

# **Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 5, 2021**



God shows no partiality.  
Everyone who brings a need to Jesus  
is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist  
Teresa Heindel, 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*)

Prelude

Welcome

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

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn    *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*    ELW #858

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.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

## Word

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

Gospel Hymn    *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People*    ELW #519

## 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 Mark 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,<sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” <sup>29</sup>Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” <sup>30</sup>So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” <sup>35</sup>And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

## Sermon

### 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*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy  
You are holy  
The universe declares Your majesty  
You are 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

#### *Chorus*

#### *Bridge*

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) (4x)

#### *Chorus*

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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.**

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat;  
this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## After Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Sending

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

## Announcements

Sending Song            *Better Is One Day*  
How lovely is Your dwelling place O Lord almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

### *Chorus*

Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere (*repeat*)

One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells (*repeat*)

### *Chorus*

### *Bridge*

My heart and flesh cry out for You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You to You

### *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](mailto:pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org) or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

**Welcome to Teresa Heindel**, who is serving as the organist this morning.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Donna Kehs and Robin Fatzinger; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young

**Next week** Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Brian Flack; Children's Sermon: Nevada Grant

**Communion** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

**The church office will be closed** on Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 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

**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

**Bell Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 15

**Worship and Music** – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34

**Men's Breakfast** – Saturday, 8:00 AM, offsite

**Garden of Hope Serve Day** – Saturday, 8:00 AM, garden

**Teachers Meeting** – Saturday, 9:00 AM, room 1

**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



**Rally Day** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1  
**Picnic** – Next Sunday, 11:30 AM, picnic grove

## Upcoming Events

### **Rally Day Event and Picnic Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:donnakehs@gmail.com).

**Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00** at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at (484) 415-0386.

**“Thursdays at Ten”** is a discussion/fellowship gathering which will meet Thursdays, 10 – 11:30 AM, room 33, **starting September 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org).

**Amazing Raise October 2021** NHELIC is proud to be one of the 90 nonprofits invited to participate in the Amazing Raise in October. The Amazing Raise is a giving challenge that brings together the Tri-County region’s nonprofit community to help raise much needed unrestricted funds and shine a spotlight on the work nonprofits do to make our community a better place to live and work. Every donation we receive in October will go further to help us claim our share in thousands of dollars in additional funds. A link will soon be available to support NHELIC for the month of October. Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

**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](mailto:slwesner@comcast.net).

**Living History Cemetery Tour**, Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, (rain date October 30<sup>th</sup>), 2 - 4 PM (tours running every 20 minutes). Hosted by our new Seniors Ministry and part of the Amazing Raise fund-raising month. Volunteers are needed for this event. We need folks to serve as greeters, tour guides (leading groups around the cemetery, no need

to give speeches) and snack table helpers. Also, we may need another actor or two. And, 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](mailto: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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 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.

## Seniors Ministry Kickoff Luncheon

**Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12 noon**

The luncheon is scheduled to be held in Fellowship Hall. However, location may shift outdoors to uphold covid safety practices. Please note your preference for indoor or outdoor dining when you RSVP.

### Event will include

Lunch by Chef Chris

Good fellowship

Creative chatting about NHELC's new Seniors Ministry

“Seniors” has no real defining age restriction – like AARP – 50 years and over – come on out and be a part of this new adventure!

**RSVP** (choose 1 of 3 easy ways to let us know you are coming)

Call the church office

Signup on the sheet in the Welcome Center

Email Deacon Carol at [carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org)

Watch for updates.

# Harvesting Hope Fair

## October 2<sup>nd</sup>

### 11:00 AM - 3 PM

Join the fun for all ages and help save lives!  
Donate to our Amazing Raise Events in October, and/or  
attend our events to feed, save and change lives.

Fire Trucks

MedEvac Helicopter

Touch A Truck

Tractors

Hayride

Pulled Pork Barbeque

Christmas Flea Market

Live Music – Richard Thomas

Games

Clown face Painting

Bouncy Rides

Non-Profit Ministries

Bee Demo

Organic Garden Demos

All Donations will support the nonprofit ministries that are feeding, saving and changing lives locally through the Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry, Garden of Hope and the Peer Support Recovery Ministry.

Donations will receive a bonus match by the TCN Network. Check us out at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/nhelc-and-the-amazing-raise/>.

<https://www.amazingraisetricounty.org/nhelc/>



# 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,  
William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan  
Fricker, Kyle Woods

## **New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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Call for an appointment.

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## Eyes, ears and voice

I will praise the Lord as long as I live. Psalm 146:1

The psalm writer and the people healed in today's gospel story knew the same thing: they HAD to praise the Lord. They couldn't keep the good news to themselves.

**Learn sign language for "I praise the Lord everyday."  
Let your hands, voice, eyes, and ears all give praises to God!**



I



PRAISE



(the) LORD



EVERYDAY.

**Count the number of times you find "PRAISE" in worship today. You will hear, speak, sing, and possibly even see it!**



*Dear God, we praise you  
with our hearts and hands  
and voices. Amen*

## This week

Invite someone you know to share in your praises, worship and learning at your church next Sunday.

## gather

**Welcome to worship.** Today we will be hearing about Jesus opening the ears of a deaf man. Jesus welcomed all people, whatever their physical condition was. God wants us to be that welcoming, too.

**Draw lines from some of the things that may happen in worship to the parts of the body people use to enjoy them. Try to let your senses be "open" to many different things in today's worship.**





## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.  
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Erneuwerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665. Text and music are in public domain.*

# Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo - ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.  
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



*Refrain*  
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!  
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

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