

**Welcome to Worship at
New Hanover Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023

Scout Sunday



Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

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

Welcome

Prelude *WOV 651 Shine Jesus Shine* Diana Hazel

Composer Graham Kendrick Text and music © 1987 Make Way Music (admin. by Music Services in the Western Hemisphere) All Rights Reserved.

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

Josh Dawson

Let us pray.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *God, Whose Almighty Word* ELW 673

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Children's Message

Stephen Sotak

The Scout Law

Leader The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of scouts and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
(Exodus 20:16)

Scouts: **A Scout is trustworthy.**

Leader He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Scouts: **A Scout is loyal.**

Leader You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)

For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to thy needy and to the poor, in the land.
(Deuteronomy 15:11)

Scouts: **A Scout is helpful.**

Leader Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

Scouts: **A Scout is friendly.**

The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster
who provides all our needs.

He lets us camp in forests tall and meadows green.

He leads us on trails beside waters deep and still, brooks
babbling, streams rushing, and rivers raging.

**He restores our bodies, minds and souls,
even as we observe the eagle soaring
to greater heights above.**

He encourages the Eagle Scout in thier upward climb.

**He teaches Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venturers to live the Scout
Oath and Law.**

Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys
with towering mountains, we are courageous
because He leads us onward.

He continually blesses us with food for mind and body.

Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us,
he blesses us with the gifts of love and forgiveness.

**Surely, his goodness and mercy
will sustain us all the days of our lives.**

And, when we climb the final trail
through the awesome pass that leads to the Great Council
fire, we shall join those who traveled the trail before us
and joyfully live with God forever!

The Second Reading 1Cor. 2:1-12 Amelia Uhlig

A reading from the book of Corinthians

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come
proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or
wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus
Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in

fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written,

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love him” —

¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Here ends the reading

Scout Law (Continues)

Leader1 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Scouts: **A Scout is courteous.**

Leader2 A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

Scouts: **A Scout is kind.**

Leader1 Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy first commandment with promise; that

it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Scouts: **A Scout is obedient.**

Leader2 A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:13-15)

Scouts: **A Scout is cheerful.**

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

The Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

The Rev. Scott Staub

Hymn of the Day

Pass it On

Diana Hazel

Composer: Graham Kendrick; Copyright © 1969 by Budjohn Songs (ASCAP) Adm. By CMI

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the tress are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God
It matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top - PRAISE GOD!
I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.'

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I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

Presentation of God and Me

Nikki Young

God and Me Awards

Each year, Pack 367 offers its Scouts an opportunity to earn a Religious Emblem Award as an extension of their Scouting Advancement Program. One of the tenants of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Reverent;" the Religious Emblem Award program reinforces this value. I had the honor to teach this program to these scouts this year. Today we take time to celebrate those Scouts who have fulfilled the requirements this special program and deserve recognition for their accomplishments.

The Bible teaches us in Luke chapter 2 that Jesus "grew and became strong, he was full of wisdom, and God's Blessings were upon him." The scouts before you today are following the example set by Jesus by seeking to grow in Christian faith and service. In the God and Me curriculum we explored our faith together, came to understand that God is active in every part of our lives, helped these scouts know that Jesus is their best friend and memorized the Lord's prayer.

The following scouts have earned the God and Me award and earned the right and privilege of wearing this emblem in recognition of this accomplishment: Braxton Darr, Hunter Houseal, Elias Melendez and Ben Skupski

These awards feature a four colored cross. The four colors converge into a point to create an "X" at the center of the cross. "X" is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, and it is symbolic of how Christ should be at the center of our lives. Let us pray: Lord, your Son has called all of us into the adventures of learning and serving. Today we celebrate these Scouts who have answered that call in a special way. We thank you for and for this moment of celebration. Continue to challenge all of us to grow in Christian service, that your kingdom may become a reality in and through our lives. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

Offertory

Anthem

Blessed are the Pure in Heart

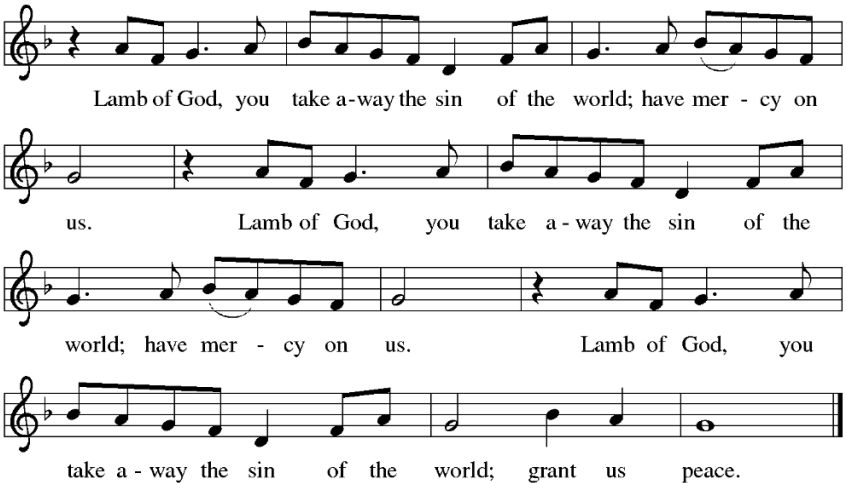
Chancel Choir

Johann B. Koenig arr. by S. Drummond Wolff Copyright © 1972 by Concordia Publishing House

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone.

The body of Christ, given for you. Take and eat.
(The response is "Amen", then eat the bread).

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Take and drink.
(The response is, "Amen", then drink the cup).

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Sending

The Scout Law (Continued)

Leader Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

Scouts: **A Scout is thrifty.**

Leader Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Scouts: **A Scout is brave.**

Leader Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:3-5)

Scouts: **A Scout is clean.**

Leader And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

Scouts: **A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.**

Announcements

Pastor Scott Staub

Sending Song

Thy Strong Word

ELW 511

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976; Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944
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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 *Glorious Majesty*

Composed by Lani Smith

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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.

Sponsors are needed. Suggested donation for the bulletin is \$20 and flowers are \$40. Sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$40 a month, and sponsor Communion for \$30 a month. Contact Church Office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up or go online at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship#/
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Help avoid conflicts. Since activities at the church are back to normal, check in with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church. Also, appointments are requested for staff members.

The GRACE team is looking for guitarists and singers for Sunday morning services. The praise musicians lead the congregation in singing 2 songs during the 9:00 worship service and get together once per week to practice. Anyone in 7th grade through adult is welcome to join.

If interested contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com

Altar Guild is in need of clean 10-11 ounce coffee cans. If you have any to donate, they may be placed on the stage or on the windowsill outside the sacristy. Thank you.

We are looking for a Praise Band Leader for our blended weekly worship service. Music experience is required. It is a part time position, requiring 4-6 hours a week. A job description is available. If interested, please see Pastor Staub or contact Sharon Tracey (LBD36@AOL.COM).

\$20 and flowers is \$35. Or, sponsor the *Word in Season* for \$35 a month. Contact Church Office at (610) 326-1335 for available dates and to sign up.

Did you know we have a scrapbook in the Welcome Center? Yes, right under the video monitor. Please take a look as we will be turning the pages on a regular basis as we go through history and preparation for 325th year. Anniversary celebration.

Today

Flowers on the altar are sponsored in honor of Emma's 5th birthday by grandparents, Jim and Mary Alice Mack.

Bulletins are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Chase's 8th birthday by grandparents, Doug and Bette Senne.

Communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Ruth Wirt by George, Doug, Ryan, and the late Megan Weaver.

Serving Today Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Hunter Houseal, Henry Houseal, Brandon Scaduto; Children's Sermon: Stephen Sotak; Greeter: Sammy Young

Next Sunday Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Rick Hausch, Elfiede Ilik; Lector: Susan Swartz; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs; Acolyte: Hannah Waltermyer

Altar Guild Serving this Month Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher, Sharon Wise

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 24

Adult Forum: Politics & Religion – Today, 10:15 – 11:05 AM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Altar Guild Meeting – Monday, 2:00 PM, sanctuary

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

Christian Education Board, Monday, 7:00 pm, room33

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1

Women's Breakfast—Wednesday, 8:30 am, Sunflower Cafe

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

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico

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

Children's Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

Thursday Morning Book Study – Thursday, 10:00am, room 33

Bell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

Worship & Music Meeting - Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34

Pinewood Derby Setup– Friday, 6:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

Pinewood Derby - Saturday, 8:00 AM, rooms 1, 11

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, 8:00 am, Brookside Restaurant

Worship Service – Next Sunday, Scout Sunday, 9:00 AM
sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

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Upcoming Events

Politics and Religion Bible Study - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. Now that I got your attention. Join me for a weekly public forum of how we as a people can share the wisdom of the Bible to create an atmosphere where listening, loving and helping one another is a priority, and power and dominance are not a platform for public forums and discussions. The Readings and discussions will be posted on our website, and printed copies will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM.

Choir Rehearsals: Chancel Choir rehearses Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM in the choir room (room 15). **Children's Choir** rehearses Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:00 PM in the choir room. Interested in joining the Chancel Choir or Children's Choir? Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce for more information. **Bell Choir** rehearses on Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM in the choir room. For more information about the bell choir program, contact Bell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

Thursday Morning Book Study is held every Thursday at 10:00 am in room 33. come join us as we study and discuss the "Fierce Women of the Bible". The study is open to all ages and genders. So please join us for some lively discussions and fellowship.

The NHELCC book club will be meeting **Tuesday, February 7** at 6:30 PM at The Grind in Boyertown to discuss Gracie's Secret by

Jill Childs. All are welcome to attend! To stay up to date with what's happening, join the group's Facebook page, NHELCC Book Club. If you aren't on Facebook, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com for information.

This year's Congregational Meeting, Reception for New Members, and Mardi Gras dinner will be held on Sunday, February 19 following worship. We will have elections of council members and acceptance of the Annual report. Additionally, we have a joyful celebration of the Children's choir and Jazz entertainment. Some of your traditional dining foods plus a special menu of Louisiana's favorites will be served. Please call and make your reservations at 610-326-1335.

Lenten suppers will be held every Wednesday, beginning on March 1st through March 29th, starting at 6:00 PM each Wednesday evening. A simple, homemade supper will be offered each week. **The Fellowship Committee** is looking for people who are willing to bring desserts. Please sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board if you are willing to bring a dessert. Thank you!

Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, March 11th; 4:00 – 7:00 PM

It's time for the annual **all-you-can-eat** Spaghetti Dinner. 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 - \$14.00

Seniors (65 and older) - \$11.00

Children (7-12) - \$7.00

Children (6 & younger) - free

You Can Help

NHELC will be collecting non-perishable items throughout the months of December, January, and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and the fellowship hall for the donations. During the winter months there is an increased need for soup and crackers. Thank you for your contributions to help those in need.

Looking for volunteers to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Please contact Faye Weidner if you are interested in serving at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958.

A Capital Funds Campaign is underway. Help NHELC raise \$247,500 for the HVAC and AVEL systems. Specially marked envelopes are available on the desk in the welcome center for your contribution. For more information, contact the church office at (610) 326-1335.

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Food Ministry

More than 120,000 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 donations in the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Spiritual Renewal

The *Word in Season* daily devotion books January - March are available in the welcome center and information box located outside by the Sunday school doors. The books are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor

Do you know someone who could use a **prayer shawl** to help bring comfort, healing and good thoughts? If so contact Pastor Scott and they'll see that one is made available. And...**please prayerfully consider:** the requests for our prayer shawls keep coming in. To make sure we will always have a shawl available when needed we could use some additional knitters to help with this important ministry. Please contact Pastor Scott if interested in doing this. Supplies and instructions are available in the library located off of Fellowship Hall, in a bookcase close to the door.

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELC Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com or call the church office (610-326-1335) to leave him a voice mail. Your prayers will be delivered! Also, you can contact Pastor Scott to

update circumstances or have a name removed from the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Warriors Wanted You are invited to join the warriors on Monday at 1:15 PM in the sanctuary. Participants join in a brief devotion and then pray together. They give thanks and then lift up in prayers neighbors both near and far. See Donna Kehs or Marsha Staub if you have any questions.

A **Seniors Suggestion Box** is now available on the desk in the Welcome Center. NHELCSeniors (folks in their 60's on up) are invited to use the slips provided and write down any ideas, concerns, needs they may have for our Senior's Ministry. Can be anything ranging from speakers/topics, fun events, faith formation needs, etc. We want to hear from you!

Remember in your prayers

Requests

Long-term

Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Sally Kohl, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

Grieving

For all those who grieve.

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

Prayer Requests:

Peace for violence in our area and nationally.

Trevor Martin	Jim Price	Jen Perez
Toni Rath	Melissa	Frank D.
Katy Mahon-Miller	Bernadette Phillips	Pam Helfrich
Matt Hall	Mary Lou	Barb & Tom Faust
Luann Hanley	Doug Weaver	Andy Van Dyke
Scot Smale	Joan Wagner	Janet
Carol Estes	Robert Ganovsky	Laurie Scoggins
William Trotter	Dorothy Bingaman	Pam Abbott
Kathy Kane	Emily Ocelus	Holli Muffler
Maxwell Girard	Eric & Wendy Hess	Louise Karns
Pat Fryer	Sue Care	Mary Van Dyke
Jean Renninger	Herman Richard	Pr. Jennifer Phelps
Pr. Kork Moyer	Deb Matthews	Jessica Trout
Betty Lou Shadle	Marceline	Denny Smith
Julia Hauck	Anne Eshleman	Verdi Smith
Tony Mancini	Daniel Johnson	Mabel Gaugler
Raul Castro	Gwen Grant	Andy VanDyke
Amy LeVan	Chris Fatzinger	Pat Freed
Jeffrey Kunsch	Hank Droneberg	Sandy Wesner
Braydon Kline	Pena family	
Wilma Lahr	Kim Frain	

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Call for an appointment. (610) 326-1335





Find two ways the children in this picture are being the salt of the earth (telling others about Jesus' love). Look again. Circle seven silly things you find.

this week

Taste some food without salt. Then try adding a little salt. How does the taste change? Be a "saltier" person for God by inviting a friend to come to worship with you next Sunday.

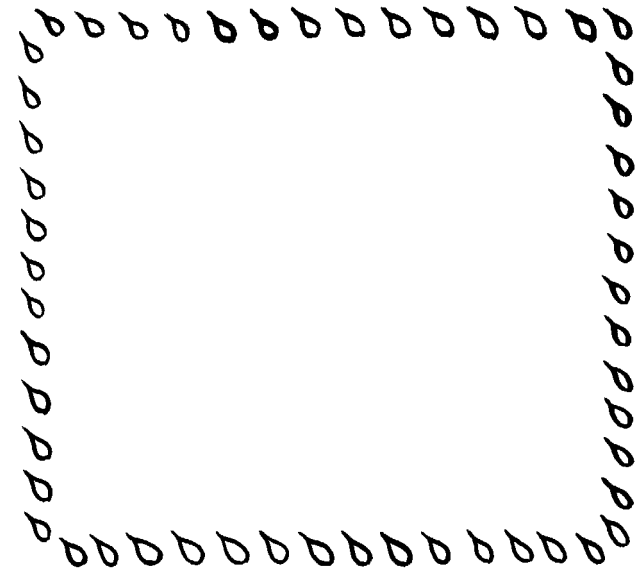
Kids **Celebrate** 
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

gather

Welcome to worship.

In baptism we receive a lit candle and hear these words: "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven."

Draw your baptismal font.

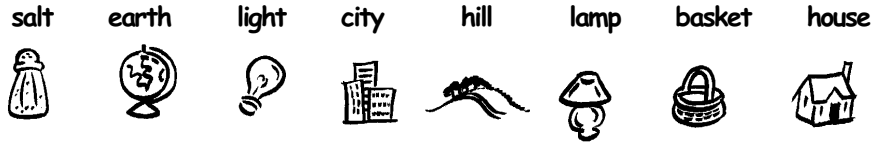






After worship, walk up to look at the font. Dip your finger in the water. Trace a cross on your forehead. Making the sign of the cross will remind you that in baptism you became God's child.











Salt and light

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus was a teacher. He taught about God's love. Use the pictures to help you read one of Jesus' message.



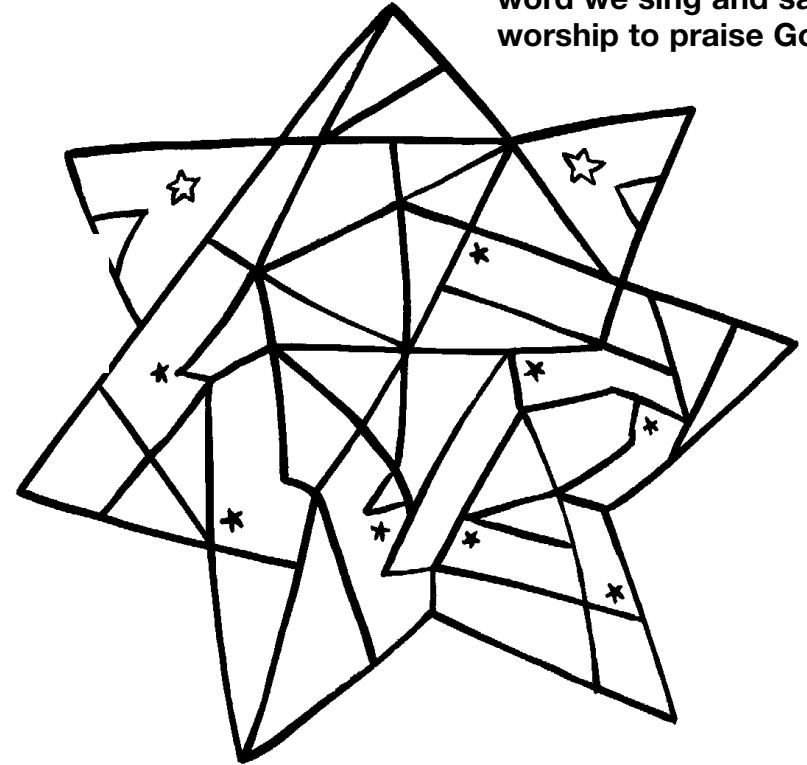
U R the  of the ; but if  has lost its taste, how can its  iness B restored? It is no longer good for anything.

U R the  of the . A  built on a  cannot B hid. No 1 after C ing a  puts it under the bushel , but on the  stand and it gives  in all the . In the same way, let your  shine before others, so that they may C your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Where have you heard the words in the last sentence of Jesus' message? (Hint: Look on the front page.)

We give glory to our Father in heaven each time we worship.

Color in the spaces with stars to find one special word we sing and say in worship to praise God.



What is one special word you can use to praise God?



Dear God, thank you for filling me up with lots of salt (your love). Help me shake out lots of salt (your love) on the people I meet every day. Amen.