

Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021



Great Joy, Rejoicing Spirit

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Teresa Heindel, 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 *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

Jacob B. Weber

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Welcome

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

Amen.

Gathering Song *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*

ELW #240

Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

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.

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our
ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we
may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Advent Candle Lighting *All Earth Is Hopeful*

ELW #266

vs. 3

Generosity Message

Word

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

Gospel Song *“Holy Is the Lord”*

Gospel Reading Luke 3:7-18

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.”

¹²Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

Message

Song of the Day

Hallelujah

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.

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 *People, Look East*

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 *Trumpet Voluntary* Gordon Young

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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 today.

Serving Today Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Brian Flack; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing

Next week Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Steve and Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Tim and Vicki Mutter.

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

Special Congregational Meeting – Today, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Catechism – Today, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, room 33

AARP Christmas Party – Monday, 10:30 AM – 2:30 PM, room 1

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

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

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

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

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

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 GIFT/Christmas Pageant – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall)

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1 (Fellowship Hall) and sanctuary

Special Congregational Meeting will be held this morning immediately following the morning worship service. Agenda items include the 2022 proposed budget and the sale of approximately ½ acre of land to a neighbor. Copies of the 2022 proposed budget are available on the church's website (www.newhanoverlutheran.org), in the welcome center and in the box outside the Sunday School door.

Upcoming Events

Join us for G.I.F.T. (Generations in Faith Together) Sunday on December 19th, after church at 10:15. Some kids will be performing a Christmas pageant and we will be singing Christmas Carols throughout the pageant. It will be a fun time that will get you in the Christmas Spirit. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a snack to share.

Cemetery cleanup Please remove fall decorations from your loved ones' graves by December 15th. All non-Christmas decorations remaining after December 15th will be removed by the cemetery caretakers.

Sunday School will not be held on December 26th or January 2nd. Sunday School for children and youth will resume on January 9th. The adult class will resume on January 16th.

The Director's Big Band Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 18th, 7:00 PM at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 45 Reading Avenue in Boyertown. Admission is free. Masks are required.

Free Take out Christmas Meal offered by St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Boyertown will be available from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Christmas Day. Enter the parking lot on North Reading Avenue or Walnut Street and follow the traffic directions to the back of their building.

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 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/>.

We need help! NHELCL Loaves & Fishes are feeding the homeless and those in need Every month on the second Tuesday we are feeding the homeless and those in need in our area. If you can put a piece of food onto a plate, or serve a plate, or greet someone, or help sing a hymn or two, we could use your help. Each month on the second Tuesday at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown, NHELCL Loaves & Fishes & are serving meals to the homeless and those in need. You can sign up now and help us for the first meal serving on January 11th, at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelcl>.

Can You Help

Sign up to sponsor the bulletin and altar Flower for 2022. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. 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.

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

“**Thursdays at Ten**” is an informal discussion/fellowship gathering (with snacks!) which meets Thursdays, 10 - 11:30 AM in room 33. In December, we are exploring 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! Please note: there will not be a session on Thursday, December 23rd. Classes will resume on January 6th.

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 **NHEL C 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”!

Thank You

The Eidle family wishes to thank everyone for the cards and prayers they received for the loss of Stella.

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, 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, 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, Lawrence Moser

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-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

Family and friends of Fran E. Weaver, Myrtle Vogt, Arline Friz (Natalie Eshbach's mother) and Janet Deloplaine

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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Send

Getting ready for Jesus

One way we can get ready for Jesus is by sharing. God wants us to share our clothes, food, and the gifts and talents that God has given us.

Draw a heart by each of these things you can give to someone.

_____ A hug 

_____ A smile 

_____ A homemade Christmas card



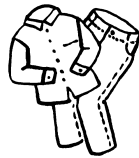
_____ A homemade Christmas ornament



_____ Christmas cookies



_____ A good shirt and pants you have outgrown



Thank you, God, for blessing me with gifts to share with others. Amen

This week

Make a gift to give at Christmas.

Kids Celebrate

Third Sunday of Advent



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the third Sunday in Advent. How many candles are burning on the Advent wreath today?

Color and light three candles.



Count the Advent-colored things that you see in your worship space. Write down the number you find. _____

One of God's messengers

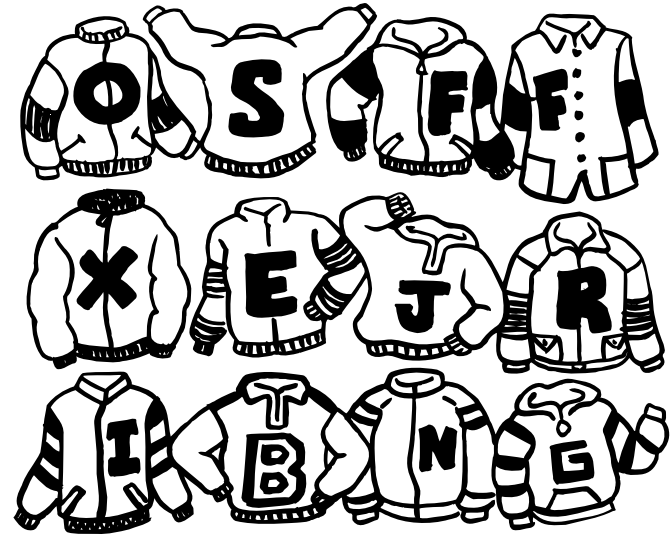
Luke 3:7-18

God sent John the Baptizer to help people get ready for Jesus. John said, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" John helped people get ready by baptizing them and by talking about some surprising things. Some of the words John used were: **snake**, **stone**, **coat**, **ax**, **fruit**, and **fire**. Find and circle these things hidden in the picture.



Church offering

One of John's messages was, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must share it." During part of the worship service, we share what we have with others.



Write down, in order, the letters on the coats with stripes on the sleeves. What is this part of the worship service called?



What do the ushers pass around to collect our gifts of money? Talk about how ushers help during the worship service.

Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.

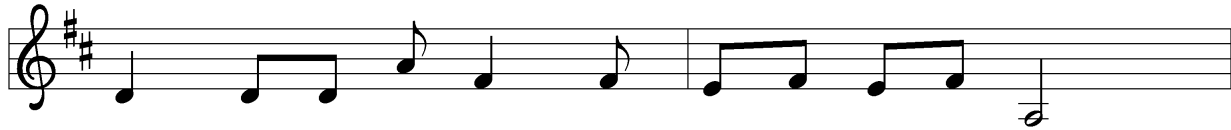


He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

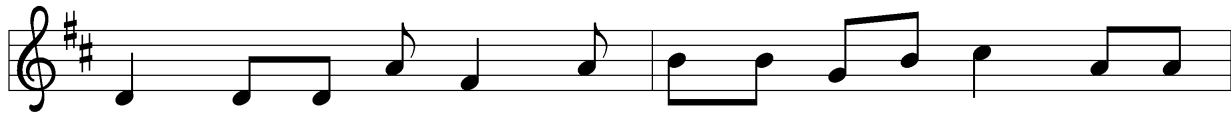
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All Earth Is Hopeful

Toda la tierra



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co_a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task: this, the
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

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Holy Is The Lord

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

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VERSE

A

D²

E^{sus}



We stand and lift up our hands, — for the joy —

3

A/C#

D²

E^{sus}

A

D²



— of the Lord — is our strength. — We bow down — and wor —

6

E^{sus}

A/C#

D²

E^{sus}



— ship Him now. — How great, — how awe - some is He. — And to-geth - er we — sing, —

§

PRE-CHORUS

9

B⁷

D²

B⁷

D²



— ev - 'ry - one — sing. — Ho - ly is — the Lord —

CHORUS

13

A/C#

D²

E^{sus}

F#m⁷

D²



— God — Al - might - y. — The earth — is filled — with His glo -

16

E

A/C#

D²



— ry. Ho - ly is — the Lord — God — Al - might —

18 E^{sus} $F\#m^7$ D^2 E^{sus}

- y. — The earth — is filled — with His glo - - ry. — The earth .

21 $F\#m^7$ D^2 E^{sus}

Last time to Coda \oplus

1.
E

2.
E

— is filled — with His glo - - ry. — It is ris -

BRIDGE

25 A $E/G\#$ G^2

- ing up — all — a - round. — It's the an - - them of — the Lord's .

28

1.
D

2.
D

D.S. al Coda

— re - nown. — It's ris - — re - nown. — And to-geth - er we _ sing,

31 \oplus Coda E^{sus} $F\#m^7$ D^2 E^{sus}

- ry. — The earth — is filled — with His glo - - ry. —

Hallelujah

Words and Music by
Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen

♩=96

VERSE

G/B



1. Your love is ___ a - maz - ing, stead - y and ___ un - chang -
(2. Your love is ___ sur - pris) - ing, I can feel ___ it ris -

2 C² D^{sus} C²



- ing. Your love is ___ a moun - tain, firm be - neath ___ my feet. ___ Your love is ___ a mys -
- ing, all the joy ___ that's grow - ing deep in - side ___ of me. ___ Ev - 'ry time ___ I see ___

5 G/B C² D^{sus}



- t'ry, how You gent - ly lift ___ me. When I am ___ sur - round - ed Your love car - ries me.
___ You all Your good - ness shines ___ through. I can feel ___ this God ___ song ris - ing up ___ in me.

CHORUS

8 C² G D^{sus} Em⁷



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

12 C² G D^{sus}



Your love makes ___ me sing. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

15 Em⁷ 1, 2.
C²

- jah, Your love makes _ me sing. 2. Your love is _ sur-pris -
1. Your love is _ a - maz -

18 3.
C² INTERLUDE D Em⁷

Your love makes _ me sing. Yes, You make _ me ____ sing.

21 D/F# C² D

Lord, You make _ me ____ sing, sing, ____ sing. How You make _ me ____

24 Em⁷ D/F# CHORUS G

_ sing. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

27 D^{sus} Em⁷ C²

- jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Your love makes _ me sing. Hal - le - lu -

30 G D^{sus} Em⁷

- jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

33 1, 2.
C² 3.
C²

Your love makes _ me sing. Hal - le - lu - Your love makes _ me sing.

ENDING

35

C²

G

Lord, You make _ me ___ sing.
How You make _ me ___ sing.