

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021**



Harvest Home Worship

For those in Biblical times, the harvest was a most important event. The gathering of things planted, a natural time of reaping in joy what has been sown and produced during the year. In addition to the literal use of the word referring to the harvesting of crops, the Bible uses the same term when referring to the rescuing of the remains of Israel and the resurrection of believers from the earth.

We too at new Hanover Lutheran, witness the resurrection and redeeming values as we planted and are now harvesting in our Garden of Hope. We pray that these bountiful gifts that we harvest may rescue those who have nothing to eat. Please join us and share the message if you like it and send us your comments. Find out how you can help by visiting <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/harvesting-hope-fair/>.

Peace, Pastor Scott

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Richard Thomas, director of GRACE Band and soloist
Lindsey Waltermyer, soloist**

**All Worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org,
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.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*)

Lindsey Waltermyer

Prelude

Welcome

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

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Praise and Thanksgiving*

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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.

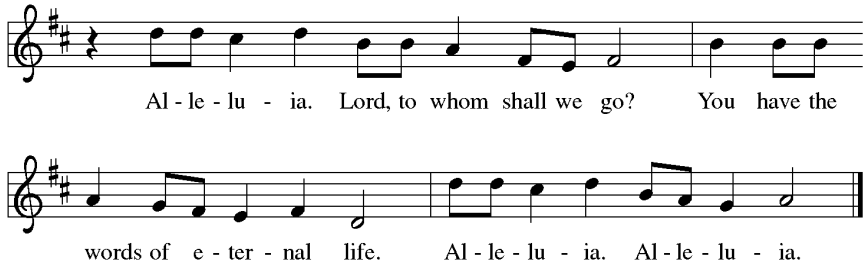
Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

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.

Scripture Reading Exodus 23:16

A reading from Exodus

“Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field. “Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message *How do we celebrate God's blessings?*

Song of the Day *Revelation Song*

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain

Holy is He

Sing a new song to Him Who sits on

Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy

Is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

With all creation I sing

Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything

And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color

Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder

Blessing and honor strength and glory

And power be to You the only wise King

Chorus

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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.

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 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer
Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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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.

Serving Today Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Rick Hausch; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer
Next week Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Steve and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of mom, Darlene E. Reilley, by Brenda and Norm Hunsberger.

Calendar

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

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

Sunday School – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

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

Bridal Shower – Today, 12:30 – 5:00 PM, room 1

FLUTTER Youth Event – Today, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, picnic grove

Peer Support – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 32

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 33, 37

Mission Service – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

Boy Scout Court of Honor – Tuesday, 4:00 – 9:30 PM, rooms 1, 11

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 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 AM, room 33

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

Harvesting Hope Fair – Saturday, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

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Upcoming Events

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.

Amazing Raise October 2021 NHELC 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 October 1 – 30, designated as “NHELC Amazing Raise” will go further to help us claim our share in thousands of dollars in additional funds. A link will soon be available to support NHELC for the month of October. Your donation is 100% tax deductible.

“Letting It FALL” 2021 Drop-in Yoga Class at NHELC
Thursdays, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, October 7th – November 4th, in Fellowship Hall Just as trees lose their leaves in the fall in order to experience new growth in spring, we too must intentionally let go of traumas and negativity in our lives to usher in new seasons of growth. Through movement and breath, we discover self, grow in peace and find a joyful spirit.

Classes are for all levels, for anyone age 13 years and older (13 – 18 years old should be accompanied by an adult). Classes will focus on releasing stress and tension as well as grounding and calming the mind, body and spirit.

Vaccinated participants wearing masks is at the participant's discretion.

Classes are free-will donation-based. Pay in cash or check (payable to NHELC). All proceeds will help the Peer Support and Food ministries. Check donations received during the month of October will receive a bonus through “The Amazing Raise” campaign.

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.

Living History Cemetery Tour, Saturday October 23rd, (rain date October 30th), 2 - 4 PM (tours running every 20 minutes). Hosted by our new Seniors Ministry the Living History Cemetery Tour is part of the Amazing Raise fund-raising month. Volunteers are needed for this event. We need folks to serve as tour guides (leading small groups from actor to actor – don't have to give any speeches), snack table helpers and greeters. For more information or to volunteer, contact Deacon Carol at the church office or at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org.

Spiritual Renewal

Copies of the *Word in Season* daily devotion books October - December are available in the box outside the Sunday School door and in the Welcome Center. Be sure to pick up a copy of this daily scripture and brief message. By designating just a few minutes a day to read and ponder this devotional, you can enrich and inspire your life.

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

“Thursdays at Ten” is a discussion/fellowship gathering which meets Thursdays, 10 – 11:30 AM in room 33. 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.

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 end times, we can hope that transformation will be the result of this eye-opening, heartbreaking suffering.”

If you haven't ordered your book, handouts are available.

Didn't get a chance to fill out a Seniors Ministry Survey Form?

There are extra copies in the Welcome Center. They can be returned to the marked black tray. Or, contact Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office and we'll send you one!

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 60,000 meals have been delivered! NHELCL'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 NHELCL

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 log on at <https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-action-teams/>.

Sponsors Needed You can help support the ministry at NHELCL 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.

Thank You

Members of New Hanover Lutheran Church,
Thank you for the cards, prayers and acts of kindness shown after
the passing of Karen (Eisenhart) Trout Long. Thanks also to
Pastor Staub for his visits.

from: the family of Karen (Eisenhart) Trout Long

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, 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, 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, Dominic Strock,
Sally Kohl, Mark Noecker

Shut-ins

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

Grieving

Family and friends of Rick Hansen, Jean Boyer and Pat Wisler

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

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 3 PM

Call for an appointment.

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Harvesting Hope Fair

October 2nd

11 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

Med Evac Helicopter

Touch a Truck

Tractors

Hay Ride

Pulled Pork Barbeque

Christmas Flea Market

Live Music – Richard Thomas

Games

Clown Face Painting

Bouncy Rides

Non-Profit Ministries

Dragsters

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 (TriCounty Community Network). Check us out at

<https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/nhelc-and-the-amazing-raise/>.

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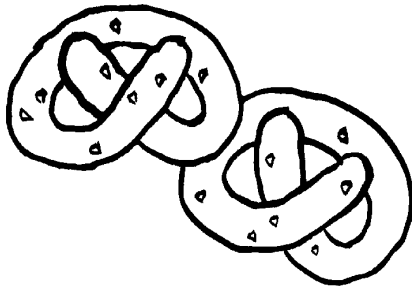


Send

Salty prayers

The Spirit surprises us by giving us the power to pray. Jesus surprises us, saying, "Have salt in yourselves." Jesus wants us to keep our faith active and full of life, not dull or drab.

Draw in more salt on the pretzels.



Pretzels remind us of a person praying with arms folded across the chest. Choose some people on this Someone Special prayer list. Include them in your prayers today and this week. Add other "S" names to the prayer list.



This week

Do some "pretzel prayers" during the week, folding your arms as shown above on this page. Pray for more people on your Someone Special list. Then enjoy a few pretzels to eat as a snack.

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 26

gather

Welcome to worship.

God's Spirit works through us. We pray for others. Our prayers are powerful ways to care about them.

God works through us.

Who can be on the prayer list? Anyone who needs God's care:



- fUSsy babies
- bUSy parents
- bUS riders
- enthUSiastic teachers
- coUSins
- limoUSine drivers
- bUSiness people
- mUSicians



Who is on the prayer list?

All of US!

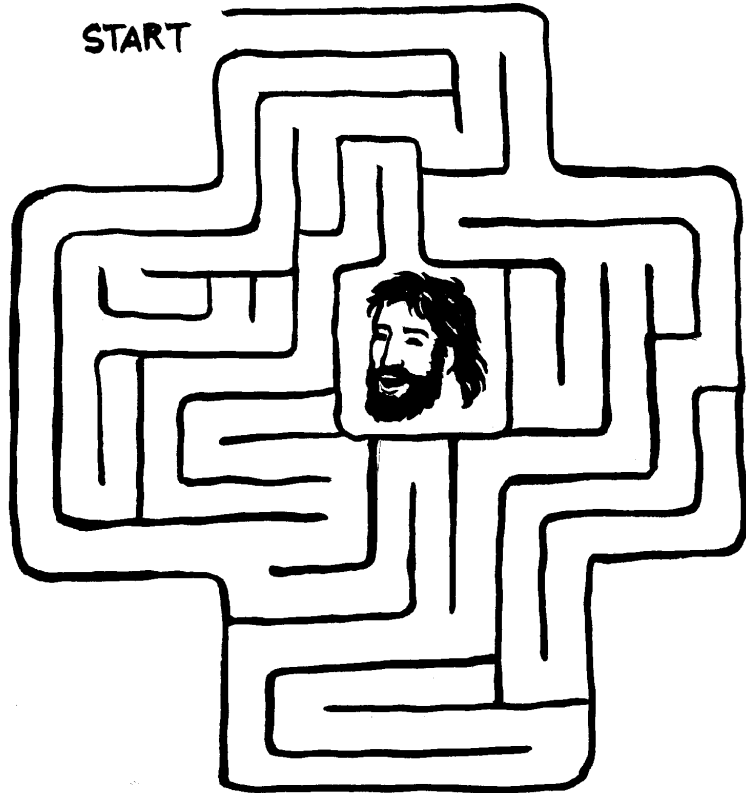
Draw a picture of some of these people in the empty space on this page or print names of people who fit any of these categories.

Walking with God

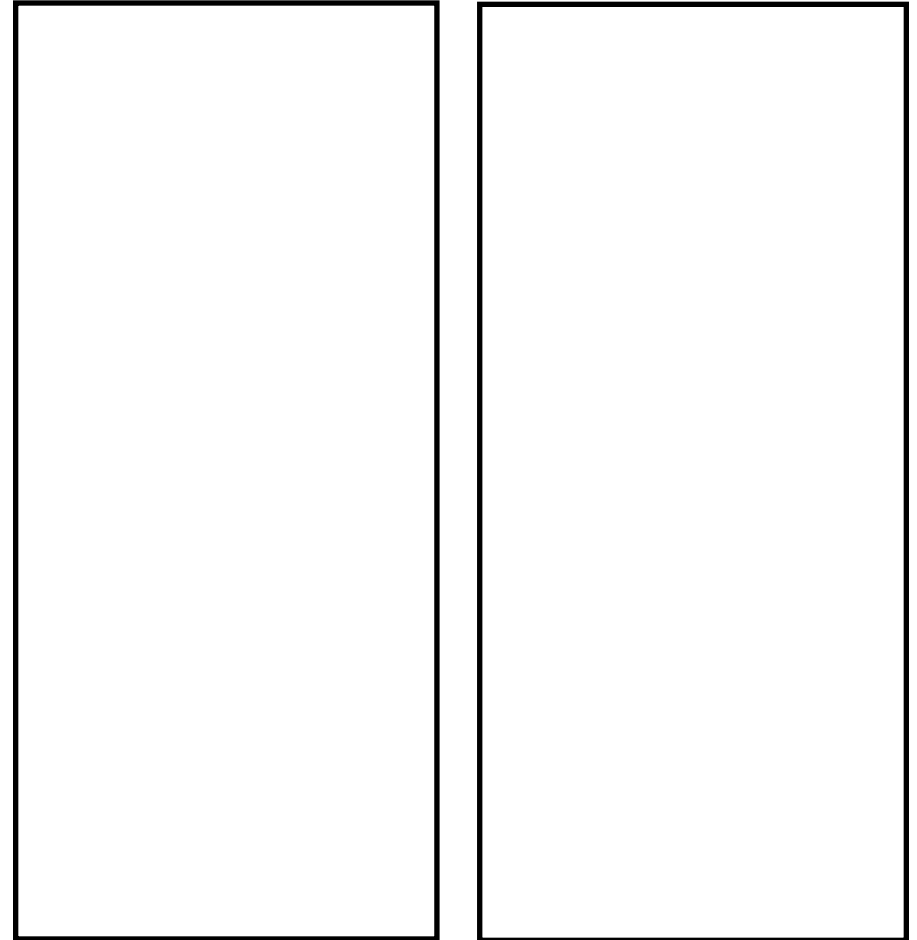
Mark 9:38-50

Jesus knew how to get people's attention when he taught. Sometimes he said things that made his hearers (and us!) think in surprise. He said things like, "If your foot makes you stumble, cut it off." Of course, Jesus doesn't want us to cut off our feet. But he does want us to walk in God's path, and to avoid things that lead us away from God.

In the maze below, find the path that leads to Jesus.



Can you think of a thing or an action that could easily lead you away from God's path? Draw it in the box on the left side. In the other box, show yourself doing something to take that thing or action out of your life, so you can walk in God's way.



Who are the people in your church that serve as leaders?



Thank you, God for your Son, Jesus. Thank you for sending your Spirit to guide us. Amen

Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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