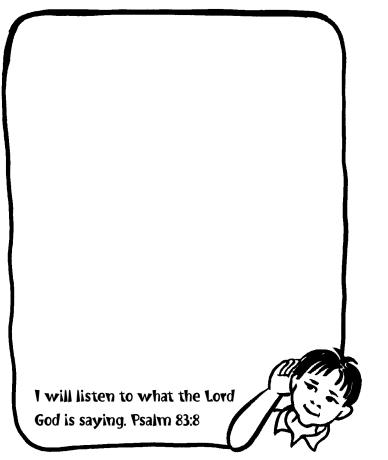
Military

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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What do you hear?

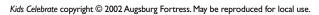
God speaks to us through the things we hear at worship: the words, the music, and even sometimes when it's quiet. **Draw one or two pictures of something that you hear today in worship.**



Dear God, when you speak I will listen. Amen

This week

Listen to Christian music on a CD or the radio. What does the song tell you about your life as a child of God?





gather

Welcome to worship.

Amos saw a vision of God holding a plumb line, ready to "measure the actions" of the people of Israel.

Plumb line – a weight hung from a string that's used to judge the straightness of a wall or building, or the depth of water.

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You and one other person take turns connecting two dots next to each other with straight lines. Two lines are drawn for you. If your line completes a square put your initial inside the square. How many boxes did you make?

hear & Celebrate

The straight truth

God's prophets speak the truth to God's people.

Bring these people through the maze to God's truth. Follow the arrows to find the right path.

Amos lsaigh Elijah John the Baptist was Jeremich, JOHN killed by King Herod BAPTIST for being a prophet. JESUS Jonah Hosea Joel . Tekiel

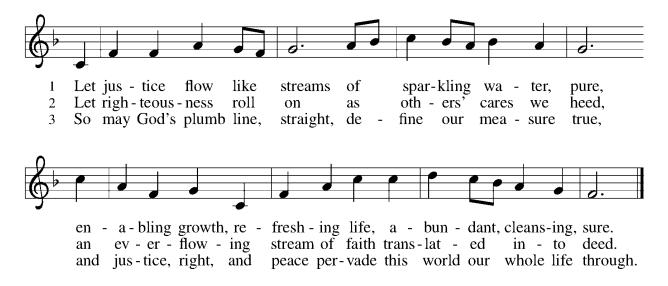
Amos was a prophet who told the people of Israel the straight truth from God, even when people didn't want to hear it.

Jesus told the straight truth to many people. They didn't want to hear it because it would make them change the way they lived. So Jesus was crucified and died. But we know that Jesus lives again. We still look to Jesus to find the straight truth for our lives.



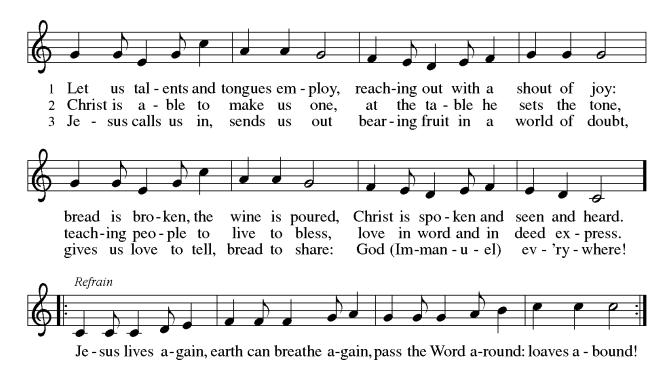
Find the Bible books for the prophets that are named on this page. (Hint: All are in the Old Testament except John and Jesus.)

Let Justice Flow like Streams



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