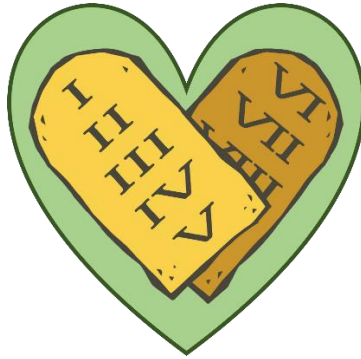


Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 29, 2021



What was the intent of the Law given by God to God's people?
And how does it apply to today?

I believe there are three uses of the Law given to us:

- Curb - Through fear of punishment, the Law keeps the sinful nature of both Christians and non-Christians under check.... Good order of the world.
- Mirror - The Law serves as a perfect reflection of what God created the human heart and life to be.... What God intended us to be as Children of God in a loving relationship with each other and God.
- Guide - The Law teaches us Christians what we should and should not do to live a God-pleasing life (a guide). The power to live according to the Law comes from the Gospel.
- Good works to help one another.

In our story today, Jesus teaches and challenges the Scribes & Pharisees about the translation and use of the Law, and without doubt he can do this all day long to every Jot and Tittle of the Hebrew Law. However, Jesus teaches the crowd and the disciples about what is missing in the Pharisees interpretation and use of the Law given to them by God. I believe, they and we sometimes forget that the whole message of the Law is about how to have a relationship with others and God in good times and bad.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
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*) Ariel Hansley

Prelude

Welcome

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

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Gather Us In

ELW #532

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 our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

Gospel Hymn/Acclamation

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW #512

Gospel Reading Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song of the Day *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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 *Forever Reign*

You are good You are good
When there's nothing good in me
You are love You are love
On display for all to see
You are light You are light
When the darkness closes in
You are hope You are hope
You have covered all my sin

You are peace You are peace
When my fear is crippling
You are true You are true
Even in my wandering
You are joy You are joy
You're the reason that I sing
You are life You are life
In You death has lost its sting

Chorus

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms
I'm running to Your arms
The riches of Your love will always be enough
Nothing compares to Your embrace
Light of the world forever reign

You are more You are more
Than my words will ever say
You are Lord You are Lord
All creation will proclaim
You are here You are here
In Your presence I'm made whole
You are God You are God
Of all else I'm letting go

Bridge

My heart will sing no other Name

Jesus Jesus

Repeat 4X

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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 bulletin and flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Joe, Lisa, Tyler and Alex Caputo.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Doug and Kathy Taylor; Children's Sermon: Jim and Diane Davidheiser

Next week Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Donna Kehs and Robin Fatzinger; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young

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, #1

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

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 PM, #32

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, offsite

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

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 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.

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 Saturday, September 11th, 8:00 AM - ?. 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.

Seniors Ministry Kickoff Luncheon – Thursday, September 23rd, 12 noon, Fellowship Hall. **Please note:** location may shift outdoors to uphold covid safety practices. Watch for updates. The event will include lunch by Chef Chris, good fellowship and creative chatting about NHELCC's new Seniors Ministry. "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. You can call the church office, sign up on the sheet in the Welcome Center or email Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org. Hope you'll be part of this new adventure!

Thursdays at Ten is a discussion/fellowship gathering which will meet Thursdays, 10 – 11:30 AM, room 33, **starting September 16th** to share good talk, good stories, good laughs and great chances to explore what God intends for our lives. Might even be some good snacks! Starting topic: “**A Quote A Day Keeps the Blues Away.**” We'll explore all kinds of meaningful quotes – some well-known, some others not so much and figure out how they can nourish our spiritual lives and help us let go of some of the stresses surrounding us these days. Contact Deacon Carol for more information.

Painting Event on Saturday, September 25th, 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 NHELIC 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 NHELIC 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 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 Tour, Saturday October 23rd, (rain date October 30th), 2 - 4 PM (tours running every 15 minutes). Hosted by our new Seniors Ministry and part of the Amazing Raise fund-raising month. Volunteers needed: actors to portray persons

associated with our cemetery, greeters and tour guides. Also if you know of an economical source from which we can borrow/rent costumes, contact Deacon Carol. For more information or to volunteer, contact Deacon Carol at the church office or at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org.

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

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. Contact Pastor Scott at pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org by September 10th 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/>.

Support NHEL C

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 NHEL C 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, Gates family, Eric and Wendy Hess, Sue Care, Josh Young, Herman Richard, Deb Matthews, Marceline, Brendan Avvento, Anne Eshleman, Daniel Johnson, Gwen Grant, Chris Fatzinger, 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, Feryl Stein

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 and Linda Norton

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard,
Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, Temperance Leister,
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Send

Commandments to follow

The ten commandments give us a map for life. God gives us guiding rules just like families have rules about life in their homes. Doing what God commands makes a big difference in the way we live and serve every day.

In the space below, draw a map of places you go during a regular day. God's commandments will help you in all of those places.

YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS. Keep God's name

You shall not steal. *You shall not use words to hurt your neighbor.*

*You shall not commit adultery.
take anything from anyone.*

**You shall not want someone
holy. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY.**

*Honor your father and mother. You shall not kill.
You shall not want to
else's belongings.*



*Help us to keep your
commandments, Lord.*

Amen

This week

Talk about God's commandments at home: one each day and two on the even days until you've done all ten of them, then put them into action.

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 22



gather

Welcome to worship.

At times we all try to add or subtract some things from God's commandments. We fool ourselves into thinking that our ways are better than God's ways.

Add or subtract the numbers below each line to figure out what word should be printed there. When you have done them all, you will have a Bible verse.

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Deuteronomy 4:2b

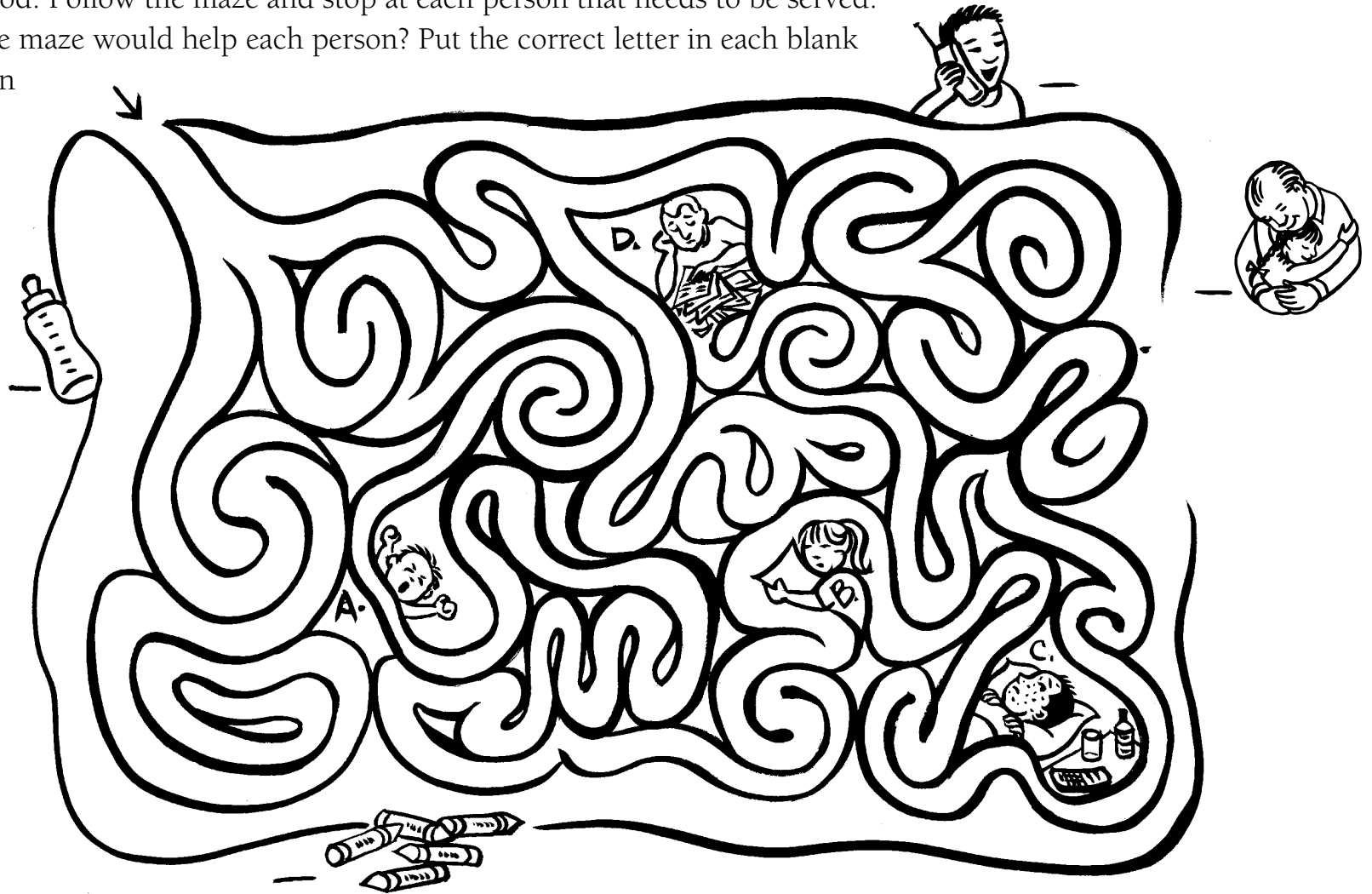
KEY: 3 = the 4 = of 7 = Lord
8 = God 10 = commandments
12 = keep 17 = your

Hear and do

James 1:17-27

After we hear God's word and talk about serving we need to "walk about," meeting people and serving them. Our feet and hands become servants of God. Follow the maze and stop at each person that needs to be served.

What item outside the maze would help each person? Put the correct letter in each blank to match the person in need to the kind of help that's needed.



Talk about ways to serve some of the people you know.

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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