

**Welcome to Worship at
New Hanover Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**



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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 *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Grace Band: Nicole Ewing, Donna Kehs, Linsey Waltermyer, &
Josh Young

Refrain:

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

Verse 1:

One day every tongue will confess
You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Refrain:

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Verse 2:

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose you now

Refrain:

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Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
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Prayer of the Day

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.

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us

grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* ELW #582

Children's Choir *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Mark Patterson; Arrangement copyright © 2012 Choristers Guild

Vivian Speca, Pianist; Harry White, Tambourine

Children's Message

Donna Kehs

Word

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

The Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

A reading from the book of Hebrews

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his

name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Here ends the reading

Gospel Reading Luke 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day *Mighty to Save*

Grace Band: Nicole Ewing, Donna Kehs, Linsey Waltermeyer, &
Josh Young

Verse 1:

Everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Well, everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The Hope of nations

Refrain:

Savior, He can move the mountains
For my God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2:

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
And now I surrender

Refrain:

Savior, He can move the mountains
For my God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, author of Salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Bridge:

Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus
Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King

Refrain:

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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

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Offertory

Anthem *You Are My Light* Chancel Choir

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Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Sending Song *O Master, Let me Walk with You* ELW #818

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 *Celebration for Trumpet*

Robert W. Thygerson

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February 12, 2023 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#/>

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).

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 .

The Cemetery committee has asked that Christmas items on the grave sites that wanted to be kept should be removed before February 15th. The committee is getting ready for Spring and removing all that is left on the grave sites.

Save the Date! Camp Falckner, an overnight camp held in our church picnic grove, is scheduled for July 25-28. All youth who have finished grades 5-12 are invited to attend. More details to come this Spring.

Today

Flowers on the altar are sponsored to the glory of God by Tom and Jayne McHugh.

Word in Season devotional booklet is sponsored to the Glory of God and in honor of our church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Rick Hausch, Elfiede Ilik; Lector: Susan Swartz; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs; Acolyte: Hannah Waltermeyer

Next Sunday Head Usher: Ron Fegley; Ushers: Brian Flack, Bill Allen; Lector: Carol Este; Children's Sermon: Pr. Scott Staub; Acolyte: Ron Fegley

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

Catechism Class—Today; 10:05-12:00PM, youth room

Adult Forum: The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk Across the Divide – Today, 10:15 – 11:05 AM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

Boy Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, room 1, 21-27, 31, 33

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

Chosen 300 – Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Emmanuel Lutheran

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 2

Finance Committee – Tuesday, 7:00 PM

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

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

Lego Club—Wednesday, 2:00 PM, nursery

Loaves & Fishes Dinner - Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

Congregation Council - Thursday, 7:00 pm, room 33

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

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary & online followed by Congregational meeting, reception for new members, and Mardi Gras dinner

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

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

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

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Rejoicing Spirits— Next Sunday, 2:30 PM

Upcoming Events

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk Across the Divide- Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. 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. Books will be available each Sunday in Room 33 at 10:15 AM. A suggested donation of \$20 per book is appreciated.

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.

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

NHELCC 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.

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 & April - June 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. NHELC Seniors (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!

Prayer Requests

Long-term

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

Shut-in
Penny Frymoyer

Grieving
Family and friends of Cole "Little Man" Moser.

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally.

Victims of the earthquake in Turkey , Syria, and surrounding countries.

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	Pat Freed
Amy LeVan	Chris Fatzinger	Sandy Wesner
Jeffrey Kunsch	Hank Droneberg	Helen Foulke
Braydon Kline	Pena family	
Wilma Lahr	Kim Frain	

If you have any additions or changes to the prayer list, please contact the church office at (610) 326-1355.



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NHELC's Formation History



The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church was founded in 1700 by Daniel Falckner. He gathered the German immigrant Lutherans living between the Schuylkill River and what is now Pennsburg to form a congregation.

He was followed by a number of “circuit” pastors who served a number of congregations. Among them was Henry Melchior Muhlenberg who arrived in 1742.

In 1768, the congregation built the stone building currently being used for worship. Prior to that, they worshipped in log buildings. During the war for American Independence, the building was used as a temporary hospital during the retreat of Washington’s army following The Battle at Brandywine.

Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg, son of Henry, served the congregation from 1777 to 1778 before he entered government service in the continental congress and then, in the First congress of the United States where he became the first speaker of the House of Representatives.

New Hanover’s history shows evidence of God’s continuing grace. It was given a significant role in the birth of the Lutheran Church in America, as well as the birth of the nation itself. Fifty Revolutionary War veterans are buried in the New Hanover cemetery.

Send

Walk your fingers along the path that Jesus wants us to follow. Write the letters you come to in the blanks below to find Jesus' two commandments. Following Jesus' commandments can help us to grow strong in faith.

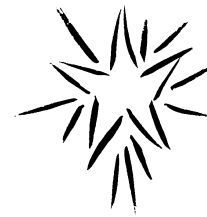


This week

Talk to an older person in your family or someone in your congregation who is strong in their faith. Ask them to share his or her faith story with you.

Kids Celebrate

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany



gather

Welcome to worship.

Epiphany is the season of light. How many sources of light can you count in your sanctuary?

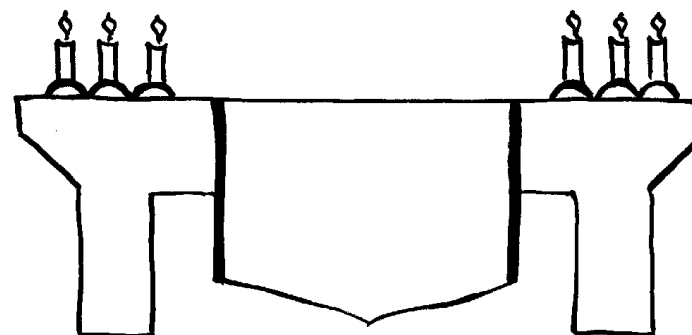






Is there a colored cloth on your altar? What color is it?

Is there a symbol (picture) on it? What is it?





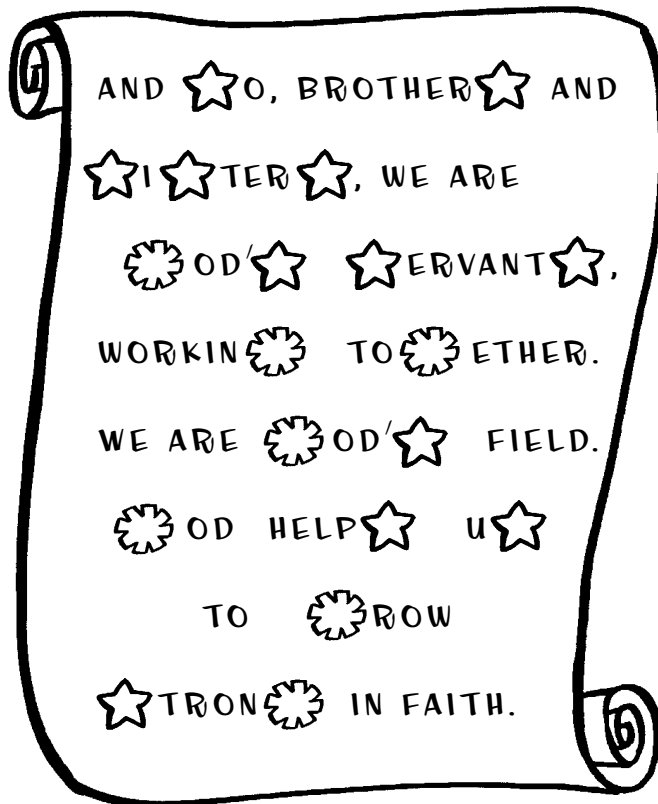
During Epiphany, we read stories about Jesus' teachings, many of them with surprising messages. Hearing these stories helps us to grow strong in faith. Draw your own symbol (picture) for the church season of Epiphany on the altar cloth. Think about the words "light" and "surprising" when you draw your symbol.

Growing strong in faith

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Paul was one of the first Christian teachers. One way Paul taught people about Jesus' love was by writing letters to the early Christian congregations. Many of Paul's letters are found in the New Testament. The second scripture reading for today comes from Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

To complete Paul's letter write an "s" inside each  and a "g" inside each .



FUN FACT:
 Paul's letters were written on paper made from papyrus or reeds. Baby Moses' basket was probably woven from papyrus.

Psalm 119

Pick up a Bible. Can you find 1 Corinthians? This is one of Paul's letters. Now close the Bible. Place your fingers right in the middle of the pages and open it again. You are probably turned to the book of Psalms. Psalms are songs. Every Sunday in worship, we sing or say a psalm. The psalm for this Sunday is part of Psalm 119.

Add or subtract letters to find a verse from Psalm 119.

- < A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z > +

J-2 D-3 M+3 T-4 Z-1 E-4 Q+1 G+2

V-2 E+3 L-7 V+3 Y-2 A+7 P-1

S+4 C-2 G+5 M-2 M-4 M+1

P+4 K-3 A+4 N-2 H-7 O+8

P-1 J-4 Z-6 F+2 B+3 U-9 O-0 Q+1 H-4