## Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Fifth Sunday in Lent March 26, 2023



In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

# The Rev. Wayne Moritz, supply 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.

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Prelude Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

H. Wilson Arr. J. Krug Handbell Choir

## 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.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Gathering Hymn Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW #886

Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

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## Word

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

Gospel Reading

Narrator, Pastor Wayne Martha & Mary, Lorraine Moritz Jesus, Brenda Hunsberger

The holy gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

## **Scene 1 - News from Bethany**

#### Narrator:

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said,

#### Jesus:

"This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

#### Narrator:

Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples,

#### Jesus:

"Let us go to Judea again."

#### Narrator:

The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered,

#### Jesus:

"Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

#### Narrator:

After saying this, he told them,

#### Jesus:

"Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."

#### Narrator:

The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly,

#### Jesus:

"Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

#### Narrator:

Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

## Scene 2 - Martha & Mary Greet Jesus

#### Narrator:

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus.

#### Martha:

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

#### Narrator:

Jesus said to her,

#### Jesus:

"Your brother will rise again."

#### Narrator:

Martha said to him,

#### Martha:

"I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

#### Narrator:

Jesus said to her,

#### Jesus:

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

#### Narrator:

She said to him,

#### Martha:

"Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

#### Narrator:

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately,

#### Martha:

"The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

#### Narrator:

And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. (Congregation stand.) When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him.

#### Mary:

"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

#### Narrator:

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,

#### Jesus:

"Where have you laid him?"

#### Narrator:

They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

## Scene 3 - At the Tomb

#### Narrator:

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said,

#### Jesus

"Take away the stone."

#### Narrator:

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,

#### Martha:

"Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

#### Narrator:

Jesus said to her,

#### Jesus:

"Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

#### Narrator:

So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said,

#### Jesus:

"Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

#### Narrator:

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,

#### Jesus:

"Lazarus, come out!"

#### Narrator:

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,

#### Jesus:

"Unbind him, and let him go."

#### Narrator:

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

You may be seated.

#### Message

Song of the Day

I Am Free

Donna Kehs, Lindsey Waltermyer, Josh Young

Through You the blind will see

Through You the mute will sing

Through You the dead will rise

Through You all hearts will praise

Through You the darkness flees

Through You my heart screams I am free

I am free to run (I am free to run)

I am free to dance (I am free to dance)

I am free to live for You (I am free to live for You)

I am free (I am free)

Yeah I am free (I am free) Repeat

Repeat from beginning

O I am free (I am free)

I am free (I am free)

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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.

Offertory Anthem In This Very Room Chancel Choir

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Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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

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;

Our Father, who art in heaven,

and lead us not into temptation,

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 Hymn Blest Be the Tie That Binds ELW #656

#### Benediction

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking. Seek out the hungry. Seek out the weary. Seek the good in every person you pass. Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.

As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for. In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace. Amen.

#### Thanks be to God.

You are invited to join everyone at the Garden of Hope for a Blessing of the fields. Be sure to bring your bulletin.

## 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**

**Hams are needed** for Easter. Drop off your donation to the kitchen on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 PM or Sundays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

**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 the 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 with staff before scheduling an event to be held at the church. Also, appointments are requested for staff members.

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.

Readers are needed for the Good Friday worship service. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Faye Weidner.

The NHELC Property Committee will be entering into a new lease agreement for copier services in early April 2023. The new lease agreement has changes which need to be communicated to all committees, boards, and chartered members. NHELC will be reducing the number of copiers from two to one. Reasons for this reduction include:

- Current second copier (Volunteer Office) print totals are less than 10% of the overall print volume;
- Reducing to one copier is a significant cost savings to NHELC (~\$7300 in lease, electric, and paper costs over the five-year lease term)
- Encouraging less use of printed materials is better for the environment.

Starting in early April, all committees, boards, and chartered members requiring printing or copying services may come to the church office and print/copy during normal business hours (9AM to 2PM, M-F). You may also email your document(s) to the Office Manager (susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org) by 12 (noon) on normal business days to have them printed and delivered to a church location where indicated. Documents need to be provided in "print-ready" format - PDF or MS Word. The church office is typically locked outside of normal business hours. Property Committee

## **Today**

We welcome the Rev. Wayne Moritz, who is serving as Supply Pastor this morning.

**The bulletin and flowers** are sponsored by Vivian Speca and family to the glory of God and in celebration of the arrival of Vivian's first great-grandson, Everett Marck.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Adam Becker and Bill Allen; Lectors: Lorraine Moritz and Brenda Hunsberger; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Charlotte Lindenmuth

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Brian Flack and Elfriede Ilik; Lector: Scott Geiser; Children's Sermon:

Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Addison Smith

**Altar Guild Serving this Month** Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Brenda Hunsberger

#### **Lenten – Easter Announcements**

## **Lenten Worship Schedule**

March  $26^{th} - 9:00$  AM - Sunday Lenten Worship March  $29^{th} - 12:00$  noon & 6:30 PM - Midweek Lenten Discussions; 5:45 PM - Lenten Supper

The Easter Egg Hunt is this Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 AM. In addition to the egg hunt, there will be a story and games. Candy donations may be dropped off in the designated bin in the lobby or you may give any donations to Nikki Young. If you would like to help with a game or to read a story, contact Nikki. Kids will be separated into age groups and have a light lunch of

hotdogs, snacks and drinks after the groups get done with the egg hunt! We hope you will join us! You can sign up online at ttps://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-easter1 for the egg hunt OR on the sheet in the welcome center.

**Lenten suppers** are held every Wednesday through March 29<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:45 PM. A simple, homemade supper will be offered each week. **The Fellowship Committee** is looking for people to bring desserts. Sign up on the Fellowship bulletin board if you will bring a dessert. March 29<sup>th</sup> – vegetable barley, bread and salad.

## **Holy Week Worship Services**

Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 AM Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM Good Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM Easter, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Easter Breakfast You're invited to an Easter Breakfast Buffet on Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, anytime between 9:00 – 11:00 AM. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, home fries, biscuits, creamed chipped beef, juice, milk and coffee. No reservation required. Free will offering.

## Calendar

**Hymn Sing** – Today, 8:45 – 9:00 AM sanctuary

Worship Service and Blessing of the Fields – 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

**Jesus and Me** – Today, 10:05 – 11:05 AM, room 24

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk across the Divide – Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Campaign Cabinet** – Monday, 6:00 PM, welcome center and sanctuary

**Cub Scout** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 21-31, 33, 37

Mission Service – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 34

**Book Club** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, offsite

**Boy Scouts** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 26, 27, 30-32

Midweek Lenten Discussion – Wednesday, 12:00 & 6:30 PM room 33

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

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

Lenten Supper – Wednesday, 5:45 PM, Fellowship Hall

Addiction 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

**Handbell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

**Egg Hunt Set up** – Saturday, 8:00 – 10:00 AM, rooms 1 and 21 **Garden of Hope Spring Planting** - Saturday, 9:00 AM - noon, garden

**Palm Sunday Set up** – Saturday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, sanctuary **Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday, 10:00 AM – noon, rooms 1 and 21

**Palm Sunday Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM sanctuary & online

**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen **Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico

## **Upcoming Events**

The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: How to Talk across the Divide - Sundays at 10:15 AM in room 33. Books are 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 will resume after Easter.

**Garden of Hope – Save the Dates** 

**Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**, 9:00 worship Blessing of the Fields and Gardens

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00 – noon Spring Planting Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – noon Summer Planting Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 PM Composting Clinic (AND root beer floats!)

New Hanover Area AARP Chapter is holding bus trips from April to November. Contact Carol Griffith at (484) 363-7376 for details and reservations. On each trip, there is a drawing for a "Free Trip Certificate" reserved for the participants of each trip which is good for a subsequent trip of the member's choice. Check the bulletin board for trip information. Organized by New Hanover AARP.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Spring Concert to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 with a New Time - 3 PM and New Location - Boyertown Middle School West in the Donald J. Kuszyk Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door. We hope you can attend.

## You Can Help

Free Money is expiring March 31, spend it now to help the church If you had a dollar in your pocket, you wouldn't let it go to waste. You'd do your best not to forget about it. If you saved a coupon, you'd try to put it to good use before it expired. Digital dollars might seem different but have the same impact on helping us change and save lives of neighbors who are suffering. Thrivent Choice Dollars® have a huge impact. But 2022 Dollars expire on March 31 so you must direct them now to help us! HERE'S HOW:

- 1. Visit **thrivent.com/thriventchoice** or call 800-847-4836 to check your eligibility.
- 2. If you have remaining 2022 Dollars to direct, please select New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church as your choice. That's it! In just a few clicks, you can direct much needed funds to help your church family.

**Non-perishable donations** received during March will be donated to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Thanks for your support.

**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, and Acolytes. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

**NEEDED:** Gently used children's books for ages Newborn to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

"Mother Goose: Read to Me", is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting very early literacy with infants and their parents. Experienced volunteers distribute free, age-appropriate books to infants, birth to 18 months, and demonstrate to parents effective ways of talking and reading to babies to help build vocabulary skills. The gently used books are given to the older siblings of the newborn children. Unfortunately, we cannot distribute religious related books. Thank you for your help! Drop off your donations in the box in the Welcome Center. Any questions, contact Marcia Tonkin, "Mother Goose: Read to Me" volunteer: tonkin.3028@comcast.net or 610-220-6018.

## **Food Ministry**

More than 160,000 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/.

We love this quote... "There is no food....just ingredients to make food."

Well, because of the New Hanover church we have not had to experience that. The meals you have provided have been a huge help. At times like this it is nice not to have to think ② about what are we having for dinner or take the energy to prepare it. Thank you so much for the food. It is definitely food for the soul too.

Russ and Lenore Gates

## 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.

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!

**Prayer Warriors Wanted** You are invited to join the warriors on Mondays 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.

## **Prayer Requests**

## Long-term

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

#### Shut-in

Penny Frymoyer

### Grieving

Family and friends of Thelma Stauffer (grandmother of Ariel Hansley) and Laurie Scoggins

#### 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

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

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

Mary Van Dyke Pr. Jennifer Phelps Jessica Trout
Denny Smith Verdi Smith Mabel Gaugler
Pat Freed Sandy Wesner Helen Foulke
Paige Longstreth Carla Hausmann John O.
Joan Price Rodney Snell Ruth Clemmer

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## New life

Spring brings new life. The word lent means spring. The seeds we plant look dead, but they will be living plants with the sun and rain sent by God.

Katie is puzzled. She bought packets of flower seeds and accidentally mixed them up.



Draw a line between the matching packets that will give her the same kind of flowers.





Thank you, Jesus, for bringing us new life. Amen

## This week

Do a yard or neighborhood search for new spring plants and other signs of spring. New life is coming!



## dather

Welcome to worship.

Jesus said. "I am the resurrection and the  $\Psi$ . Those who believe in even though they 🦈 , will 🗘 , and everyone who Ø and believes in will never ."

John 11:25-26a

$$\emptyset$$
 = life  $=$  me  $=$  die  $\emptyset$  = live

During these last of the 40 days of Lent you may see signs of spring, such as flowers starting to grow from bulbs that were planted months ago. The bulbs that have been buried under ground will show signs of life again.

Count 40 spring flowers on the pages of this bulletin.





## **Amazing changes**

John 11:1-45





Today's gospel story tells about best days and worst days for Jesus and his friends, Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

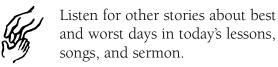


The **WORST** happened when Lazarus died. Mary and Martha were upset when they thought Jesus was not coming to help them. Jesus cried when he went with them to Lazarus's grave.



The **GEST** happened when Lazarus was alive again. That is called resurrection, going from death to new life.







The **BEST** and the **WORST** days are all put God first days. Remember to ask, "God, be with me all day long." Add your own ideas to the following lists.



BEST Days



birthdays



first bike ride after a long winter



weekends



Easter



family play days



WORST Days



rainy, cold days



when someone you love dies



sore throats and fevers



scrapes, cuts, and bruises







## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise,
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;

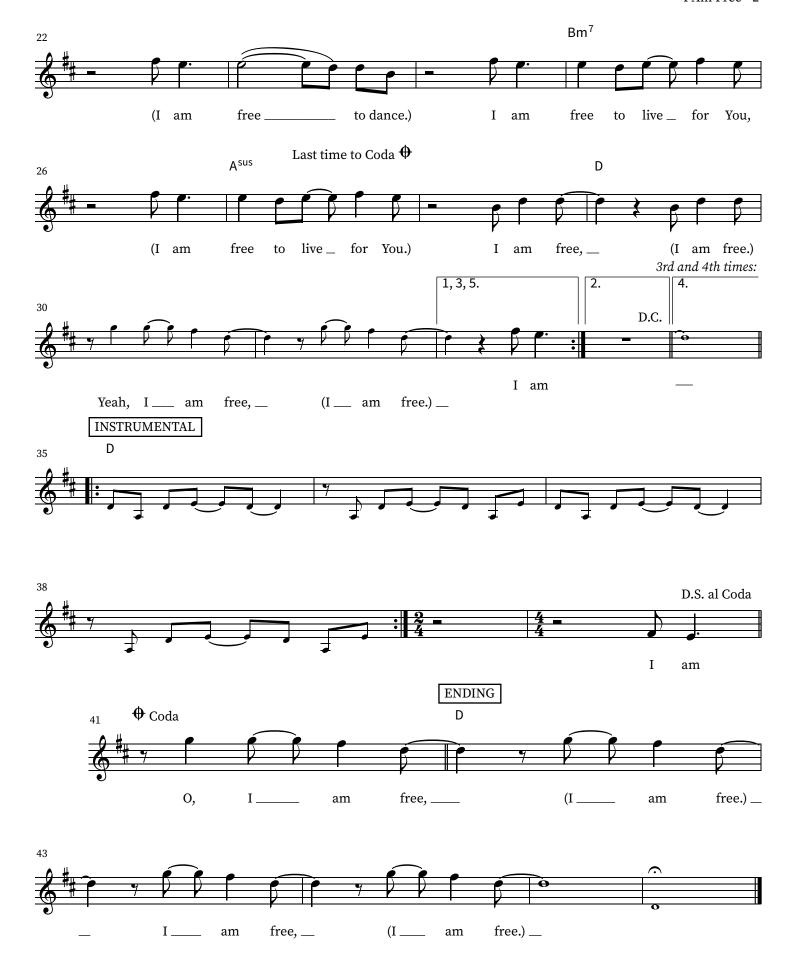


the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

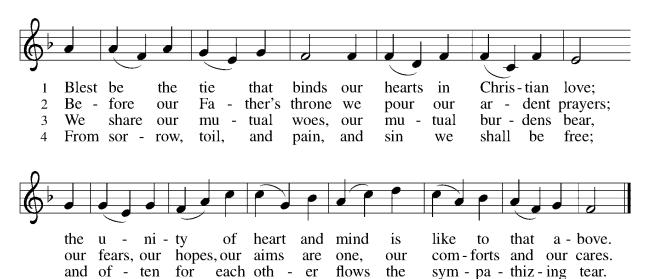
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

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## Blest Be the Tie That Binds



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