Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany February 20, 2022



Giving Generosity Using Spirit Gift Card with rewards (in Heaven)

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry 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

From the Inside Out Joel Huston Nicole Ewing and Lindsey Waltermyer

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Welcome

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

Gathering Hymn

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us ELW #707

Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

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.

O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

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



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter - nal life.

Gospel ReadingLuke 6:27-38The holy gospel according to LukeGlory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;
³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

Message

Song of the Day

Mighty to Save Reuben Morgan/Ben Fielding Nicole Ewing and Lindsey Waltermyer

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 of grace, 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

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ♀ give you peace. Amen.

Sending Hymn God, When Human Bonds Are Broken ELW #603

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Festal Postlude

Chester Nordman

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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

Serving Today Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Brian Flack; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley Next week Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Marty Hauser and Bill Allen; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs

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 11:15 AM, room 1 (fellowship hall)
- Rejoicing Spirits Today, 2:30 PM, rooms 1 and sanctuary
- AARP Monday, 11:00 AM 3:00 PM, room 1
- Peer Support Monday, 6:30 8:00 PM, room 32
- Picnic Grove Monday, 7:00 PM, room 33
- Boy Scouts Tuesday, 6:30 8:00 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
- Choir Rehearsal Wednesday, 7:00 8:15 PM, room 15
- Troop 367 Committee Wednesday, 7:00 9:00 PM, room 1
- Thursday at Ten Thursday, 10:00 11:30 AM, room 33
- Bell Choir Thursday, 6:30 8:00 PM, room 15
- 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
- **Congregational Meeting and Luncheon** Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1 (fellowship hall)

Upcoming Events

Congregational meeting, talent show and luncheon is next **Sunday, February 27th**. Reservations are needed. **Deadline to register is today**. Complete a reservation form found on the desk in the Welcome Center and drop it in the basket or go online at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-congregational.

Celebrating Our Spirit Gift Cards Past, Present and Future! Use Them! Fastnacht Social February 27, 2022 New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church (NHELC) will be celebrating our God Given Spirit Cards at our Congregational Luncheon and Fastnacht Social – the final celebration before Lent begins. Talented members will be performing before the annual congregational luncheon and meeting on Sunday, February 27th. Following the performance you will enjoy an Italian feast featuring an assortment of pastas, homemade sauces, salad, bread, beverages, and a variety of desserts, including freshly made Fastnachts. Gluten free pasta, sauce and bread will be available for those who need that. Be sure to fill out a reservation form.

Performers wanted! Whether you sing, dance, tell jokes, perform magic or more, there is room for you in the lineup of performances. What can you do to entertain the audience? Start planning now. There is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center. Or go online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-fastnacht to sign up. Good news for performers: You get to be first in line for the luncheon and dessert! For more details, see Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce, pnyce14@gmail.com or at (267) 252-3020 and/or Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or 610 326-1335 ext. 1.

Save-the-date: "How the Pretzel Survived Prohibition, and Other Twisted Tales" – a Seniors Ministry special program and luncheon on Thursday, March 24th, at noon. The guest speaker will be Candace Perry who is the Curator of Collections at Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center. Lunch will be provided. A free-will donation will be received. What will we be hearing about? "Today pretzels are a beloved snack throughout North America. This wasn't always the case, however. Pretzels were most commonly associated with saloons, and when Prohibition became the law of the land, pretzel bakers had to scramble to keep their businesses afloat. This illustrated lecture will explore the long and storied history of pretzels, and of course, how the pretzel survived Prohibition." Watch for a sign-up sheet and more details! Contact Deacon Carol for more details. **Seniors, did you know about this**: AARP monthly luncheon gathering here at NHELC, Monday, February 21st, noon - 2 PM. Bring a sandwich, AARP provides dessert and beverages. February's program: JD Malone will entertain with country music. Not a member of AARP? Come as a guest and give it a try! Make some new friends and enjoy the program!

Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 26th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM It's time for the annual **all-you-can-eat** Spaghetti Dinner. That's right, enjoy all the spaghetti with homemade meatballs, homemade sauce, homemade Italian bread, salad and beverage you want. But, be sure to save room for ice cream and Pizzelle for dessert. BYOB The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraising event to help maintain the picnic grove and support youth activities. The cost is: adults - \$13.00, seniors (65 and older) - \$10.00, children (7-12) - \$6.00 and children (6 & younger) – free. Buon appetito.

VBS 2022 It may be cold, but it's time to start thinking about VBS this summer. VBS will be June $20^{th} - 24^{th}$ and this year we are returning to day time VBS. We understand daytime is difficult for some that work and this year we are going to offer an extended afternoon for 20 kids to stay and play in the afternoon if parents are unable to pick up around noon. But this means we need a lot of volunteers for this year. Also, folks are needed to help plan for VBS and to help decorate. Jobs are available for ALL ages and abilities. We need key area volunteers and group leaders (shepherds) for during the morning. In the afternoon we need some folks that will have fun with the kids, helping with an afternoon craft or snack. Do you have a special talent that you might want to share? Let us know! Are you willing to hang out with some kids for an afternoon? Let us know. If VBS is something you want to hear more about, contact Nikki ASAP in the church office or at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org. By the way – youth helpers are very welcome!

Food Ministry

More than 70,000 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/.

We need help! NHELC Loaves & Fishes is feeding the homeless and those in need every month on the second Tuesday. 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. Meals are served at 5:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located in Pottstown. You can sign up to help at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f48adaf28a5f58-nhelc.

Can You Help

Mission Services wants your Holiday Decorations!

"The New Year is finally here, We're putting away the holiday cheer, And there is décor that you may not have used Your unwanted treasures would not be refused. We are happy to have you bring it here, We'll repurpose your items at the flea market next year!" Contact Vicki Mutter or Rosalie Lisa if you need help with delivering the items to church! Thank you!

Sign up to sponsor the bulletin and altar flowers 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.

Spiritual Renewal

Copies of the *Word in Season* **daily devotion books** January - March 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 her church family by Lucille A. Powell.

Faith Formation

The Adult Sunday School class will meet this morning at 10:15 in room 33. The topic of discussion will be "SOAP", a daily way to cleanse

one's soul with scripture, observation, application and prayer of God's Word.

"Thursdays At Ten" is starting up again this week on February 24th! Feeling a little worn-out, anxious, stressed with all that is impacting your daily life? Just need to take a break and rest from all of it? Then join us for "**And I Will Give You Rest"**, where we will take time for ourselves, to be present to the Spirit, and learn how to relax through mindfulness exercises, meditation and other creative ways to just "be still." And to better hear God's voice amidst the noise of the world. You'll find us in room 33 from 10-11:30 AM starting Thursday, February 24th. Questions? Just contact Deacon Carol!

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"!

Seniors Serving Others We may need some help to finish painting Suncatchers to be distributed to nursing home residents in skilled living. Watch for details!

Full to the Brim - An Expansive Lent

Full to the Brim doesn't ignore or deny sin and suffering. It doesn't absolve accountability for wrongdoing. Instead it contextualizes our faith. If love is our beginning, how can we live our lives led by love's promises? It reminds us to live fully—as we pursue justice and hope, or express grief and gratitude. And so, this Lent, let us trust—fully—that we belong to God. Let us increase our capacity to receive and give grace. Let us discover the expansive life God dreams for us. Come join us for a truly expansive experience as we dig deeper into our faith and dream.

- Ash Wednesday Worship on March 2nd at noon and 7 PM
- Sunday Worship at 9 AM
- Wednesday Lenten Dinners at 6 PM with Worship Devotions following at 7 PM.

"Now to the God who can do so many *awe-inspiring things, immeasurable things,* things greater than we ever could ask or imagine through the power at work in us....-" Eph 3:20

Cemetery News

Do you like to mow grass? The cemetery committee is accepting applications for two mowers/cemetery caretakers for the 2022 mowing season. Applicants must be at least 16 years old (or 14 or 15 with working papers) and able to operate a riding tractor and gas trimmer. To apply or for more information, contact Bill Bauer at (610) 367-9869 or Norm Hunsberger at (484) 431-3622.

The cost of the NHELC Cemetery lot is going up! Currently, the cost is \$500 per lot. After April 15th, the cost will increase to \$750 per lot.

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Toni Rath, Katy Mahon-Miller, Matt Hall, Luann Hanley, Scot Smale, Carol Estes, William Trotter, Kathy Kane, Phil Underkoffler, Maxwell Girard, Pat Fryer, 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, 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, Ken Jacob, Jen Perez, June Urbassik, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Carly, Marilyn Varnum, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

Grieving

For the family and friends of Linda Harpel and Catherine Underwood

Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Rachel Walter, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell

Shut-in Penny Frymoyer

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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Prayer Warriors Wanted

Pray, pray, and pray some more! You are invited to come pray with us! Yes, we have a prayer chain, but we are adding another prayer ministry. All are welcome to gather together each Monday at 1:15 p.m. in the sanctuary to pray. We'll have a brief devotion and pray together. We'll give thanks and then lift up in prayers our neighbors both near and far. As Jesus told us,

"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.



Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



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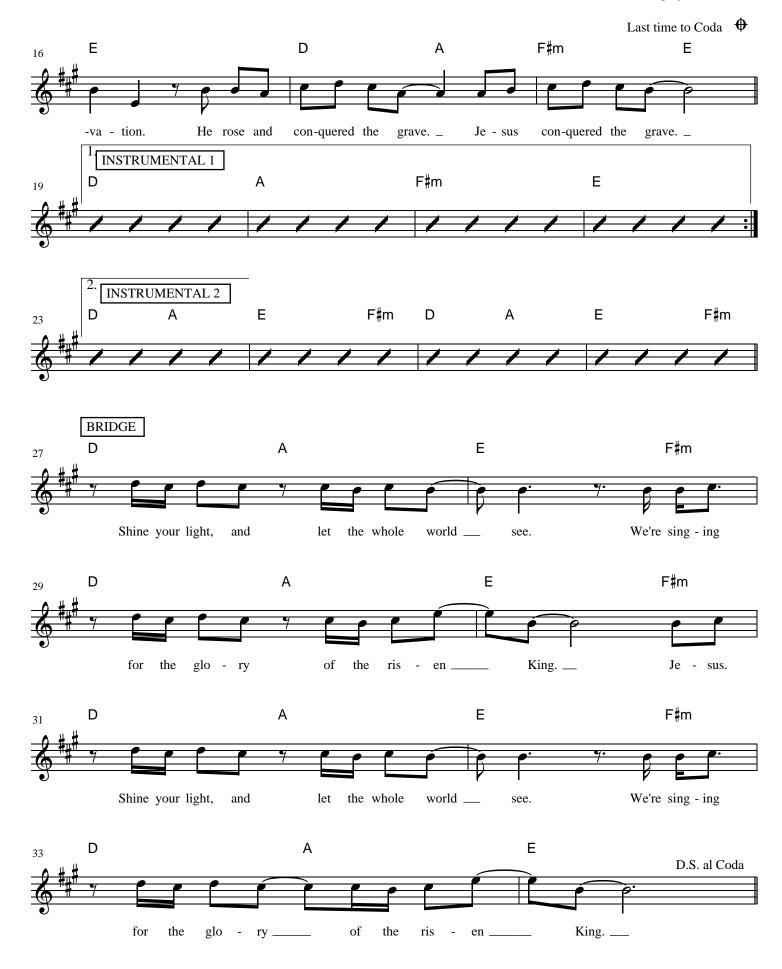
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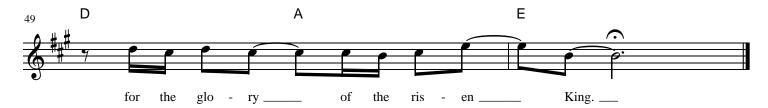


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