

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021



Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Kevin Tracey, presiding minister
Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist
Steve Eisenhart, 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!

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

Children's Message (*Online, streamed video*) Hayley Quigley

Prelude

Welcome

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

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ELW #853

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.

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

Gospel Hymn *By Your Hand You Feed Your People*

By your hand you feed your people,
food of angels, heaven's bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
by your grace have we been fed:

Refrain

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,
given as a living token
of your world redeemed, restored.

In this meal we taste your sweetness,
bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

Send us now with faith and courage
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

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Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading John 6:51-58

The holy gospel according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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

Sermon

Kevin Tracey, MDiv

Song of the Day *O Come to the Altar*

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Repeat Chorus 2x

Bridge

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Repeat Chorus

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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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

**God, 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 *Lead Me to the Cross*

Saviour I come, quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Pre-Chorus

Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

Chorus

Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross

You were as I tempted and tried human
The word became flesh
Bore my sin in death
Now You're risen
Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

To Your heart
To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart
Lead me to Your heart

Chorus

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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

Sound and video assistants needed for worship broadcast and live stream video. Training will be provided. For more information or to sign up, contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

Welcome to Kevin Tracey who is leading the worship service and to **Steve Eisenhart**, who is serving as the organist this morning.

The bulletin and flowers are presented by Jim and Nancy Gross for the glory of God and in honor of all of God's work at NHEL C – God's work, our hands.

Serving Today Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Brian Flack and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley
Next week Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Steve and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley

Rejoicing Spirits Outdoor Worship will be held this afternoon in the church parking lot. Fellowship begins at 2:30 followed by the worship service at 3:00. This service is for everyone and includes lots of music and joyous singing, a brief meaningful message, fellowship opportunities and light refreshments. Rejoicing Spirits is a ministry to enrich the spiritual lives of individuals with developmental disabilities along with their families, friends and supportive community. Come and check it out.

The Great Swamp Picnic is back! Save the date - **August 28th from 4:00-8:00 PM.** Bring your family and friends for dinner at the picnic grove. In addition, activities include free games for children and entertainment from 6-8 by the Boyertown Alumni Band.

Volunteers are needed for The Great Swamp Picnic. If you can help or would like more information, contact Sally Sugita at (610) 505-9682 or sallysugita@yahoo.com.

Yard Sale The Mission Service folks will be holding a yard sale at the Great Swamp Picnic on Saturday, August 28th. Please do not bring electronics, upholstered furniture or clothes. All monies received from sales will go to benefit a local, charitable cause. Come and shop. **Yard sale treasures may be dropped at the**

picnic grove on Friday, August 27th, from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM and Saturday, August 28th, (the day of the picnic) from 9:00 AM - noon. If you have any questions, contact Vicki Mutter at (484) 363-0639. Thanks in advance for your support of this project.

Backpack Blessing – Sunday, August 22nd, during worship As we prepare to begin another school year, again with lots of unknowns, join us in worship on Sunday, August 22nd, at 9:00 for a backpack blessing during the service. Children and teachers can bring a backpack, laptop bag, whatever they would like to be blessed. We want to pray for a safe and healthy school year for all as we begin this 2021-2022 school year.

“Seniors Ministry is rising up! Watch for details about what is happening – we are forming a Planning & Resource Team, a first-time get-together for in the coming weeks, and our first service project – putting together a “Living History Cemetery Walk-Through” as part of our fund-raising month of October. Check out upcoming bulletins and the September newsletter for more details. Stay tuned! NHELC Seniors are on the move!

In just about one month....”**Thursdays at Ten**” will be here! Formerly known as the Mid-Week Study, we’ll be meeting on Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:30 AM to share some good talk, some good stories, some good laughs and some great chances to explore what God intends for our lives. Might even be some good snacks!

Women’s Breakfast is held the second Tuesday of each month at 8:30 at The Three Cousins Diner in Pottstown. Reservations are needed so contact Sandy Wesner by noon on the Monday before the breakfast. Husbands are invited too. Any questions and to sign up, contact Sandy at (610) 417-1968 or slwesner@comcast.net.

Men’s Breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 at Brookside Family Restaurant. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at (484) 415-0386.

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 are available in the box outside the Sunday School door and are in the Welcome Center.

Places of Reflection and Prayer Did you know New Hanover has several places around the church that provide great places to connect with God? The gazebo located in the rear of the cemetery is maintained year-round and has recently been freshened up. Right now there are butterfly bushes and begonias blooming and it's a perfect place to read the Bible or pray. Also, a memorial bench, located on the south side of the church, is surrounded by nature and canopied by a large oak providing shade for those seeking a place of reprieve and solace. Take advantage of them and you'll find that God is ready both for listening and speaking.

Thrivent members receive free of charge two (2) \$250.00 gifts a year to help our church or charity. With your gifts, you can help Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry, Garden of Hope with plants and supplies, FLUTTER (Youth) activities and Community Family Events. For details, contact Pastor Scott or logon at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>.

Sponsors Needed You can help support the ministry at NHELCC 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.

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 PM, church parking lot

Peer Support – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 33

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, Sunday School Wing door

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing door

Faith Formation

Rally Day Event and Picnic Sunday, September 12th, 10:15 AM

We are ready to begin Sunday School again and are looking forward to Rally Day on Sunday, September 12th, at 10:15 following worship. All ages can join in the Rally Day fun. There will be a scavenger hunt for those that would like to participate and service project to make kindness bags to be given to someone that could use some cheering up. Children and Youth will have a chance to meet their teachers and find their classroom. After the Sunday School hour there will be a picnic at the Grove. The main dish and beverages will be provided by our fellowship committee. We ask that you bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. We will have folks helping to serve the food in order to keep things as safe as possible. We hope you will join us for a fun morning filled with faith and fellowship. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back.

Sunday School Help Needed We need your help! We are looking for Sunday School teachers, substitutes, or second adults. We provide you with the curriculum and whatever support you will need. If you are not comfortable teaching but are willing to just be a second adult/classroom observer that is helpful. We would like to have an extensive substitute list to have others to call on if our regular teachers are feeling ill. Can't help weekly? That's ok ! If you are interested at all, contact Nikki Young at the church or at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Catechism for 2021-2022 We are getting ready to begin Catechism for the 2021-2022 school year. Catechism is typically for 8th and 9th graders and is a two-year program. If you are interested in catechism, contact Nikki Young at the church or email nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Trauma: Travelling Through and Surviving by Pastor Scott

An Adult class discussion each Sunday at 10:15 AM in room 33 centering on the identification and effects of trauma, traveling through trauma and healing practices. We will study what one may learn through trauma, and how trauma may actually make us stronger if we allow ourselves to accept it and work through trauma.

Forward of the book study “Oneing: Trauma” by Richard Rohr: “The theme of the edition is timely, considering the loss of hundreds of thousands of lives due to a complex global pandemic, political upheaval, armed conflicts, and squalid migrant camps cropping up in many parts of the world, not to mention the suffering of countless kinds of animal and plant life due to global warming. Although it seems that we are living through eschatological times, we can hope that transformation will be the result of this eye-opening, heartbreaking suffering.”

The book cost is \$15.00. I ask that you contact me at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org by September 10th to order your copy. Scholarships are available for the book cost. I will also have handouts available.

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. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org 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

More than 50,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC’s Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part

of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards, place monetary donation in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Garden of Hope

Volunteers are needed to work in the garden. Hours are: Mondays 7-10 AM, Wednesdays 4:30-5:30 PM, Thursdays 7-10 AM and Saturdays to be announced. Would you like to help but can't serve during the designated hours? Additional hours and tasks can be coordinated with Donna Kehs. Contact Donna at donnakehs@gmail.com.

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, 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, 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, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik,

Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Charles Rhoads, Andy Van Dyke, Lilly Marie Kuzminski, Donald Gabel, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Karen Eisenhart Long, Rick Hansen and Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer

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

Grieving

Family and friends of Richard Davis (Robb Davis' father)

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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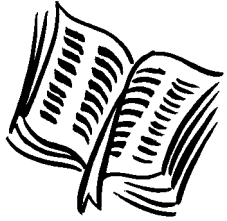
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A hymnbook hunt



Find a song of thanks. It might be something you sing at the end of each communion service or it may be a favorite hymn or song. Put its page number here:





Look for the Psalms in your hymnbook or a Bible. Find a psalm that has your age in its chapter number. What page is it on? _____ Have someone read some of the psalm verses to you. Look for today's chapter, Psalm 34.

Choose a favorite song that is sung today in worship.

What makes it a favorite one for you?



Dear Lord, give us wisdom and courage for each day. We will praise you always. Amen

this week

Choose a song to sing before or after family meals this week or create a new mealtime prayer calling Jesus the "Bread of Life."

Kids Celebrate

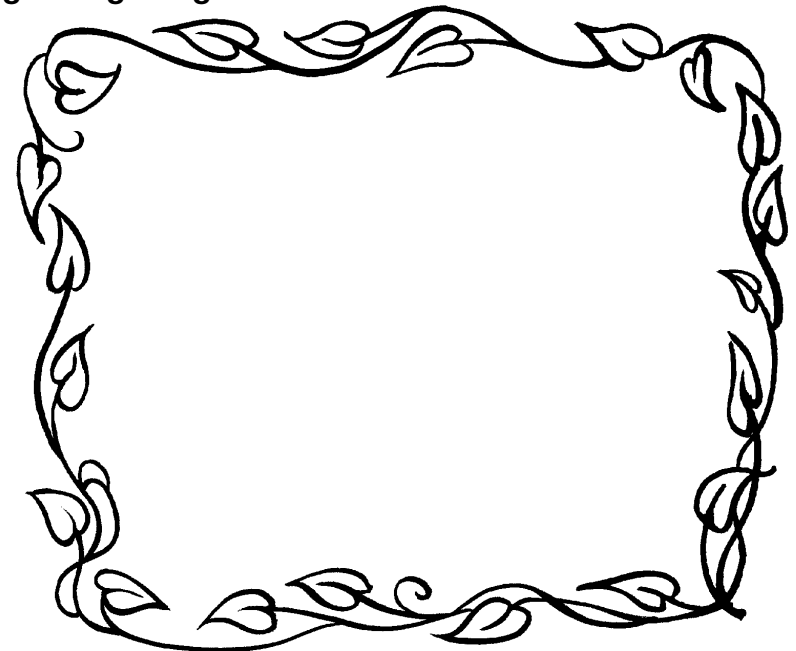
Lectionary 20



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Welcome to worship. We have been living in the season after Pentecost for many weeks. Today's church name is Proper _____. (Look at the top of this bulletin.) We have been living in the season of summer many weeks. Today's date is _____. This season is a time to grow in knowing about God and a time to grow closer to God through prayers, songs, and reading the Bible. We grow just like plants grow in the summer.

Draw a picture of yourself, then draw a picture of a growing thing.



Words of wisdom

Psalm 34:9-14

The Bible is filled with stories and wise thoughts. Some things are hard to understand. “Fear the Lord” doesn’t mean “be afraid of God.” It means we follow and respect an awesome, powerful, and loving God.

Make sense out of these confusing words to find today’s Psalm verse. Cross out the letters that spell the pictured items. Print the rest of the letters in order on the line beside each picture to find the verse. One has been done for you.

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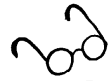
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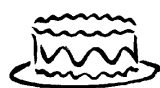












(Psalm 34:10b)

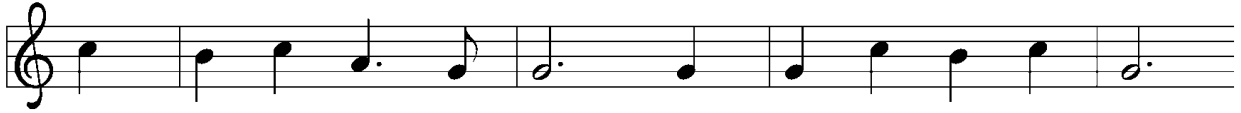


Talk together about confusing words or Bible verses that don't make sense to you.

When Morning Gilds the Skies



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known
4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:
5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

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