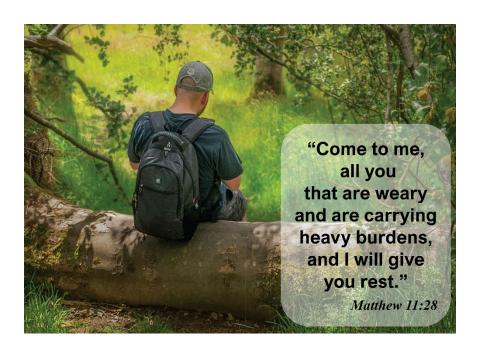
Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023



The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

Nikki Young, presiding minister 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.

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

ELW #434

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Centering Song Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Donna Kehs, Josh Young and Patricia Nyce

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises. I'm so glad You're in my life. I'm so glad You came to save us. You came from heaven to earth to show the way, From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay, From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

Repeat from beginning

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Please be seated.
Children's Message

Nikki Young

First Reading Romans 7:15-25a A reading from the book of Roman

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶"To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷ We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.
Message

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day Thy Holy Wings

ELW #613

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 Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

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.
Offertory

Special Music

Let There Be Peace on Earth
Bethylyn Bechtel, soprano

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Announcements

Please rise as you able.

Sending Hymn Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW #697

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary

Gordon Young

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Announcements

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.

The new video system is fully installed! Amy is learning the new system and is still using the existing system until mid-July. Watch for upcoming training days for those interested. Over the summer, Amy needs coverage on the following dates: August 13th (new system) and August 20th (new system). Contact Amy at amy@amymarazas.com if you are able to cover for her or if you have any questions!

Today

Thank you to Nikki Young for leading worship this morning.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Philip and Myrtle Bechtel by Lincoln and Barbara Noecker.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Christopher and Megan Meeker's 25th wedding anniversary on July 11th.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Adam Becker and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Ed Becker; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: London Meeker

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Ron Fegley; Ushers: George Trowbridge and Brian Flack; Lector: Carolyn Fleming; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Landon Woods

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

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:30 AM, room 30 Chosen 300 – Tuesday, 5:30 PM, Emmanuel Lutheran Church Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, picnic grove Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Sunflower Café 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 33

Worship and Music – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 34 **District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 30

Worship Service – Next 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 Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1, welcome center and sanctuary

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 AM 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.

Upcoming Events

Were you too old for Kids' Camp? Camp Falckner is right around the corner! Join us for an overnight camp experience in the church's picnic grove July 25-28. All youth who finished grades 5-12 are eligible to attend. The theme this year is "The Jesus Way" and campers will be learning how to be a follower of Christ in the 21st century. The week is full of service opportunities and lots of fun. Registration forms can be found on the church website or on the desk in the Welcome Center. Reach out to Lindsey Waltermyer 610-772-1915 with any questions.

Breakfast at the Grove The annual breakfast at the grove will be held on **Sunday**, **July 23rd**, at 10 AM following the worship service. The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Lutheran Road and Charlotte Street. Come out for a

delicious all-you-can-eat breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, coffee, tea, juice and milk. A free-will offering will be received.

River Queen Sightseeing Cruise on Thursday, July 20th Step aboard the River Queen on a cruise of the beautiful waters and picturesque homes of the Manasquan River. Lunch at The Shrimp Box restaurant is included. The cost is \$125.00. The bus leaves NHELC's parking lot at 9:15 AM. For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Carol Griffith of the New Hanover Area AARP at 484-363-7376.

Tea and Bible Study on Wednesday, July 19th, 11:00 – noon at St. James Lutheran Church Bring your favorite teacup and saucer and discover how an everyday object can remind us of God's consistent and constant ongoing work in our lives. RSVP by July 12th at secretary@stjamespottstown.org or dprenn@gmail.com. St. James is located at 1101 East High Street in Pottstown.

Have You Seen Luis Velez? That's the name of a book by Catherine Ryan Hyde and is the next book the NHELC Book Club is reading. Check it out then join the Club for dinner and book discussion on August 1st at 6:30 PM at the Grind Restaurant.

Save the Date for the Great Swamp Picnic! Saturday, August 26th, 4:00 - 8:00 PM. More information coming soon!

For Sale

Do you need a lawn tractor? The Cemetery committee is selling the 2007 John Deere 300R 17 HP tractor with a 42" cut. The tractor logged 640.4 hours. Asking price is \$1,000.00 or best offer. If you're interested or would like more information, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622.

You Can Help

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 3rd 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 at tonkin.3028@comcast.net or 610-220-6018.

Donate non-perishable items for local organizations This month, NHELC is collecting nonperishable food items for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. These items can be placed in the collection boxes in the welcome center and fellowship hall. Thank you for your support.

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 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 July – September 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

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

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	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	Hank Droneberg	Pena family

Kim Frain Jen Perez Frank D. Pam Helfrich Barb & Tom Faust Andy Van Dyke Pam Abbott Holli Muffler Janet Louise Karns Mary Van Dyke Pr. Jennifer Phelps Denny Smith Jessica Trout Verdi Smith Mabel Gaugler Pat Freed Sandy Wesner Paige Longstreth Helen Foulke Carla Hausmann Rodney Snell Ruth Clemmer Joan Price Ralph Borneman Betty Seroski Randy Dotterer Lucille Powell Virginia Specht Bill Lowry Tom Fleagle Mary Alice Mack Jeffrey Weems

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Thanks be to God

We are thankful for all good things God does and gives. For what are you most thankful?



This week

Make a long list of the many ways everyone in your home sees God's presence.



gather

Welcome to worship. God is good! We see, touch, taste, smell, and hear God's goodness at home, at church—everywhere. God is good in every way.



Gear & Celebrate

Finding rest

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus knew it could be tiring and even discouraging to follow in God's way. So he told his disciples to come to him to find rest. We are invited to come to Jesus when we pray.

Psalm 145 is a song of praise. Use the code to discover the message in verse 9.





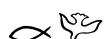


































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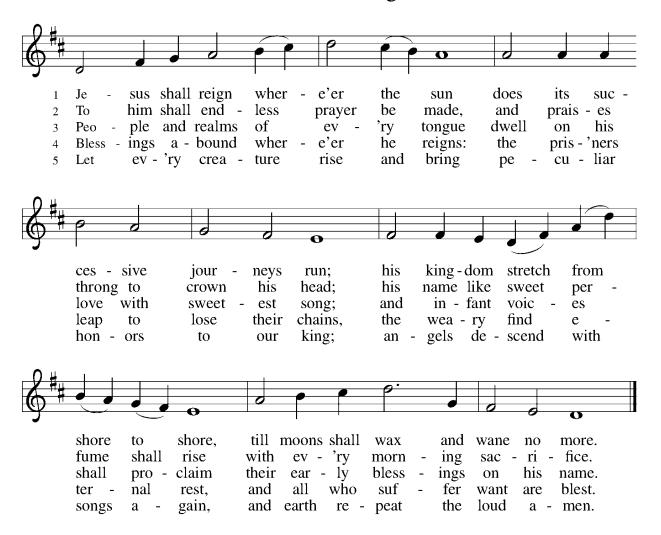
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A symbol is a picture that reminds you of something you've learned. Look around you. Do you see a cross? What other symbols from the word puzzle do you see in your worship space? Draw them here.



Jesus Shall Reign



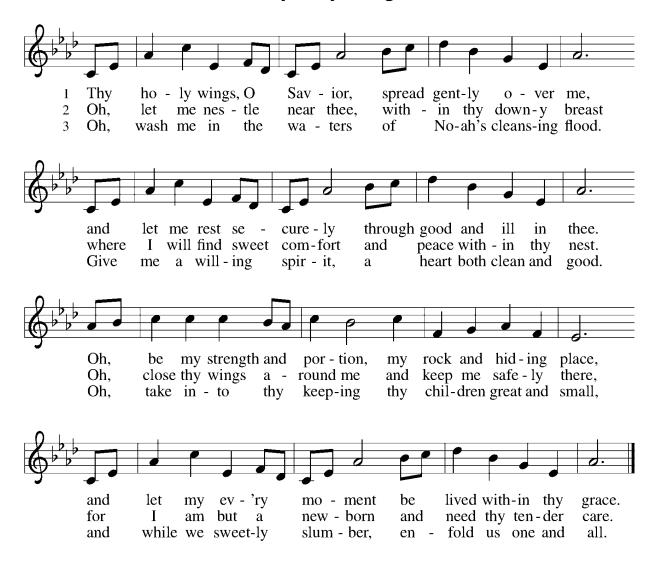
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Lord I Lift Your Name On High

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