Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Thanksgiving Day November 25, 2021



Today's readings reflect two of the strains that go into the celebration of a national day of thanksgiving: gratitude for abundant harvest (Joel) and civic prayer for a peaceable common life (1 Timothy). The core meaning of Thanksgiving for many of us—a home feast for extended family and friends—is not reflected in the readings; but it is reflected weekly in the church's meal of thanksgiving (eucharist). What we wish for both these thanksgiving meals is that they will go deeper than celebration of one another and our own blessings, to recognize in our true Host one who wants everyone brought to the table.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Steve Eisenhart, guest organist 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.

Prelude Lobe den Herren Carter

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Welcome

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

Gathering Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

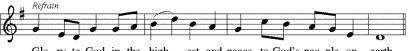
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Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on

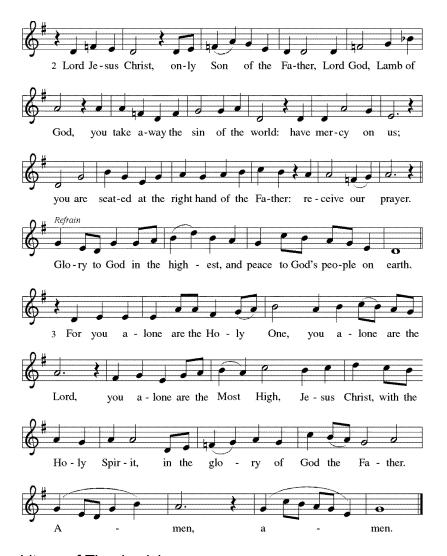




wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Litany of Thanksgiving

For the good gifts of creation we give you thanks.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

For minds that can think and explore and grow, for bodies that can sense and leap and rest, for hearts that can share and feel and love, for voices that can encourage and sing and praise,

We offer up our hearty thanks.

For the good gift of salvation we give you thanks.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!

For promises made and promises kept to Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph; for that holy birth in Bethlehem's stall; for the life of teaching, preaching and healing; for the death suffered once to conquer death; for the promise of resurrection and life, delivered when Christ rose from death,

We offer up our hearty thanks.

For the good gift of your presence among us we give you thanks. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!**

For the love that fills our hearts and spills out to family and friends; for the fellowship that binds us to our family of faith; for the hope and joy that give our lives meaning and direction; for the simple gifts of smiles and laughs, songs and hugs that add to life the special glimmer of joy,

We offer up our hearty thanks. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

First Reading

Joel 2:21-27

A reading from Joel

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm Reading Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7 A reading from 1 Timothy

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

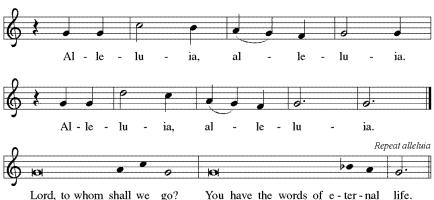
—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading Matthew 6:25-33 The holy gospel according to Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly

Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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

Message

Hymn of the Day Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW #858

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 God, 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 Hymn Now Thank We All Our God ELW #840

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 Now Thank We All Our God Manz

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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 Steve Eisenhart to our worship this morning. Thank you for enriching our worship experience with your ministry today.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Thanksgiving and in memory of loved ones by Gary and Jean Moser.

Serving Today Ushers Steve and Faye Weidner

Thank you for you for your donations this morning. Offerings of non-perishable food will 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.

Calendar

Worship Service – Sunday, 9:00 AM in the sanctuary and online **Food Drop Off** – Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen **Food Delivery Pickup** – Sunday, 10:00 AM, Sunday School Wing

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

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

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

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

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33

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

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

Scout Roundtable – Thursday, 6:45 – 8:30 PM, rooms 30, 33

Scout Hoagie Sale – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM, 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

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

FLUTTER Christmas Party – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM – 1:15 PM, room 1

Upcoming Events

"Deck the Halls" - A Seniors Ministry Christmas gathering, will be held on Thursday, December 9th, noon – 2:00 PM. This event will be a "bring your brown bag lunch," but also, we'll be enjoying some of Chef Chris' excellent homemade chicken pot pie 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! There is a sign-up sheet on the Seniors Table in the Welcome Center or you can email your RSVP to Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. If possible, sign up by Thursday, December 2nd, to help with planning. Contact Deacon Carol for more information.

Actors are needed for the Christmas Pageant on December 19th. Lines can be read and don't need to be memorized. We will work out some evening practice times in early December. Contact Nikki Young ASAP if you are interested. (This would be mostly kids and youth, but if any adults would really like to participate, we will welcome you!)

FLUTTER Youth Group Christmas Party is Sunday, December 5th, 11:15 – 1:15 in fellowship hall. Pizza will be served for lunch followed by some fun Christmas games, including youth favorite, Saran wrap ball passing game.

Advent Craft Party on Saturday, December 11th, 10:00 – 1:00 This event is for all ages and will include making crafts, playing games and scavenger hunt for kids. Lunch will be at noon.

Hotdogs and drinks will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. To be sure enough craft supplies and food will be available, let us know you'll be coming. To sign up, go to shorturl.at/lrMO5 or sign up in the welcome center on Sunday mornings! Also, we will be doing a service project for senior bags. Bring some items to include in the bags for our senior members. Things to bring include: Hand lotions, Chapstick, tissues, individually wrapped snacks, crackers, pretzels, chips, hot chocolate, word search books, individual cups of Jell-O, pudding, applesauce, fruit cups etc. If you have any questions or you would be interested in hosting a craft table, contact Nikki Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335.

Can You Help

Altar Flower sponsors are needed. Dates available are December 12 and 19. 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.

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 plant 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.

Part-time, temporary nursing help needed The Medicine Shoppe is looking for a nurse with a current nursing license to work part-time, temporary to help give booster shots once the FDA/CDC opens the Covid vaccine booster to the general population. This is a paid position. If interested or have questions,

contact Ed at the Medicine Shoppe, at 1348@medicineshoppe.com.

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

How are you getting ready for Christmas? Consider a time of devotion using the Advent study resource, *Promise & Praise*. *Promise & Praise* offers a "spiritual twist to the common Advent calendar. Daily reflections draw people to read and respond to a single word each day, words which will open our hearts and minds to the coming of the Christ child. The books are available in the Welcome Center on a first-come-first-serve basis. **Please note:** copies of the book were distributed to those who receive the senior bags and to participants in the "Thursdays at Ten" class. If you aren't currently part of the "Thursdays at Ten" group, you are welcome to pick up a copy of this book and join the group for the month of December! Contact Deacon Carol for more information if needed.

"Thursdays at Ten" is an informal discussion/fellowship gathering (with snacks!) which meets Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. Beginning December 2nd, we will start a special Advent study "*Promise & Praise*" which will be a "word-a-day" Advent reflection - all of which will reflect the season and understanding of this sacred time of the church year. We'll even learn these words in two different languages! Questions about the class? Contact Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org or leave a message with the church office. Join us as we celebrate Advent!

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!

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.

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/.

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, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, 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

Shut-ins

Penny Frymoyer, Janet Deloplaine

Grieving

Family and friends of Polly Ehling, Stella Eidle, Donald Gabel, Wade Miller and Fran E. Weaver

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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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, ye thank-ful peo ple, come; raise the song of har vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un to his praise to yield;
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har vest home;
- 4 E ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi nal har vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in the win-ter storms be - gin. ere wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown. his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way; Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro-vide be sup - plied. for our wants to First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear. give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, there, for - ev - er thy gar - ner pu - ri - fied, in to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home. Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole-some grain and pure may be. the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more. an - gels, come, raise the Come, with all thine glo-rious har-vest home!

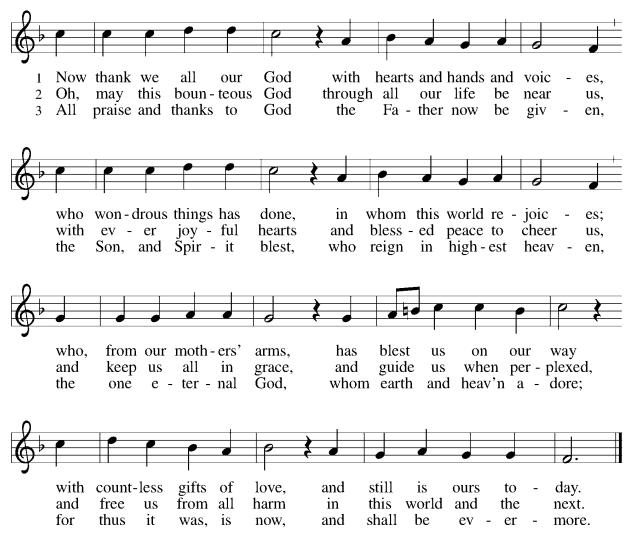
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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



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Now Thank We All Our God



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