

Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023



*The Parable
of the Sower*

We are all seeds of God, good, bad, or dormant.
We are all loved by God.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
Steve Eisenhart, supply organist**

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

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *O God beyond All Praising* ELW #880

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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your
word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live
according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song *Listen, God Is Calling* ELW #513
Nicole Ewing, Josh Young and Steve Eisenhart

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

First Reading

Romans 8 1:11

A reading from the book of Roman

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

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 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* ELW #512
Nicole Ewing, Josh Young and Steve Eisenhart

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

Give Me Jesus

Lee Wesner, baritone; Steve Eisenhart, piano

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Announcements

Please rise as you able.

Sending Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth*

ELW #879

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

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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 NHELIC 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

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Jim and Danielle Dugan's first wedding anniversary.

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

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Rick Hausch; Lector: Stacey Rothermel; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley

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

Rejoicing Spirits worship service This ministry supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. All are welcome. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1, welcome center and sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, picnic grove

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

Meet Me at the Grove for Playtime – Thursday, 10:00 AM – noon, picnic grove

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM picnic grove and online

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

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

Breakfast at the Grove – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, picnic grove

Upcoming Events

Worship and Breakfast at the Grove The worship service followed by breakfast will be held next **Sunday, July 23rd**, at the grove. 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.

Have You Seen Luis Velez? That's the name of a book by Catherine Ryan Hyde and is the next book the NHELCL 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, a 100+ year tradition. This is an annual gathering for NHELCL members as well as the community. This year's picnic will be held **Saturday, August 26th, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM**. Lots of food and fun for all! Hot roast beef sandwiches are back, as well as pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, kettle soups, ice cream and more! Free kids games and music by the **Boyertown Area Alumni Band**.

We need your help! **Lots of volunteer opportunities** are available leading up to and the day of the picnic. A schedule of those volunteer opportunities will be available in early August. If you are willing to help, contact Sally Sugita at 610-505-9682.

The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Rte. 663 and Lutheran Road. We hope to see you there!

We will be collecting attic treasures for the Swamp Picnic flea market the day before (August 25th). Donations can be placed under the pavilion anytime on Friday. Also, the 3rd grade

classroom, #31, is set up to accept treasures folks need to clear out sooner. Call 484-363-0639 with any questions.

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, NHELIC 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. See the list of most needed items in the July issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. 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

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| Joan Price | Rodney Snell | Ruth Clemmer |
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Send

Bearing good fruit

Inside the fruit, draw how you can share God's love.



*God, please help me share
your love with others.
Amen.*

This week

Share a piece of fruit with someone. While you eat, thank God for loving you both.

Kids Celebrate

Lectionary 15



gather

Welcome to worship. Isn't it amazing what can come from one little seed? God made many kinds of plants. Each one has its own seed.

Draw a line matching the fruit to its seed. What is your favorite fruit? Does it have seeds inside?

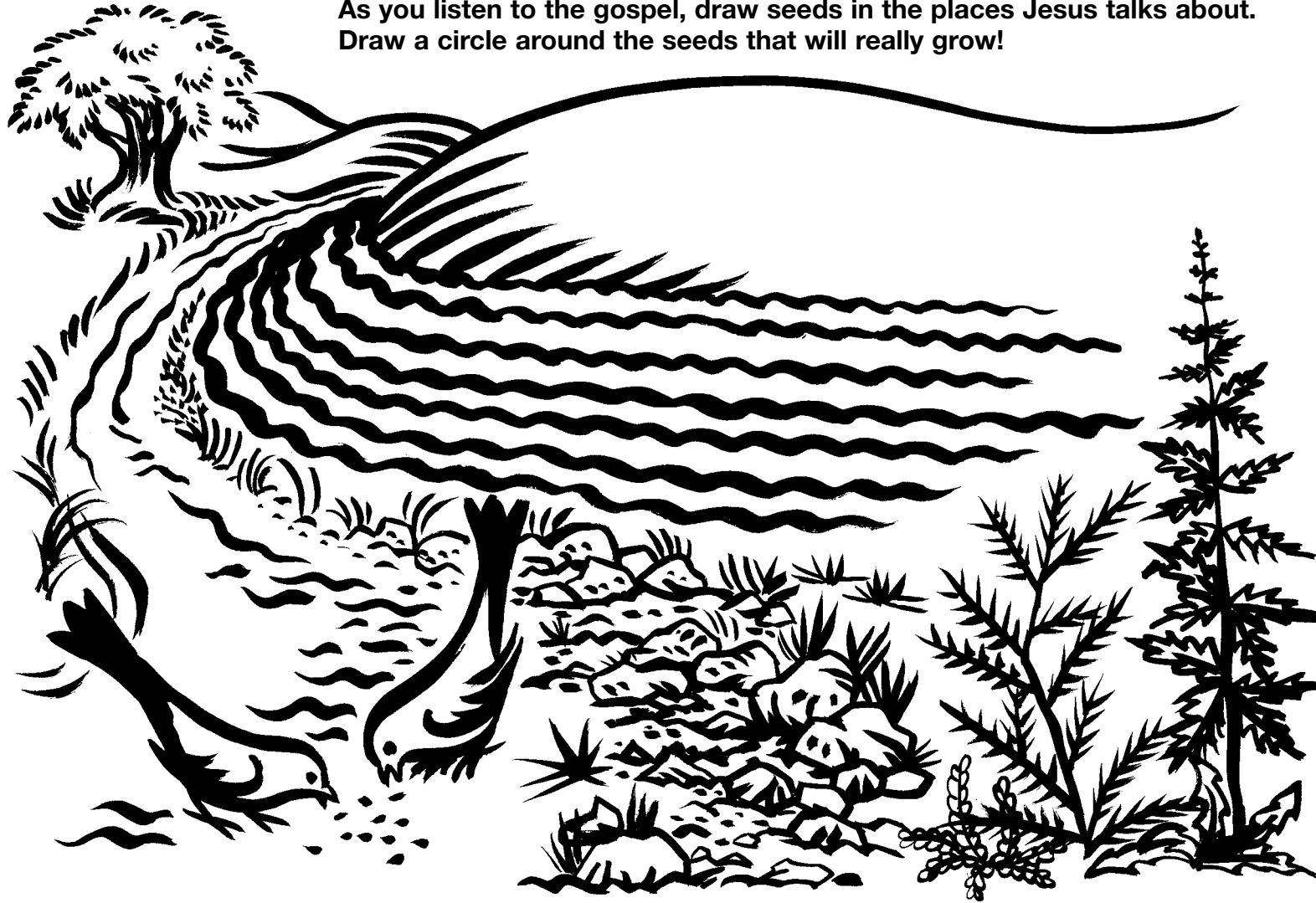


Finding good soil

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus told a story about seeds growing into grain.

**As you listen to the gospel, draw seeds in the places Jesus talks about.
Draw a circle around the seeds that will really grow!**



Where can you plant the seeds of God's love? What do they need to grow?

O God beyond All Praising



1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2 The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown-
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
though small in mor-tal stat-ure, to heav-en's gar-den grown:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav-en, from death has set us free,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and we through him are giv-en the fi-nal vic-to-ry.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

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Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

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Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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