

**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Lutheran Church**

**First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022**



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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome

Prelude

God So Loved the World

Handbell Choir

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Gathering Song

I Can Only Imagine

Diana and John Hazel

I can only imagine what it will be like
When I walk by Your side
I can only imagine what my eyes will see
When Your face is before me
I can only imagine

Chorus

Surrounded by Your glory what will my heart feel
Will I dance for You Jesus or in awe of You be still
Will I stand in Your presence or to my knees will I fall
Will I sing hallelujah will I be able to speak at all
I can only imagine (yeah) I can only imagine

I can only imagine when that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son
I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever forever worship You
I can only imagine I can only imagine

Tag

I can only imagine yeah I can only imagine
I can only imagine I can only imagine

Ending

I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever forever worship You I can only imagine

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Call to Worship

“Even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart.”

(Joel 2:12)

Roll up your sleeves.

Let down your guard.

Come in from the storm.

Make yourself at home.

Pull up to the table.

Release the tension in your jaw. Take a deep breath.

Return to God with all your heart.

May it be so.

Call to Confession

Lent can sometimes get a negative reputation. It's viewed as the season in our faith when we give things up, we prepare for the worst. However, I cannot help but imagine that God wants more for us than just six weeks of discipline or six weeks without chocolate. I cannot help but imagine that God wants a life for us so expansive that faith, joy, and hope flow over the edges. So let us confess, not because we have to suffer our way through Lent, but because the truth moves us one step closer to that expansive faith. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession and Words of Forgiveness

Holy God, we confess: we don't return to you fully. We share with you the pieces of our lives that are convenient. We put on different hats in different rooms. We forget that we are called, invited, and loved with all that we are—including our mess, our beauty, our faith, and our doubt. Forgive us, and give us hearts that long to return.

Friends, God sees you. God hears you. God loves you. You are forgiven and claimed with all that you are. Rest in that good news.

Thanks be to God, amen.

Centering Hymn

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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Children's Message

Lindsey Waltermeyer

First Reading **From Here in the Sand**

You've been here before.

I squeeze that truth like an orange in my hands,

 willing some form of comfort to run out,

roll down my wrists,

calm these aching nerves.

You've been here before—
in the wilderness, in the desert,
in the place where nothing is what it seems
and everything is sharp.

You've been here before
so surely you know how hard it is
to hold tight to what is real
in the middle of a storm.

But because you've been here before,
I will stand tall.
I will sing songs of the river,
from here in the sand.
I will sing songs of the river,
into the wind.

Gospel Anthem

Just As I Am, Lord

Don Besig

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Gospel Reading Luke 4:1-13

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,’

¹¹and

‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹²Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Song of the Day *How Great Is Our God*

Diana and John Hazel

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in an expansive love that healed the sick, welcomed the children, and saw this world as it could be.

We believe that that expansive love runs over the edges of our lives, smoothing our rough places, and pulling us home.

We call that expansive love Yaweh and Mother God, Jesus and Divine Creator.

Thanks be to God for a Love like that. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Jesus has always been one to invite.

He said, “**Drop your nets and follow me.**”

He said, “**Let the little children come.**”

He said, “**Stand up from your mat, you are healed.**”

Jesus has always been one to invite, and that has not changed.

So friends, you are invited to this Table. Each and every one of us—with our doubts, our fears, our scars, our joy, our dreams, our hopes, our questions—we are invited to God’s table.

And here we will be met. Here we will be fed. Here we are given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy.

So come. Not because you must, but because you can. Come. You are invited. This Table is for you.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God who knows us, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, your hope never runs dry, your joy never gives up. We wish that we could be more like you in that way.

In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking. In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling. In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating. We long for these things.

So today we ask you—be with us on the hamster wheel. Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head. Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe. Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.

Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language.

Be with us, and show us the way to the life you long for us.

Show us a life of expansive faith.

Show us a life of overflowing joy.

Show us a life of absorbing beauty.

Show us a life of engrossing purpose.

Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the one Jesus led.

And until that expansive and holy day, we will continue to gather at this Table. Until that day we will continue to look for you in our midst. So pour out a double portion of yourself onto this bread and cup so that we might catch a glimpse of your goodness.

God, we are amazed by you. Your love never runs out, so bring that never-ending love here. Together we 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.

Words of Institution

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.

The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.
Amen. (*Eat the bread.*)

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.
Amen. (*Drink the cup.*)

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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Choral Benediction

Sending

Go in peace, and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em.

Postlude

Sing a New Song of Joy!

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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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: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Faye Weidner and Elfriede Ilik; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer

Next week Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and George Trowbridge; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God in memory of Mary Alice's mom, Lois Rhoads by Jim and Mary Alice Mack.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Herbert D. Burkhart, by Janet Burkhart.

Altar Guild serving this month include: Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Brenda Hunsberger.

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)

Cub Scout Banquet – Today, noon – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

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

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 30

Feeding the Homeless – Tuesday, 5:30 PM, offsite

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 25-27, 30, 31

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, offsite

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

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

Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 6:00 – 6:45 PM, room 1

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

Lenten Devotions – 6:45 – 7:15 PM, room 1

Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:30 PM, room 15

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

Bell Choir – Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 15

Worship and Music – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, offsite

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 – 11:15 AM, room 1 (fellowship hall)

Catechism – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 3:00 PM, room 33

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday at 8:30 at Brookside Family Restaurant on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown. **Please note the change of location for this month only.** Reservations

are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at (215) 679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at (484) 415-0386.

Upcoming Events

Save the date! "*How the Pretzel Survived Prohibition, and Other Twisted Tales*" This is a special Seniors Ministry Program and Luncheon on Thursday, March 24th, noon - 2 PM "Today's 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."

Our guest speaker will be Candace Perry, Curator of Collections, Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center. Lunch will be provided for a free-will donation. We just need your reservation to help with meal planning. A sign-up sheet is on the Seniors Ministry table in the Welcome Center. Reservations may be called into the office or emailed to Deacon Carol at carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org. **Tentative deadline to sign up is Thursday, March 17th**. Watch for additional details and invite a friend to come along!

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.

Easter Egg Hunt and Garden of Hope Open House on Saturday, April 9th, at 10:30 AM. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will include age level egg hunts. Each group will read an Easter themed story. At 11:15, participants will enjoy hotdogs, snacks and drinks for lunch. While you are at church, check out the 2022 Garden of Hope and get some information on how you can lend a hand. We hope to have some seeds available for planting that morning. A few volunteers are needed to help out on April 9th with the various age groups and to read a story. Contact Nikki Young if you are interested in helping.

Candy donations needed Can you help make the Easter Egg Hunt a success by donating individually wrapped candy? Drop off your donations at church. A donation box is in the welcome center or you can drop off the candy at the church office Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Donations are needed by Sunday, March 20th, so the eggs can be filled and we can purchase additional candy if we need more. Contact Nikki Young with any questions.

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 PM 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.

VBS 2022 It may be cold, but it's time to start thinking about VBS this summer. VBS will be June 20th – 24th 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! 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 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

“Thursdays At Ten” 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 on Thursdays. 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” A Seniors Ministry program where seniors become “God’s Hands” There are a couple of service projects coming up for which we can use some help, including finishing up sun catchers to be hung in skilled care units of nursing homes and making new Chrismons for our Christmas trees. There are other projects being lined up as well. Details will be out soon! Keep an eye on our bulletin announcements for updates on this and other Seniors ministries.

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.

- Sunday Worship at 9 AM
- Wednesday Lenten Dinners from 6 – 6:45 PM with Worship Devotions following from 6:45 – 7:15 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 NHEL C Cemetery lot is going up! Currently, the cost is \$500 per lot. After April 15th, the cost will increase to \$750 per lot.

Christmas decorations in the cemetery remaining on the gravesites after March 13th will be removed by cemetery personnel. If you would like to keep a Christmas decoration you have placed on a loved one's gravesite, please remove it before March 13th.

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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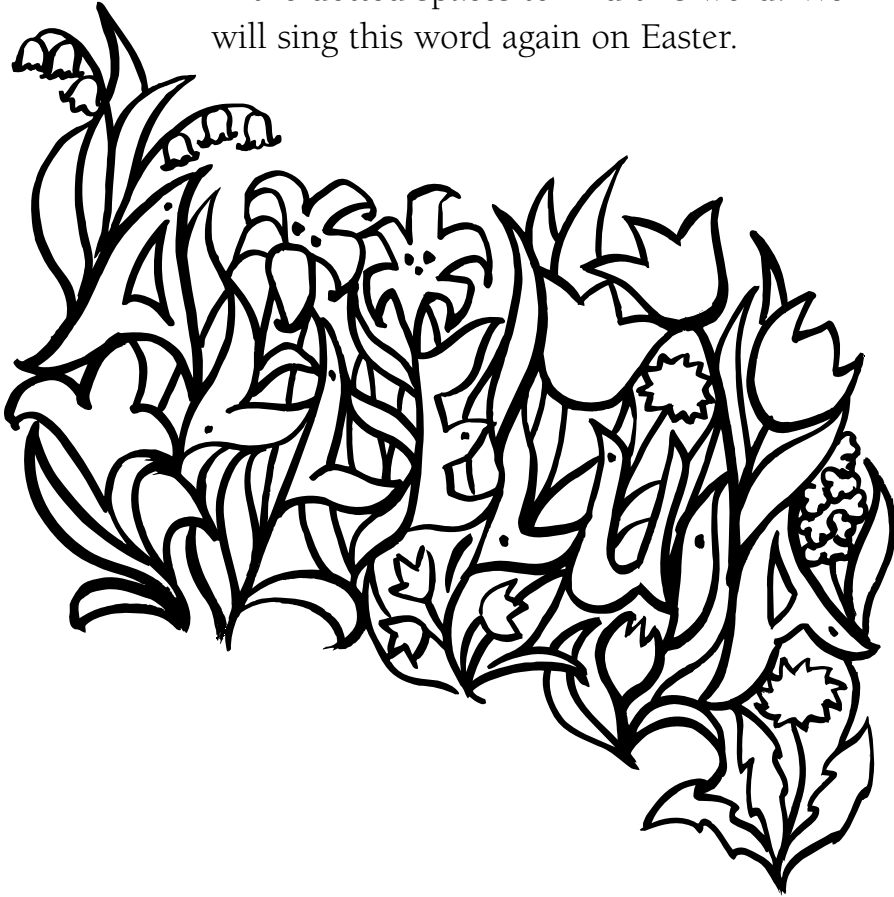
Cemetery

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The word is out

During Lent, we give up something during worship. We put away a happy word. Color in the dotted spaces to find this word. We will sing this word again on Easter.



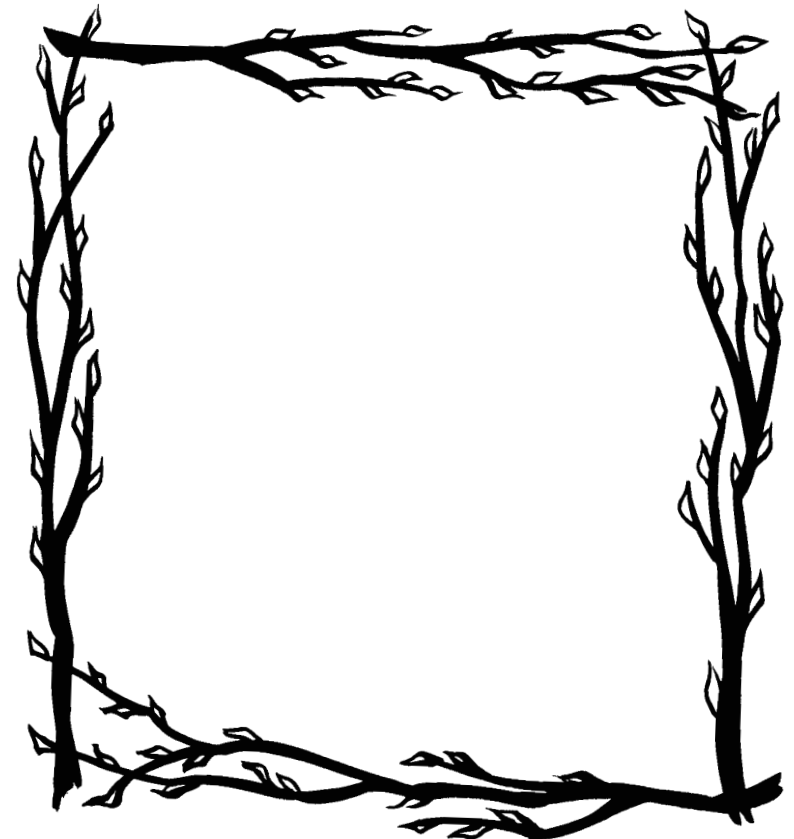
Dear God, please help me to pray each day as I wait for Easter—the best springtime surprise of all. Amen

This week

Save coins during the 40 days of Lent. Bring them to church for offering on Easter Sunday.

gather


Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday in Lent. The word Lent comes from the word lengthen because the springtime days in Lent grow longer. During the long winter people in cold places look forward to springtime. During Lent, Christians look forward to Easter. Draw your favorite signs of spring.




Jesus is tempted by the devil


Luke 4:1-13



The church season of Lent is 40 days long. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness. Write the word God inside each stone. Have an older person help you quietly read the story.


Jesus spent 40 days in the desert with the devil. In all that time, Jesus ate nothing and was hungry. The devil said to Jesus, "If you are 's Son, turn this stone into bread."

But Jesus said, "People cannot live on bread alone. They need 's word."

Then the devil said, "I will give you all of the kingdoms of this world if you worship me."

Jesus said, "Worship the Lord your ."

Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem. He set Jesus on the highest part of the temple and said, "If you are 's Son, throw yourself down from here. 's angels will protect you."

Jesus said, "Do not test ."

The devil gave up and went away.

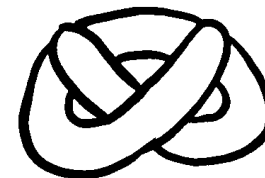
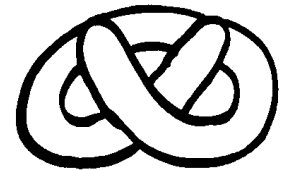
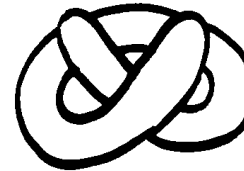


Prayers and pretzels

A long time ago, some Christians prayed like this. Try it! During Lent, people twisted bread into the shape of arms crossed in prayer. They were called pretzels. People gave pretzels to each other as reminders to pray during Lent.



Turn these pretzels into praying people.



Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind-ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus-tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon-ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun-tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait-ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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How Great Is Our God

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VERSE

C

Am⁷



1. The splen - dor of ___ the King, ___ clothed in maj - es - ty; ___
(2. And) age to age ___ He stands, ___ and time is in ___ His hands; .

4

F²

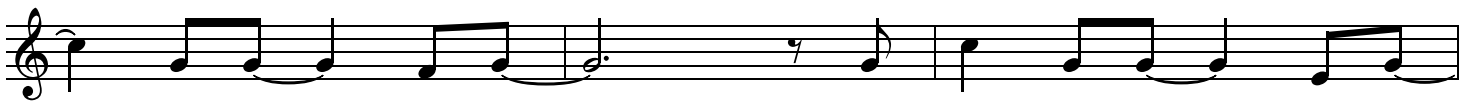


___ Let all the earth _ re - joice, ___ all the earth _ re - joice. ___ He wraps .
___ Be - gin - ning and ___ the End, ___ Be - gin - ning and ___ the End. ___ The God -

7

C

Am⁷



___ Him - self ___ in light, ___ and dark - ness tries ___ to hide, ___
- head, three ___ in one, ___ Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, ___

10

F²



___ and trem - bles at ___ His voice, ___ and trem - bles at ___ His voice. ___ How great -
___ the Li - on and ___ the Lamb, ___ the Li - on and ___ the Lamb. ___

§

CHORUS

13

C

Am⁷



___ is our God! ___ Sing with me: ___ How great is our God! .

16

Fmaj⁷

G

C²

Fine



And all ___ will see how great, how great ___ is our God! ___

20

BRIDGE

C



2. And Name a - bove ___ all names, ___

24

Am⁷

Fmaj⁷

1.

G



wor - thy of ___ all praise. ___ My heart will sing: _ How great ___ is our God! .

28

C

2.

G

C

D.S. al Fine



___ is our God! ___ How great

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



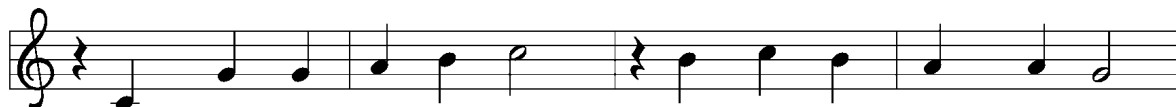
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Gently

Soprano *p* The Lord bless you and keep you. The

Alto *p* The Lord bless you and keep you. The

Tenor *p* The Lord bless you and keep you. The

Bass *p*

S Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to *mf*

A Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to *mf*

T Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to *mf*

B *mf*

7

S shine up - on you *mp* and grant you peace; And *p* grant you

A shine up - on you *mp* and grant you peace; And *p* grant you

T shine up - on you *mp* and grant you peace; And *p* grant you

B *mp* *p*

11

S peace. *pp* A men.

A peace. *pp* A men.

T peace. *pp* A men.

B *pp*