Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday October 31, 2021



Reformation

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Teresa Heindel, guest 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)

Jim and Diane Davidheiser

Prelude The King of Love My Shepherd Is Dale Wood

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Welcome

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

Gathering Hymn

Morning Has Broken

ELW #556

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.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

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

Gospel Hymn

Listen, God Is Calling

ELW #513

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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

Message

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 Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Communion Hymn

One Bread, One Body

Nikki Young, director of Children, Family and Youth Ministry

ELW #496

First Communion

Pastor Scott

Today this community of faith rejoices with the following people who join in sharing the meal of holy communion: Ilana Bencsik, Beckette Herold, Ava Hubley, Mason Kemp, Graham Lindenmuth, Ainsley Lucas, Alexa Moser, Kayleigh Urbassik, Hannah Waltermyer and Landon Woods.

In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of holy communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to holy communion.

Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

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.

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Sending

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

Announcements

Sending Hymn A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW #504

Blessing

Amen.

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 Trumpet Tune in D David N. Johnson

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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.

Today

We welcome organist Teresa Heindel to our worship this morning. Thank you for enriching our worship experience with your ministry of music.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Robin Fatzinger; Children's Sermon: Jim and Diane Davidheiser

Next week Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Marty Hauser and Brian Flack; Children's Sermon: Nevada Grant

The flowers are presented to the glory of God with thanksgiving for Pastor Scott Staub and in celebration of his birthday and third anniversary as pastor of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church by the Altar Guild.

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

Congratulations to Ilana Bencsik, Beckette Herold, Ava Hubley, Mason Kemp, Graham Lindenmuth, Ainsley Lucas, Alexa Moser, Kayleigh Urbassik, Hannah Waltermyer and Landon Woods who will receive their first communion this morning.

Join us after church today for our first GIFT Sunday. We will be having a reception for the students that celebrated their first communion today and we have some Reformation themed activities. Please join us!

The congregation of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pottstown, invites you to celebrate their 250th Anniversary at a Festival Worship Service with Holy Communion this afternoon at 3:00. An anniversary liturgy, mass choir, special music, and a message by SEPA Bishop Patricia Davenport will highlight the service. The church is located at 150 North Hanover Street;

parking is available in the rear off of Penn and Walnut Streets. For more information, call (610) 323-4312 or email the office at office@emmanuelpottstown.com.

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

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

Gardening – Monday, 7:00 – 10:00 AM, Garden of Hope

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

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

Christian Education – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 34

Property – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

Boy Scouts - Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

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

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

Gardening – Wednesday, 4:30 – 5:30 PM, Garden of Hope

12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Gardening – Thursday, 7:00 – 10:00 AM, Garden of Hope

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

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

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

Letting It Fall Yoga Class – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 1

Dreamer Retreat – Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

FLUTTER Corn Maze – Friday, 6:30 PM, offsite

Dreamer Retreat – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, room 1

Leaf Raking and Bonfire – Saturday, 4:00 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

Dreamer Retreat – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM – Noon, room 1 **Sunday School** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

All Saints Sunday is next Sunday, November 7th. NHELC will observe this day as a remembrance of loved ones who have passed away since last All Saints Sunday (November 1, 2020). Bring a framed 5x7 or 8x10 photo of your loved one to be displayed during the service on All Saints Sunday. Pictures should be brought to the church office by Wednesday, November 3rd, and can be taken home following the 9:00 worship service.

"Letting It FALL" 2021 Drop-in Yoga Class at NHELC

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, through 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.

FLUTTER is going to the Wilcox Farms Corn Maze on Friday, November 5th. Meet at the farm at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$8/person. Bring a flashlight! Contact Jen Boyer or Lindsey Waltermyer for more information.

Fall Leaf Raking and Bonfire! Join us on Saturday, November 6th, for leaf-raking at the Picnic Grove on Swamp Picnic Road, starting at 4:00 PM. Bring your gloves, rakes, tarps, and leaf blowers.

At 6:00 PM we will enjoy hot dogs, drinks, s'mores and a bonfire! You don't have to rake leaves to join us for hot dogs and the bonfire! Bring your lawn chairs.

Upcoming Events

Swamp Picnic Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 13th, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Dinner will include a Swamp Picnic hot roast beef sandwich, homemade potato filling, green beans, homemade pepper cabbage, homemade applesauce, drink and dessert. Dinners will be available for dine-in (fellowship hall) or to-go. Reservations are required to help with planning. You can make your reservation by completing a reservation form and dropping it in the basket on the desk in the welcome center, going online at www.newhanoverlutheran.org or calling the church office at (610) 326-1335. Reservations are due by Sunday, November 7th.

The Angel Tree with gift suggestions for youth and their families in the care of Gemma Services will be in the welcome center beginning Sunday, November 7th. Bring new, unwrapped gifts to church on Sunday, November 14th and 21st and Thanksgiving Day, November 25th. Also, you can donate **Giant Food Stores gift cards** for \$25 to be distributed through Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities to help buy holiday meals. Any questions about this ministry, contact Rosalie Lisa or any member of the Mission Service/Social Ministry committee.

Thanksgiving Day worship will be held on Thursday, November 25th, at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary. Bring an offering of non-perishable food to be distributed to local residents through the Boyertown Area Multi Service. Monetary offerings will be given to the ELCA Disaster Response to help eliminate World Hunger.

"Deck the Halls" - A Seniors Ministry Christmas gathering, will be held on Thursday, December 9th, at 12 noon. This event will be a "bring your brown bag lunch," but also, we'll be enjoying some of Chef Chris' excellent homemade soup. We ask folks to bring some Christmas cookies to share and enjoy as we talk about our own personal Christmas traditions growing up and hear a little about PA Dutch holiday traditions. Join us for some early holiday fellowship! Watch for a sign-up sheet on the Seniors table in the Welcome Center or email Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or call the church office to reserve your spot.

Can You Help

Calling all bakers! The Swamp Picnic Committee needs your baking help. We would like to serve the delicious baked goods that NHELC is known for at our Roast Beef Dinner on November 13th. Please consider baking your best cake, pie, cookies, bars or other dessert for the dinner. Baked goods can be dropped off at church on Friday, November 12th, from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Advent Planning Help Needed The Christian Education Board is planning an Advent event for all ages in early December. Folks are needed to help plan a fun day for all! Contact Nikki Young in the office or at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org if you can help.

Altar Flower sponsors are needed. Dates available are December 12, 19 and 26. Suggested donation is \$35. Don't forget, you can sponsor the bulletin (\$20), *Word in Season* devotion booklets (\$35) and communion (\$20). Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

The 2022 offering envelopes are available for pickup in the welcome center.

Order poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5" pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$9.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form (available in the newsletter and on the desk in the welcome center) and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELC) to the church. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. Orders are due by November 28, 2021.

Sponsor a Christmas tree NHELC will have three Christmas trees decorating the sanctuary and welcome center. If you would like to sponsor one, two, or all three trees, contact Church Office

Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335. Sponsors may be individuals, families, or groups. Thank you in advance for your help to beautify the sanctuary and welcome center this Christmas.

Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser Pack 367 and Troops 367 B & G are holding their annual Thanksgiving Pie Fundraising Sale. Fresh baked 9" pies from Frecon Farms are available for:

\$16/each Pumpkin, Apple w/ Crumb topping, Apple w/Lidded Top, and Tart Cherry

\$18/each Bourbon Pecan Apple and Rum Pecan

Orders are due Sunday November 7th. Payment at time of order is appreciated (Checks payable to NHELC-Pack 367 or Venmo to @jennifer-vandyke-11) but will be accepted at time of pick up as well.

Complete the paper order form in the welcome center (and put payments in the lock box on the table) or email orders to Jen Van Dyke at jtra367@yahoo.com.

Pick-up will be at the church Monday, November 22nd, from 6:30 - 7:30 PM or Tuesday, November 23rd, from 1 - 3 PM.

If you have any questions, ask Jen or Andy Van Dyke, Nikki Young or Renee Artim.

Thank you for your support.

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.

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/.

Spiritual Renewal

Copies of the *Word in Season* daily devotion books October - December are available 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. *Word in Season* is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

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.

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 in the welcome center. 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! 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/.

Thank You

A big thank you to those who helped with last week's "Living History Cemetery Tour" which was part of the Amazing Raise project. You did a fantastic job! And we were grateful for the "tourists" who supported the cause. We raised \$820! This will go towards cemetery restoration, a new fund that we will be starting to help preserve our old tombstones, many of which could use some loving care. Thanks again to all who made this event a big success!

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, Mary Lou, Doug Weaver, Joan Wagner, Jaden Mahlbauer, Robert Ganovsky, Mary Alice 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, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott

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

Grieving

Family and friends of Mark Noecker (Lincoln Noecker's brother)

Shut-ins

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

Military

Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Megan Fricker, Kyle Woods

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In 1517 Martin Luther nailed an announcement to the door of the church in Wittenberg to tell what changes (reforms) he thought the church needed to make.

Can you think of things you think should be changed in the church today? List them below, and later talk about them with your parents or pastor.





We thank you for the free gift of your love and the freedom to serve you. Amen

This week

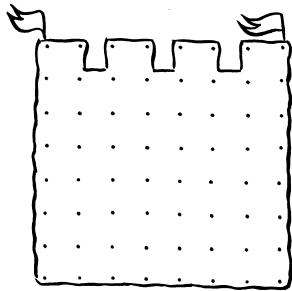
A new month begins this week. Plan to re-form your daily schedule to include one extra Bible story, prayer time, or time to sing God's praises.



dather

Welcome to worship. Today is Reformation Sunday. It is a festive Sunday in the Lutheran church, the day our churches remember the teaching and preaching of Martin Luther. Luther lived in Germany over 500 years ago. He wrote the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Luther wanted all to know that God is a strong fortress for us especially in times of trouble.

Use the dots to make bricks for this strong fortress. Take turns with a partner connecting two dots with a straight line. If your line completes a box put your initial in the box. When all boxes are filled, count how many boxes you each have and add your scores together.



How many boxes did you find? (Hint: It's the same as the chapter number of today's psalm.)



It's a gift!

Romans 3:19-28

Everything God does for us is a gift. We can't earn or pay for the things God gives us each day. Martin Luther tried to earn God's love through his actions but he unhappily realized that he could never do enough. He was finally free from worries when he found that God gives us all we need, even forgiveness through Jesus. We are free! No worries about earning God's love. We are

free to serve God always.

Find these things, God's gifts to us, in the word find gift box. Make a list of more of God's gifts in the smaller gift boxes.

Baptism

Communion

Love

Freedom

Service

Strength

Truth

Refuge

Help

Jesus

Creation

Life

Forgiveness



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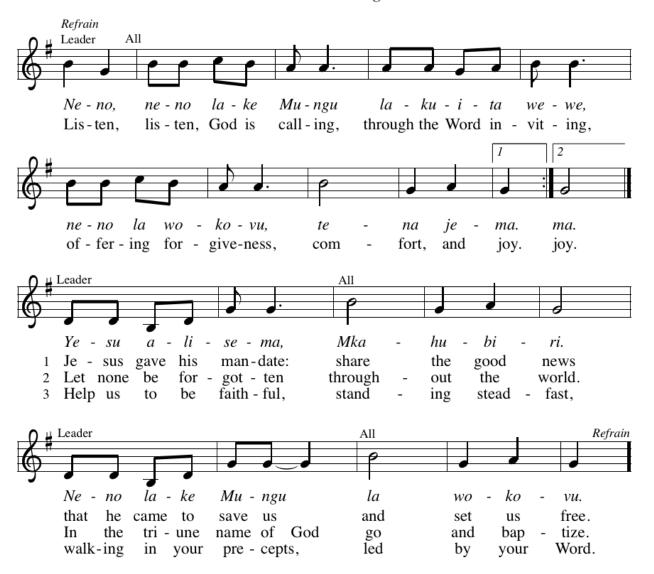
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Reformation Day comes from the word "re-form," which means to change to something new. Talk about the big words in the gift box with someone and try to explain each gift with new words, words that anyone would understand.



Listen, God Is Calling Neno lake Mungu



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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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