# Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

# Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021



In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

#### The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist Steve Eisenhart, organist Lindsey Waltermyer, 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) Ariel Hansley

Prelude

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Ritter

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

Gathering Hymn	Blessed Assurance	ELW #638
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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. Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# Word

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

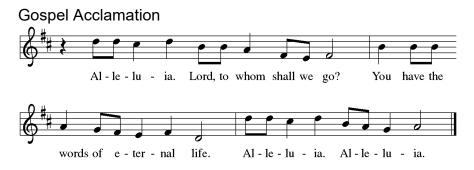
Gospel Hymn "O Jesus, I Have Promised" O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.

Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.

Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.

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# Gospel ReadingJohn 6:56-69The holy gospel according to JohnGlory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This 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." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.

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

#### Sermon

Song of the Day Heart of Worship When the music fades all is stripped away And I simply come Longing just to bring something that's of worth That will bless Your heart

#### Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song For a song in itself is not what You have required You search much deeper within Through the way things appear You're looking into my heart

#### Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship And it's all about You all about You Jesus I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it When it's all about You all about You Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express How much You deserve Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours Ev'ry single breath

#### Pre-Chorus

#### Chorus

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Backpack Blessing Pastor Scott and Nikki Young God of fresh starts and new beginnings, we bring ourselves, our big feelings, and our backpacks to you.

Last year was different from what we expected. We couldn't see our friends or play on playgrounds, we learned at home, in masks six feet apart, or both. In all these changes, we may have felt sad and alone.

God, our friend who comforts us, hold us close and wipe our tears.

In our backpacks, we carry blank pages, sharpened pencils, and pointy crayons, and in our hearts, we carry big feelings, unanswered questions, and hopeful expectations. There are endless possibilities of what this new year might bring— of what we might learn, who we might meet, and who we might become. God, our friend who is always with us, be with us through it all.

Be with us as we ride the bus. Be with us as we walk. Be with us as we buckle seat belts, zip-up jackets, and tie shoes. However we get there, and whatever we wear, bless this journey into something new.

For the grown-ups going back to school, with us God, be with them too. Thank you for our teachers, helpers, caregivers, and leaders, and for all they do to help us learn and grow.

God, our friend who's full of wonder, fill their hearts and bless their hands.

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 Hosanna I see the King of glory Coming on the clouds with fire The whole earth shakes The whole earth shakes yeah

I see His love and mercy Washing over all our sin The people sing The people sing

*Chorus* Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest Hosanna hosanna Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation Rising up to take their place With selfless faith With selfless faith

I see a near revival Stirring as we pray and seek We're on our knees We're on our knees *Chorus* 

#### Bridge

Heal my heart and make it clean Open up my eyes to the things unseen Show me how to love like You have loved me Break my heart for what breaks Yours Everything I am for Your Kingdom's cause As I walk from earth into eternity *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.** Go get'em!!!

### 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 Steve Eisenhart, who is serving as the organist this morning.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their son London Meeker's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 19<sup>th</sup> by Christopher and Megan Meeker.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Steve and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley Next week Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Doug and Kathy Taylor; Children's Sermon: Jim and Diane Davidheiser

**Backpack Blessing – today, during worship** As we prepare to begin another school year, again with lots of unknows, Pastor Scott and Nikki Young will bless backpacks and laptop bags during the service. We want to pray for a safe and healthy school year for all as we begin this 2021-2022 school year.

**Drivers are needed** to deliver Swamp Picnic meals to the shut-ins on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, contact Georgann Geiser at ggeiser@comcast.net or leave a message at (484) 680-4287.

## 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

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

Cub Scout Pack Meeting – Monday, 7:00 PM, picnic grove

Boy Scouts - Tuesday, 6:30 PM, picnic grove

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

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 2:00 PM, Sunday School Wing door **The Great Swamp Picnic** – Saturday, 4:00 – 8:00 PM, picnic grove

- 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

# **Upcoming Events**

**The Great Swamp Picnic is back – this Saturday 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 28<sup>th</sup>. 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 off at the picnic grove on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, from 8 AM - 8 PM and Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, (the day of the picnic) from 9 AM noon.** If you have any questions, contact Vicki Mutter at (484) 363-0639. Thanks in advance for your support of this project.

A Kickoff "Let's Get Together Luncheon!" Senior Ministry Gathering Thursday, September  $23^{rd}$ , 12 noon, in Fellowship Hall. The kickoff event will include lunch by Chef Chris, good fellowship and creative chatting about NHELC's new Seniors Ministry. Please note: "seniors" has no real defining age restriction – like AARP – 50 years and over – come on out! Just asking that for this event you sign up so we know how to plan for food. Reserve your spot by calling the church office or by signing up on the sheet that will be available in the Welcome Center shortly. We'll let you know if we come up with some other ways to get your name to us! **Thursdays at Ten** will begin September 16<sup>th</sup>! Formerly known as the Mid-Week Study, we'll be meeting on Thursdays from 10 - 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!

Painting Event on Saturday, September  $25^{th}$ , from 2 - 4 PM Join us for a fun afternoon of painting a piece of fall inspired art. Amy's Art Shack will be here to lead us step by step through the painting. No experience needed – this is meant to be a fun social event. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Weather permitting, we hope to be at the NHELC Picnic Grove, but we will move indoors if the weather is not cooperative. The cost is \$40/ person and Amy is donating \$15/person back to NHELC programs. RSVP to Nikki Young by calling the church office or emailing nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org.

**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.

**Living History Cemetery Walk Through** hosted by the Senior Ministry is a church fundraiser on October 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain date October 30<sup>th</sup>). Volunteers are needed to portray former members who are now buried in the NHELC cemetery and to welcome visitors who come to this event. Also, if you can let us know of an economical source to borrow/rent period costumes, that would be most helpful. Any questions or if you would like to volunteer, contact Deacon Carol at (610) 326-1335.

# **Spiritual Renewal**

**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.

# **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 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 a 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. Fellowship committee will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, condiments, chips, pretzels and beverages. 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 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 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. Contact Pastor Scott at

pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org by September 10<sup>th</sup> to order your copy. Scholarships are available for the book cost. Also handouts will be 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.

## **Support NHELC**

**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 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.

# 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, Rick Hansen and Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Stella Eidle

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 Karen Trout-Long

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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# Home and away

No matter where we are we serve God. **Circle the five matching items in the pictures.** 

Nick and Anita are serving God by helping their mom...



... and by cleaning up God's creation.

God of power and might, protect us from evil so that we can serve you always. Amen

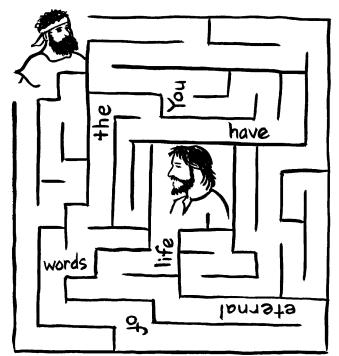
# this week

Do a service project with your family for a neighbor or in God's creation. Serve the Lord!



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Welcome to worship. Peter knew that Jesus could bring eternal life, life with God forever. Many churches sing Peter's words to Jesus every Sunday, adding "Alleluia!" because it is good news for all.



Bring Peter to find Jesus in the maze. Print the words you find along your way on the lines below in order to complete the verse.

. Alleluia.

Count how many times you hear "Alleluia" during worship today.

Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?\_

# hear & Celebrate





## **Our powerful God**

Ephesians 6:10-20 God's power is awesome. Paul tells the people of Ephesus to find their strength in God, or "put on the whole armor of God."

Unscramble the words, then draw a line to the picture of each word.

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When you see someone who is wearing something to protect them from danger think about your prayers to God. That's a way to be strong and protected from evil.

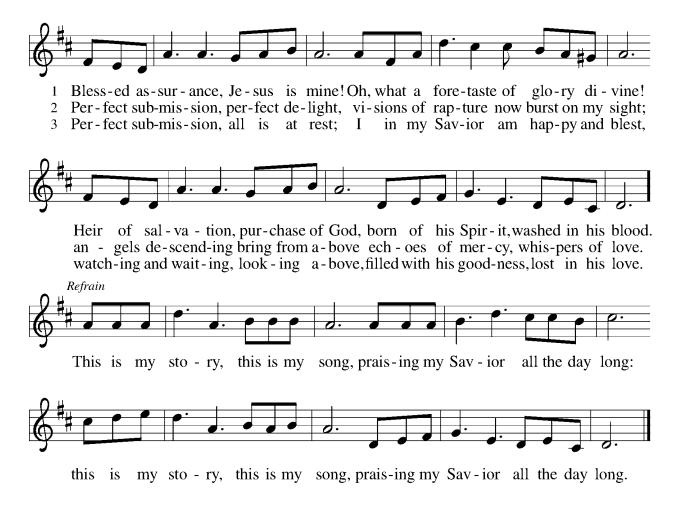
Circle the things worn in this picture for protection from danger.





What do you wear to protect yourself from danger? How can they be reminders of God's protection?

# **Blessed Assurance**



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