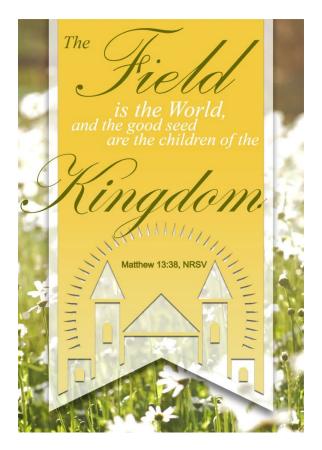
Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 2023



"ALL ARE WELCOME" Wait, what?

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader

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 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

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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.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Centering Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart*Nicole Ewing, Kim Little, Lindsey Waltermyer and Josh Young

Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You I want to see You (Repeat Chorus) To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy

Chorus 2x

High and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory Pour out Your power and love As we sing holy holy

Bridge
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You
I want to see You
I want to see You

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Please be seated. Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

First Reading Romans 8:12-25 A reading from the book of Roman

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children

of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 The holy gospel according to Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the

reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message "ALL ARE WELCOME" Wait, what? Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)
Nicole Ewing, Kim Little, Lindsey Waltermyer and Josh Young

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name For You alone can save You will deliver me Yours is the victory Whom shall I fear Whom shall I fear (Whom shall I fear)

Chorus

Bridge

(And) nothing formed against me shall stand You hold the whole world in Your hands I'm holding on to Your promises You are faithful You are faithful (Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

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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 My Faith Looks up to Thee
Tom McHugh, trumpet; Patricia Nyce, piano

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Commissioning & Blessing of Camp Falckner Staff & Campers

Pastor:

In a busy, fragmented world, camp offers people an opportunity to pause, to immerse themselves in the beauty of creation, to open themselves more fully to God, and to experience a Christ-centered, holistic, community life.

Congregation:

May our camps be places where people seek and find God's face in creation, receive God's love in Christ, and radiate God's Spirit in the world to all creation.

Pastor:

We are so grateful for the many adults and youth who will serve as camp staff this summer. This morning we ask for God's blessing upon them, and we offer them the support and prayers of their church community.

Our camps remind us of the beauty of God's creation, and the interconnectedness of all life. God, bless these staff as they learn and teach the importance of living in right relation with all you have created.

Camp Staff:

We commit ourselves to honoring the beauty and rhythms of creation, and to teaching others to live with respect and care for all creation.

Congregation:

We will pray for you in your ministry of caring for all of God's creation.

Pastor:

God, bless the staff as they practice discipleship, as they model Jesus' life and teachings for others. Guide them as they nurture and shepherd the campers this summer.

Camp Staff:

As best we can, we will be Christ-like companions to all our campers. We offer ourselves as God's eyes and hands and feet in our camps, so that God's love and grace may be made known to others on their journey.

Congregation:

We will pray for you in your ministry of mentoring and caring for all who come to camp this summer.

Pastor:

God, give the camp staff wisdom as they discern the spiritual, emotional and social needs of the campers they work with. By your grace, may these relationships and their relationships with each other be transformative.

Camp Staff:

We offer our gifts and talents, our energy and enthusiasm to this camping ministry. We too are on journeys of transformation. As we walk, we will invite others to walk with us, serving as your disciples.

Congregation:

God, bless these women and men as they accept your call to camping ministry. May your love be magnified through the work of their actions. May they lead and be led in the journey that awaits them. We commit ourselves to supporting these camp staff. We will pray for you and ask God to bless your

work and your rest, the relationships you will build and the solitude you will need. May you sense the Spirit's movement in and around you.

Pastor:

There are also many children and teens from our congregation who will be campers this summer. (*Please stand if you will be a camper this summer.*) May these campers be filled with awe at your creation, may they be nurtured in their journeys of faith, may they experience healthy, strong relationships with each other and with the staff.

Congregation:

Bless these campers, God. May their week at camp be filled with growth, adventure, faith, and fun.

Announcements

Please rise as you able.

Sending Hymn I Love to Tell the Story

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude Recessional William Stickles

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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.

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their wedding anniversary by Pr. Scott and Marsha Staub.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 49th wedding anniversary by Jeff and Sharon Wise.

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

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Faye Weidner and Vicki Mutter; Lector: Scott Geiser; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Ava Hubley

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

Stay for breakfast following worship this morning. Enjoy 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.

Calendar

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, picnic grove and online Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, portico Breakfast at the Grove – Today, 10:00 AM, picnic grove

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Camp Falckner - begins Tuesday, 9:00 AM, picnic grove

Camp Falckner – Wednesday, picnic grove
Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup –Wednesday, 1:45 PM, portico
Garden Disease and Pest ID/Make Your Own Sundae –
Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Garden of Hope

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Roller Skating – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, Ringing Rocks
Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Camp Falckner – Thursday, picnic grove Galilean Service – Thursday, 8:45 PM, parking lot

Camp Falckner - Friday, picnic grove

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

Upcoming Events

Pray for campers and staff participating in this week's Camp Falckner. May this event be a fun time of learning, fellowship and service.

Garden Disease and Pest ID Clinic Come out to NHELC's Garden of Hope on Wednesday, from 6:00 – 7:30 PM to learn about plant disease and how to identify garden pests from the staff at Trellis for Tomorrow. Fellowship will include make your own sundaes

The congregation is invited to participate in two Camp Falckner events. On Wednesday night, you can come out for free roller skating at Ringing Rocks from 6:30-8:30 PM. On Thursday night, join us for the Galilean Worship Service in the church parking lot beginning at 8:45, followed immediately by camper-performed skits. We will meet at the picnic grove at 8:30 to walk down to church. We hope you'll join us!

Outdoor Game Night NHELC is hosting an outdoor game night on Saturday, August 5th. Join in the fun at the picnic grove with outdoor games like cornhole, ladder golf and 9 Square in the Air.

If yard games aren't your thing, bring some cards or other games you'd like to play. This game night is a potluck style and all ages are welcome. Let us know what you will be bringing by emailing Nikki at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or go to https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-outdoor. Drinks, plates, cups and plasticware will be provided.

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, a 100+ year tradition. This is an annual gathering for NHELC 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 on 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!

Attic treasures are needed for the Swamp Picnic flea market. Donations can be placed under the pavilion at the picnic grove anytime on Friday, August 25th. Also, the 3rd grade classroom, #31, is set up for treasures which folks need to clear out sooner. Call Vicki at 484-363-0639 with any questions.

Movie on the Lawn at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Friday, July 28th, at 8:30 PM. Bring your chairs/blankets to watch the movie, *Mr. Holland's Opus*. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. In the event of inclement weather, the movie will be shown inside. Emmanuel Lutheran Church is located at 150 North Hanover Street in Pottstown.

Pottstown's National Night out Community Block Party will be held on Tuesday, August 1st, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM on North Hanover Street from King to Walnut Streets. Come for free information, games, music, food and family fun. This event is geared to promote neighborhood spirit, community partnership and Law Enforcement and Residents for a Safer Pottstown.

For Sale

Do you need a lawn tractor? The Cemetery committee is selling a 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. See the list of most needed items in the July issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Thank you for your support.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church is collecting back to school supplies to benefit Pottstown Community Action now through August 20th. Items needed include: #2 pencils, colored pencils, composition books, protractors, rulers, highlighters, folders, whiteout tape, markers, notebooks, pens, binders, paper and backpacks. Contact Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 610-323-4312 to drop off your donations.

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 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
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
Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell

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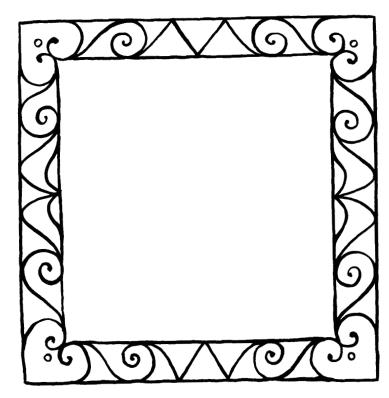


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What's your story?

Turn on your imagination. Look around you. What familiar thing do you see that you could use to make a story?

Draw or write your story here.





Show your personal parable to someone and talk about it.



Dear God, help me grow like good seeds. Amen.

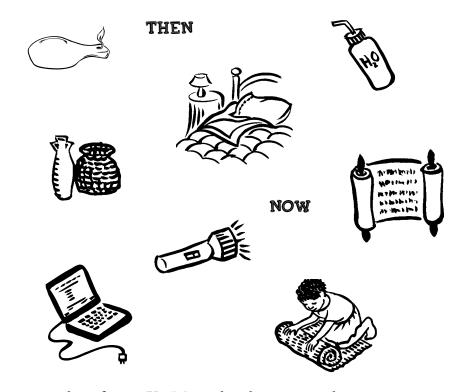
This week

Collect ideas to tell stories about God's love.



gather

Welcome to worship. A parable is a story. Jesus told parables about simple things people saw every day such as a coin, sheep, families, and food.



Draw a line from **THEN** to the things people saw in Jesus' time and from **NOW** to things people see today.

hear & celebrate

The seeds and the weeds

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Jesus knew there were good and had things in the world



What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



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Open The Eyes Of My Heart

Words and Music by **Paul Baloche**



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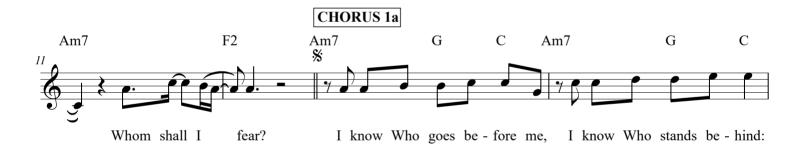


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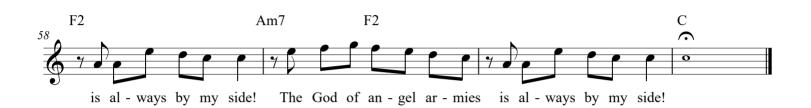


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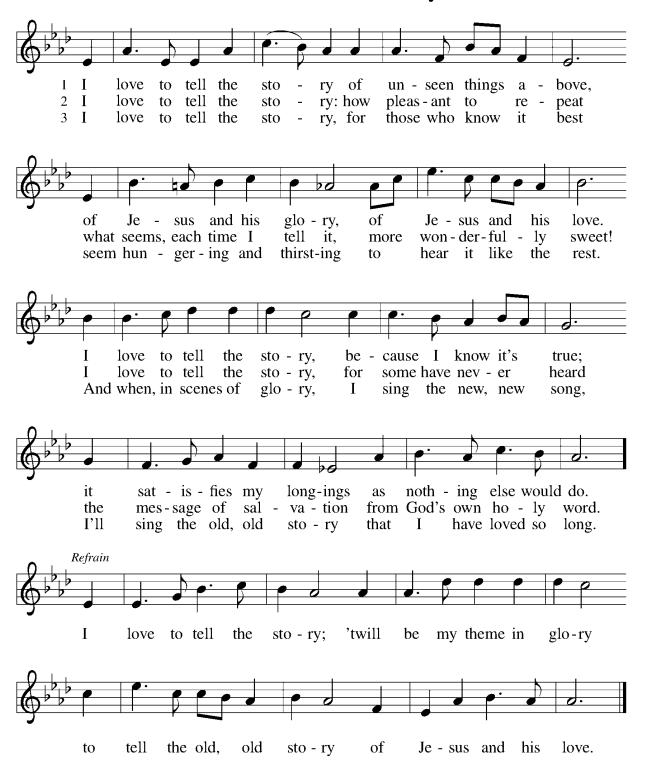






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I Love to Tell the Story



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