

# Welcome to worship at New Hanover Lutheran Church

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**May 29, 2022**



It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

## **You want to help save lives?**

Donate this month to help NHELCC Peer Support Ministry that helps, saves and changes people's lives for the better for free! Give on our webpage: <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/new/online-giving/> (select the fund, Peer Support Ministry), or by envelope or by mailing in your donation. We have raised \$4,798 towards our \$5,000 Goal.

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

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

**All worship can be viewed online at  
newhanoverlutheran.org,  
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch  
and on YouTube.**

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

Welcome

Prelude *America the Beautiful* arr. J. Raney  
Handbell Choir

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *This Is My Song* ELW #887

Children's Message Carolyn Springer

**Word**

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

Gospel Anthem *Battle Hymn of the Republic* Julia Ward Howe  
arr. Howard E. Akers  
Chancel Choir

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Gospel Reading John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>20</sup>“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

<sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>“Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Message

Song of the Day *Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)*

Donna Kehs, Nicole Ewing, Lindsey Waltermeyer and Josh Young

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night, It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear

*Chorus*

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save  
You will deliver me  
Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear  
Whom shall I fear  
(Whom shall I fear)

*Bridge*

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful  
You are faithful

*Repeat*

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**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

Moment of Silence/Taps

Daniel Butterfield  
Lee Wesner, trumpet

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Sending Hymn *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

ELW #888

## 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.**

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

## Postlude

*Gigue*

Gordon Young

## Blessing of the Fields *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,  
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,  
but what you most would treasure - our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.

We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

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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](mailto:pastor@newhanoverlutheran.org) or (610) 326-1335 ext. 1.

**Parttime Bookkeeper Position** The Bookkeeper supports the mission of this congregation by facilitating fund transfers between accounts as required and drafting checks to pay the congregation's expenses. The Bookkeeper shall also assist the Finance Committee, the Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, and the Board/Fund Treasurers to administer and oversee the financial records of the church. Accounting and payroll experience is a plus. Contact Pastor Scott, 610-326-1335 ext. 1 to apply.

**Sponsors are needed.** Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

**Reminder:** Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church to avoid conflicts with scheduling.

**The church office** will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, for the Memorial Day holiday. May God bless you and your family with safe travels throughout this holiday weekend.

### Today

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Kathy and Doug Taylor; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Bill Allen and Bryce Manthorne; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley

**Altar Guild Serving this Month** Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt

**The bulletin** is presented to the glory of God and in honor of their two military sons Michael and Matthew and all those serving and have served our country by Tom and Jayne McHugh.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Jim and Mary Alice Mack who celebrate their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 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 – 11:15 AM, room 1

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

**Picnic Grove Cleanup** – Tuesday, 4:00 PM

**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 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

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

**God on Tap** – Thursday, 6:00 PM, 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

## Upcoming Events

**Grove Clean Up!** The Picnic Grove needs your help! Families and friends, adults and kids, come out on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, to help get the picnic grove ready for lots of fun activities this summer. Bring rakes, work gloves, leaf blowers, wheelbarrows and tarps. If anyone has a chainsaw, that would be helpful, too. We will be starting at 4:00 PM and working until dark. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served beginning at 5:30. Many hands make light work!

**Camp Falckner registration** is now open! Camp Falckner is an overnight camp held in the picnic grove for all youth who have



finished grades 5-12. Camp will be held July 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. See Lindsey Waltermeyer for a registration form or visit the church website. Questions about camp? Don't hesitate to ask!

**Made in God's Image - A journey into the character of God** is a summer yoga class at NHELIC on the side lawn. Classes will be held 6:30 – 7:30 PM on Fridays, June 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is a beginners/all levels yoga class with stretching, strengthening and some slow flow movements with a focus on the qualities of God's character noted in Exodus 34:6-7. Participants will focus on compassion/mercy, patience, and the unfailing love and faithfulness of God and how we reflect these qualities as we are made in His image. Anyone age 13 years and up (13-17 years-old should be accompanied by an adult) can join. Classes are free-will donation-based. Pay in cash or by check (checks payable to NHELIC, note Peer support or food ministry). To sign up, contact Leslie Gates.

**Seniors Ministry Sponsored event for any interested congregational members!** Save the date - June 12<sup>th</sup>. **“Soul Therapy: Create Your Own Patio/Deck Planter”** Ever want to make a beautiful planter and just didn't know how? Join us on June 12<sup>th</sup>, following the 9:00 service where we will hear a little bit about gardening in the Bible and then, under the expert guidance of Tina Phillips, our altar flower designer, we will create our own gardens. Bring: 1) \$20 to cover the cost of materials, 2) your own container (materials are based on a 10" container); 3) gardening gloves and 4) creativity! Flowers, soil and a good time with friends will be provided. Gather outside for this event, weather permitting. If inclement weather, the event will be held in fellowship hall. Bring a beverage and/or snack to share if you'd like. **Deadline to sign up is June 5<sup>th</sup>.** Look for a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center or email Deacon Carol at [carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org).

**Men's Retreat** July 5-6, 2022 at Gettysburg Seminary. The theme will be “Being Spiritual Warriors.” There will be a little bit of Bible study, a little bit of prayer, a little bit of discussion and a lot of fellowship. We will have an evening Luther Table Talk discussion as Martin did often in addition to several break-out opportunities to enjoy the historic area. Also, the men will have a

private worship service in the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> on Seminary Ridge of the Battlefield.

We will be joining the Martin Luther's Beer, Brat and Bible Men's Ministries from Stafford Virginia and Birdsboro PA. Both ministries are heavily involved like us in meal and homeless ministries, and like having a good time serving others. Costs will be your housing (about \$50) and your meals. All meals will be at local restaurants. Let Pastor Scott know if you will be attending. **Deadline to sign up is today.**

**Questioning Salvation?** Throughout the ages humans have asked, "Is there a hereafter?" We address this in our worship by the words we say, hear and sing; however, do we believe in the theology of eternal salvation, and if yes, how do we receive or get there? On Sunday mornings at 10:15 in room 33, we will discuss this topic as it relates to Lutherans and other faith traditions.

**Children and helpers should register for Kids Camp/VBS by Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.** Registration PRIOR to the program is most helpful so final plans can be made and supplies purchased. Register online at [vbspro.events/p/events/876dcb](http://vbspro.events/p/events/876dcb). If you have any questions or need help registering, contact Nikki Young.

**Kids Camp/VBS decorations, props, etc.** are needed. We still need gently used board games (with all pieces included) and Legos (cannot be returned) along with southwest/cactus décor and especially southwest style throws/blankets. These items can be returned after Kids Camp. Other items (also can be returned) include: plastic greenery or potted plants (fake preferred), a selfie stick and a (short) length of rope. A snack donation list will soon be available to help offset the cost of camp. Thank you for supporting NHELK children and their families!

**Meet me at....** This summer NHELK is hosting a series of get together events called "Meet me at...." These events will be laid-back and very casual. For example, on June 16<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup> we will be having "Meet me at the Garden." Anyone can come out to the garden at 6 PM for some pizza and then work in the garden for about 45-60 minutes. We will wrap up the event with some sort of ice cream dessert. Watch NHELK Facebook page [facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch) for events to be

added. Plans for a Reading Phillies game will be announced soon. If you have any ideas for events, contact Nikki Young.

**Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville has invited us to participate in their Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 12 – 2 PM.** This is Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday at NHELCC, but we will be wrapped up before noon. All ages are welcome to help pack over 10,000 meals! Refreshments will be provided. This is an incredibly fun event for all ages. Nikki Young will be going over. If you would like to join in the fun and witness an excellent service project, contact Nikki and she will get you signed up!

## **Food Ministry**

**More than 90,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELCC'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! NHELCC Loaves & Fishes is working with the Chosen 300 Ministries** to feed the homeless 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. All are welcome. If you can help, just show up at Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

## **Spiritual Renewal**

**The *Word in Season*** daily devotion books April - June are available in the welcome center and the information box located outside by the Sunday school doors.

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so, contact Deacon Carol or Pastor Scott and they'll see that one is made available. Interested in knitting a shawl or two? Supplies and instructions are available now in the library located off of fellowship hall. Materials are on a bookcase close to the door. Contact Deacon Carol with any questions about this.

## 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 it all? 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! Questions about the session? Contact Deacon Carol.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information will be kept confidential. To request a prayer, contact Deacon Carol at [carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:carol.detweiler@newhanoverlutheran.org) or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave her a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Deacon Carol to update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

## Seniors News

Looking ahead – Plans are being made for down the road a **“Doing Genealogy 101”** session which will include the opportunity for three lucky folks to have some genealogical research done on their families as part of the program. Watch for more details to come! Preliminary planning is also starting for another **Historic Cemetery Tour** as part of the Amazing Raise fund-raising. There are plenty of stories from our cemetery just waiting to be told! Actors are needed for the tour. Contact Deacon Carol if you are interested in taking a part or if you have any questions.

## Memorial Day Prayer

The Prayer Warriors will not be meeting on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Instead, we are offering you the opportunity to pray together wherever you are at 1:15 PM on Memorial Day to honor the brave men and women who have made a sacrifice for our country. You are encouraged to pray for those in the military and their families as well. Feel free to lift up the following prayer or your own heartfelt prayers.

### **Psalm 27:3 – 4 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the LORD,  
this only do I seek:  
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD  
all the days of my life,  
To gaze on the beauty of the LORD  
and to seek him in his temple.

### **Prayer**

Lord, You know what sacrifice is all about, as You gave Your Son Jesus to set us free by dying on the cross for our sins. Today, I bow my head as I remember those who gave their life so that our country may be free. I ask for Your blessing upon the souls of those who gave their last breath for our freedom and our children's future. I also pray for those who mourn the loss of a loved one. Help them feel your strong presence and tender hand. Let them feel your love and give them hope. I am truly humbled by the unselfishness of those courageous individuals who serve our country. Grant Your loving protection to all in the military who are protecting us. Let them feel Your strength and peace. Amen.

# 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, Enoc Zapien, Jean Renninger, 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, 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, Frank D., Pam Helfrich, Barb and Tom Faust, Andy Van Dyke, Janet, Tom Swanson, Tricia Hoak family, Jerry Dotterer, Feryl Stein, Laurie Scoggins, Pam Abbott, Holli Muffler, Louise Karns, Mary Van Dyke

Peace for the violence in our area and nationally

## Long-term

Garrett Coyne, Heather James, Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Shannon, John, Dominic Strock, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

## Grieving

Family and friends of Bill Kingsepp, Wally Van Dyke, Bill Dengler, John Evans, John Williams and Barbara Morris

## 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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# Send

## Easter words

Ask someone to help you complete this puzzle.

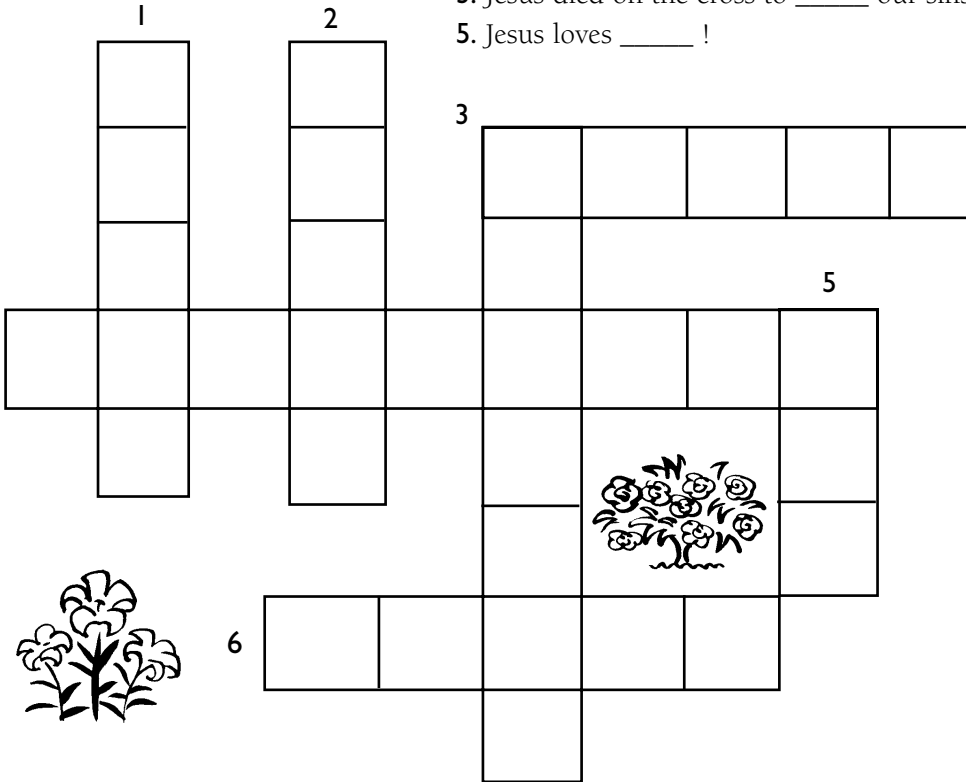


### ACROSS

3. Number of days in the season of Easter.
4. A symbol of Jesus' new life.
6. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ all people.

### DOWN

1. God's Son
2. The church color for Easter
3. Jesus died on the cross to \_\_\_\_\_ our sins.
5. Jesus loves \_\_\_\_\_ !



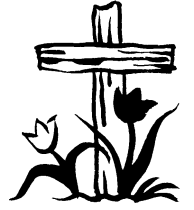
Dear Jesus, help me to be your follower by telling others about you. Amen

## This week

Look at some trees. How does the trunk help the branches and leaves grow?

# Kids Celebrate

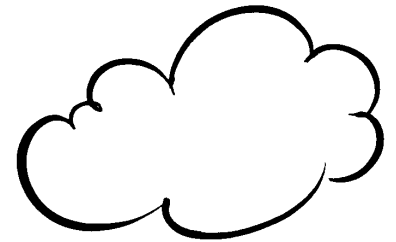
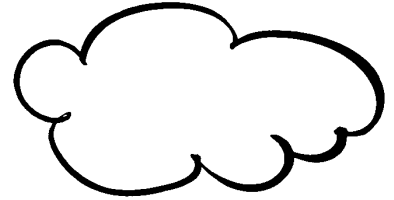
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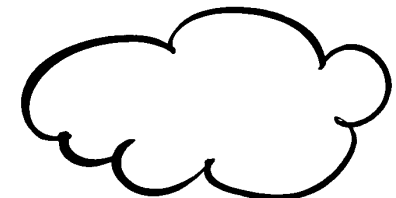
## gather

Welcome to worship.

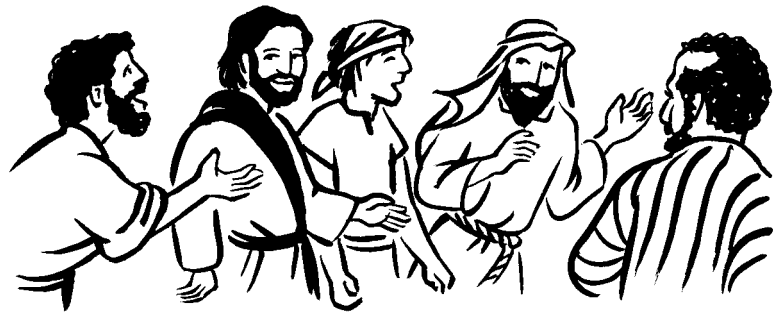
Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter. Last Thursday, Christians celebrated Ascension Day, the day Jesus went to heaven to be with God. Before Jesus ascended, he told his followers to continue his work. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with them.



You are one of Jesus' followers. Inside each cloud, write one way you follow Jesus.







### Spreading the good news

John 17:20-26 [15:5]

Jesus expected the disciples to carry on the work that he had begun. Jesus wanted the world to know that he was God's Son. Jesus prayed that the disciples would work together to spread this good news. One example Jesus had used before to help the disciples understand their job was this one:

"I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:5).

### We are the branches

Like the disciples, we are branches on Jesus' vine. Jesus wants us all to be one. We sing and pray in worship together. We share the meal of Holy Communion together. We baptize people and welcome them into God's family together.

Jesus wants us to share the good news of God's love with others.

Inside the Jesus vine, write or draw "good news" messages like "Love one another." Write the name of someone you know on each bunch of grapes. Share your messages with these people.



# This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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# Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)

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## VERSE 1

C

Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F<sup>2</sup>



1. You hear me when I call. You are my morn - ing song. Though dark - ness fills the night,

4

Am<sup>7</sup>

F<sup>2</sup>



it can - not hide the light. Whom shall I fear?

7

C

Dm<sup>7</sup> C/E F<sup>2</sup>

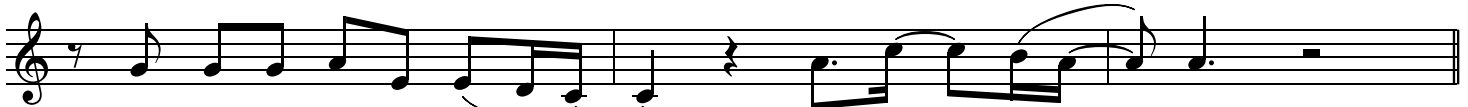


You crush the en - e - my un - der - neath my feet. You are my sword and shield,

10

Am<sup>7</sup>

F<sup>2</sup>



though trou - bles lin - ger still. Whom shall I fear?



## CHORUS 1a

13 Am<sup>7</sup>

G

C

Am<sup>7</sup>

G

C

Am<sup>7</sup>

F<sup>2</sup>



I know Who goes be - fore me, I know Who stands be - hind: The God of an - gel ar - mies

16

G

C

Am<sup>7</sup>

G

C

Am<sup>7</sup>

G C



is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er, He is a friend of mine.

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Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies) - 2

19 Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> 2nd time to Coda ⊕ G C

The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

VERSE 2

23 C F<sup>2</sup>

2. My strength is in Your name, for You a - lone can save. You will de - liv - er me.

26 Am<sup>7</sup>

Yours is the vic - to - ry. \_\_\_\_\_ Whom shall I \_\_\_\_\_

28 F<sup>2</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> G D.S. al Coda

\_\_\_\_\_ fear? \_\_\_\_\_ Whom shall I \_\_\_\_\_ fear? \_\_\_\_\_

⊕ Coda

BRIDGE

31 C F<sup>2</sup> C G

side! And noth - ing formed a - gainst \_ me \_ shall \_ stand! \_

34 C F<sup>2</sup> C

You hold the whole \_ world in Your \_ hands. \_ I'm hold - ing on \_ to Your

37 Am<sup>7</sup> G F<sup>2</sup> 1. G 2. G

prom - is - es; \_ You are faith - ful, \_ You are faith - ful. \_ faith - ful, \_ You are

CHORUS 1b

41 Am<sup>7</sup> G/B Am<sup>7</sup> G C Am<sup>7</sup> G C

faith - ful. \_\_\_\_\_ I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind:

45 Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> G C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C

The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er,

48 Am<sup>7</sup> G C Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup>

He is a friend of mine. The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

CHORUS 1c

51 C G/B Am<sup>7</sup>

I know Who goes be - fore me, \_ I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an - gel ar - mies

54 F<sup>2</sup> C G/B

is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er, \_ He is a friend of mine.

57 Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup>

The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

59 Am<sup>7</sup>

F<sup>2</sup>

C



The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

## O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

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