## Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Easter Sunday April 9, 2023



Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women go to the tomb with spices to tend to Jesus' body. When they find the tomb empty and are stunned by the presence and words of the men in dazzling clothing, they remember. They remember what Jesus had said, which compels them to go out and tell the story. Even in utter shock, they return to their deepest knowing and allow themselves to receive the expansiveness of resurrection. Their imaginations and hearts expand, and they must take action in response. Many of the disciples won't open themselves to this expansiveness and reject it. Peter is curious enough to return to the tomb, and as a result, he is filled with amazement and awe. How do we carry forth what we have learned this Lent? Can we be curious enough to return and remember? Can we allow ourselves to be filled with expansive hope? Can we trust in the expansive promise of new life, and carry that promise with us wherever we go?

# 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.

#### Greeting

Introit (9:00)

On Easter Day Darrell Day Children's Choir Handbells Vivian Speca, accompanist

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Prelude

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

Tom McHugh and Ed Galick, trumpet Greg Mest and Rob Kugler, trombone Vivian Speca, timpani, Patricia Nyce, organ

#### Welcome

The Lord is Risen!

The Lord has Risen, indeed. Alleluia!!

Please rise as you are able.

Call to Worship

What are you looking for?

The light before dawn.

What are you looking for?

A reason to hope.

What are you looking for?

Joy after grief and flowers after winter.

What are you looking for?

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#### A place to belong.

What are you looking for?

We are looking for the Messiah.

Good news! Come in. Love is alive!

Surely God is in this place.

Alleluia! Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Thine Is the Glory

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Tom McHugh and Ed Galick, trumpet Greg Mest and Rob Kugler, trombone Vivian Speca, timpani, Patricia Nyce, organ

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#### Call to Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.** 

## Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### Please be seated.

Children's Choir (9:00)

Alleluia, Christ Is Risen

Mark Patterson

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### Children's Message

Nikki Young (9:00)

Lindsey Waltermyer (11:00)

First Reading Colossians 3:1-4 A reading from the book of Colossians

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**





#### Gospel

John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and

the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this. she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day (9:00) How Great Is Our God

John and Diana Hazel, Emily Gates, Josh Young

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice And trembles at His voice

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

And age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the End Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

Yeah How great is our God Sing with me How great is our God And all will see how great How great is our God

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# Song of the Day (11:00) Mighty to Save Lindsey Waltermyer, Donna Kehs, Josh Young

Everyone needs compassion A love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me 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

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Everything I believe in Now I surrender *Refrain* 

#### 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 2x Bridge Refrain

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Affirmation of Faith
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.

#### Invitation to the Table

Friends, it would have been easy on that Easter morning for Jesus to roll away the stone, walk to the city center, and declare that death had not won.

Instead, Jesus waited in the garden.

He waited for the people who needed him most. He waited for Mary.

He called her by name.

He stopped her crying.

He gave her a reason to hope.

So if you have ever doubted that God's love for you is personal and specific, may the truth of this day remind you otherwise.

The God you seek will meet you in the garden on your hardest days. And that same God has a seat saved at this Table, specifically for you.

So, come.

Come, whether you are dancing for joy, or like Mary, still feeling a little lost.

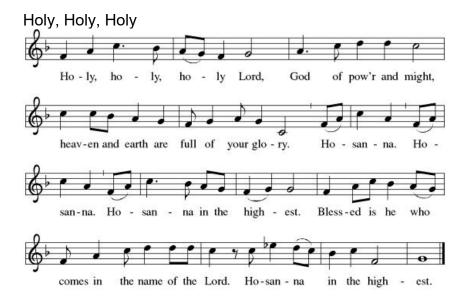
Come with your questions. Come with your hunger. Come, whether this is your first time or your hundredth. Come, because this feast is a reminder that God's Table is big enough for all of us. Jesus Christ is risen today and he rose for *you*.

So, come. All are welcome.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### 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.

Please be seated.

#### Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. 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).

### Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

#### Offertory

Choir Anthem

A Bell Carol

J.S.B. Hodges, George Blake

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#### **Announcements**

Please rise as you able.

Sending Hymn Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Please be seated.

Postlude

An Easter Celebration Joel Raney
Tom McHugh and Ed Galick, trumpet
Greg Mest and Rob Kugler, trombone
Vivian Speca, timpani, Patricia Nyce, organ

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Please rise as you are able.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Go Get'em!

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## **Announcements**

**The church office** will be closed on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, for the holiday. The office will be open on Tuesday, 9:00 AM. Remember, appointments are strongly encouraged.

Articles for the May issue of *New Hanover Highlights* are due Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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 <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-worship#/</a>.

**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.

## **Today**

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson Isaiah's seventh birthday by Jim and Mary Alice Mack.

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by Rick and Deb Becker.

**The communion** is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Walter Wolfe, by Nancy Wolfe.

**The lily cross** is sponsored to the glory of God in memory of her family and loved ones by Carol Estes.

Serving Today (9:00) Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Nate Ewing; Lector: Carolyn Fleming; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: London Meeker (11:00) Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Robin Fatzinger and Ryan Waltermyer; Lector: Robin Fatzinger, Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer; Acolyte: Andrew Dodge

Altar Guild Serving this Month Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart and Marsha Staub

**Thank you to the palm plant** sponsors: Lynn Fegley, Becky Gallagher, Nancy Gross and Sharon Wise.

Thank you to the Altar Guild and their helpers, who decorated the church for Easter.

**Easter Breakfast** You're invited to an Easter Breakfast Buffet this morning in fellowship hall, 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

**Worship Service** – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online **Easter Breakfast** – Today, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, rooms 1, 11 **Worship Service** – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, room 30 Chosen 300 – Tuesday, 5:30 PM, offsite Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 26, 27, 30-32 Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, offsite Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen Food Delivery Pickup –Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32 Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1 Children's Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, room 15 Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

Thursdays at Ten – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33 God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street Pub Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15 Worship and Music – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34 District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 33

**Cub Scout Hoagie Sale** – Saturday, 9:00 AM - noon, room 1 **Birthday Party** – Saturday, 12:30 – 4:30 PM, room 1

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 Meet and Greet – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM room 1 J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Next Sunday, 10:05 AM, room 24 Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, rooms 1, sanctuary

## **Upcoming Events**

Chosen 300 Help feed the homeless this **Tuesday**, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown. Servers, greeters and singers are needed to help with this service. If you'd like to help, just show up on Tuesday.

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown. Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at 215-679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

**God on Tap** will meet this Thursday, 6:00 PM at the Main Street Pub in Bally.

**Meet-n-Greet reception** next Sunday, following the worship service in fellowship hall Come and meet NHELC's new Grace Band Leader, Violet Mandic.

Game Night is Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Bring your favorite game(s). Bring a snack to share and we will order pizza! Sign up at

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-game1 or email Nikki Young at

<u>nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org</u> or call or text her at 717-304-9352.

Gathering of Daughters, Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, noon In honor of Mother's Day, ladies and daughters are invited for lunch and fellowship. Menu consists of beef BBQ, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, salad, applesauce and dessert. After lunch we will paint flower pots and plant a flower in them. There will be a sign up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also a sign up genius. The link for the sign up genius is

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-gathering. Reservations are due by Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. There is no charge for attending but everyone is asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Any questions, contact Jean Moser at (610) 367-0342.

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
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!)

The NHELC Property Committee will be entering into a new lease agreement for copier services in early May 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 May, 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 (<a href="mailto:susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org">susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org</a>) 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

**New Hanover Area AARP Chapter** is attending the "Moses" production at Sight & Sound Theatre on **Thursday, April 20**<sup>th</sup>. Participants can board the bus at NHELC parking lot at 8:45 AM. Tickets cost \$145. Contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376 for details and reservations.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Spring Concert to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023, 3 PM at the 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

Meet me at...Last year during the summer months NHELC hosted a series of events called "Meet me at...." We worked in the Garden, played at the picnic grove and went to a Reading Phillies game. Nikki Young is working on some fun events for this year. If you have any ideas or things you'd like to help plan, contact Nikki Young at <a href="mailto:nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org">nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org</a> or 610-326-1335.

Kids Camp 2023 is going to be out of this WORLD It's time to sign up for Kids Camp (formerly VBS). Kids who are in Preschool (Potty trained) through those completing 4<sup>th</sup> grade (in the 2022-23 school year) are welcome to join us for Kids Camp. All kids who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend as youth helpers/junior counselors. We can use the help! You can register at <a href="https://vbspro.events/p/events/22f9ff">https://vbspro.events/p/events/22f9ff</a> or there will be paper forms in the Welcome Center. We also need helpers! Helpers can sign up on the same page or speak with Nikki. We are so excited to build on last year's momentum and need some volunteers to truly make this camp blast off!

Volunteer to be a JAM leader Beginning in September, the elementary JAM class will be split into two classes following the opening. Therefore, more leaders are needed. Many hands make light work. If we have four volunteers for lower and four volunteers for upper elementary, then each leader can teach one week a month. Ideally, this will be established before summer break. Contact Nikki Young if you are able to help!

**Are you crafty?** Everyone can help out with our VBS decorations this year. Check the Welcome Center for planets, stars, rockets etc. If you would like a family project you can build a command centers that can largely be made with some cardboard and recyclable materials. Want to make a rocket or a planet – we'll

take it. We are limited only by your imagination. Contact Nikki Young if you would like to help!

Kids can serve as Junior Ushers The children will report at 8:30 and they will assist ushers with things such as opening the door and greeting people, handing out bulletins, helping to hand out other papers or communion elements. They can help out and then at 9:00 head in to church as normal. Simply sign up so we do not have an abundance of helpers. When they come at 8:30, the ushers will let them know how they can help! Contact Nikki Young with any questions. Sign up at

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4eafac2caaf4c16-junior#/.

**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 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 Wilma McCannon

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

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## How to help a grieving friend

While there is no one perfect way to respond or to support someone you care about, here are some good ground rules.

#### Don't

**Don't compare griefs** No one else has experienced their grief. **Don't fact check or correct** Especially in early grief, facts and timelines can be confused.

**Don't minimize** Even if you might think their grief is out of proportion to the situation.

**Don't give compliments** When someone is in pain, they don't need to be reminded how wonderful they are.

Don't be a cheerleader When things are dark, it's OK to be dark.

**Don't talk about "later"** Right now, in this present moment, that future is irrelevant.

**Don't evangelize** When something has worked for you, it's tempting to prescribe it for others.

**Don't start with solutions** In most cases, people need to feel heard, not be "fixed."

#### Do

**Ask questions** You can connect by showing curiosity about their experience.

**Respect their experience** It's not important who's "more" correct. **Remember this grief is theirs** Grief belongs to the griever. Our opinions are irrelevant.

**Trust your friend** All the things you love about the person will help them through this experience.

**Mirror their reality** When they say, "This sucks," say, "Yes, it does." **Stay in the present moment** Or if the person is talking about the past, join them there.

**Trust their self-care** They know themselves best. What works for you may not be for them.

Get consent Before you offer advice or strategies.

**Show up. Listen. Don't fix.** Above all, show your love. Be willing to stand beside the gaping hole that has opened in your friend's life, without flinching or turning away. Your steadiness of presence is the absolute best thing you can give.

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# **Jend**

Easter brings good news to tell everyone. Draw yourself sharing the Easter greeting with a family member, friend or neighbor.





Dear God, help us share the great news: Jesus lives! Alleluia! Amen

## This week

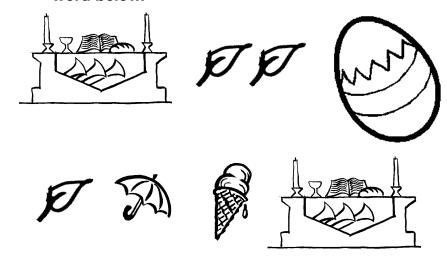
Use colored paper to make a butterfly as a symbol of Easter. Give it to a neighbor or friend.



# gather

**Welcome to worship.** Today is Easter Sunday. Jesus has risen from the dead!

Use the first letter of the name of each picture to spell an Easter word you will hear today. Write the word below.



(Easter word)

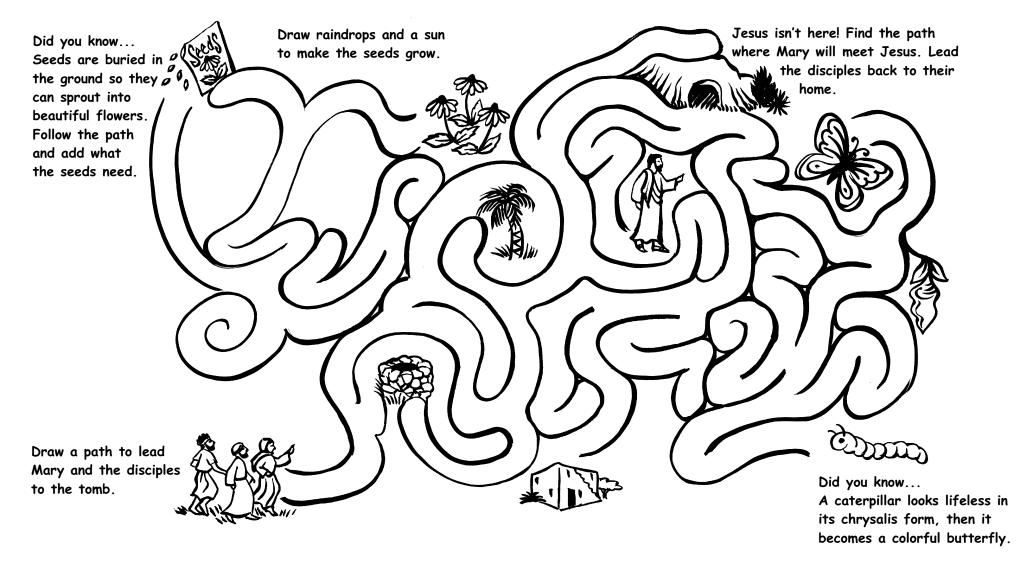
What do you hear with your Easter ears today? What do you see with your Easter eyes today?



### **Jesus lives**

John 20:1-18

Mary and the disciples couldn't believe their eyes! Jesus was not in the tomb. Mary's eyes were full of tears. She thought Jesus was taken away. But Jesus' voice told her something completely different. Now Mary could see Jesus with Easter eyes and hear his voice with Easter ears. Jesus was alive, standing next to her!



## Thine Is the Glory



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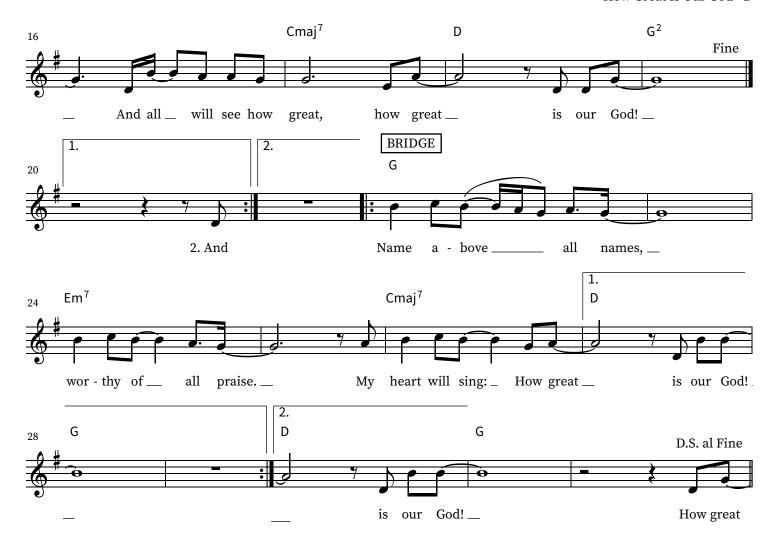
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# How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

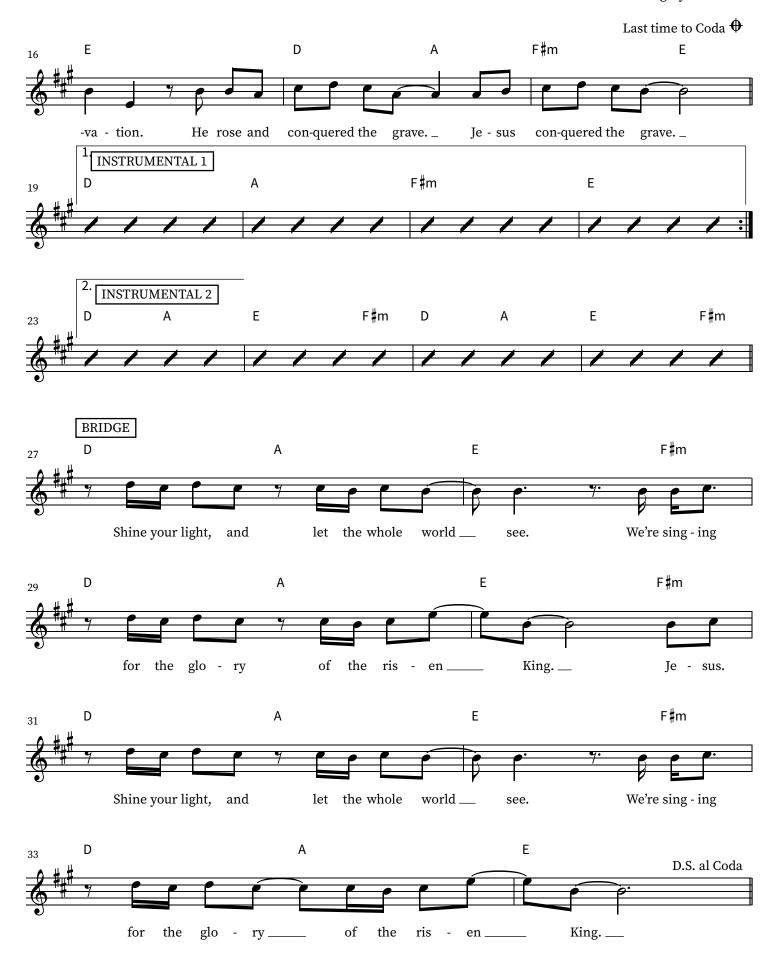


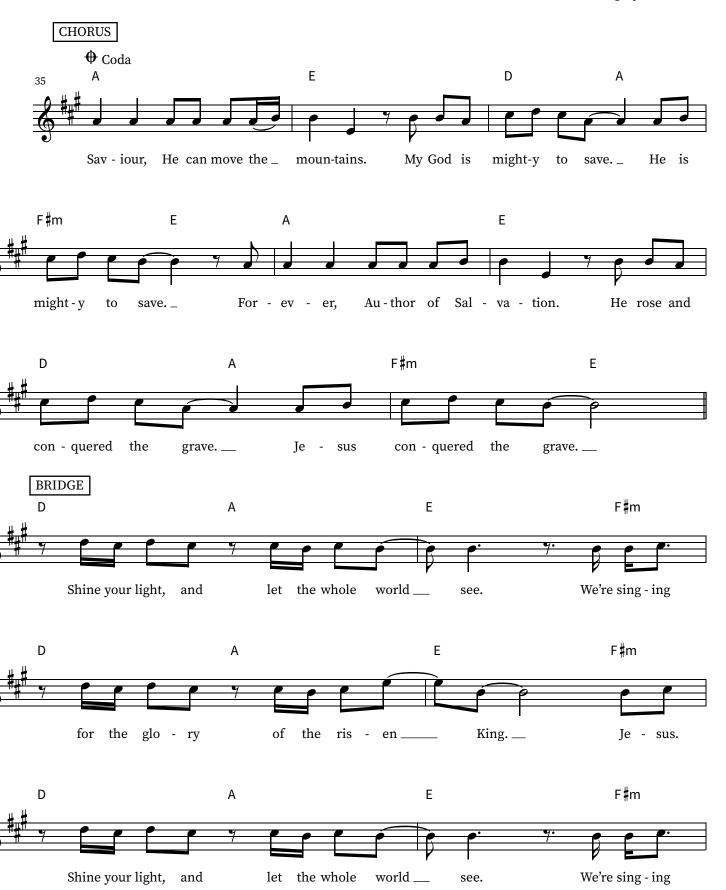


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