Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 30, 2023



As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

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 Let All Things Now Living

ELW #881

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.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song Forever
Emily Gates, Donna Kehs, Lindsey Waltermyer and Josh Young

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise Sing praise sing praise

Chorus

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Please be seated. Children's Message

Nikki Young

First Reading Romans 8:26-39 A reading from the book of Roman

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

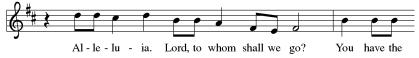
"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as vou are able.

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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 10,000 Reasons
Emily Gates, Donna Kehs, Lindsey Waltermyer and Josh Young

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger Your name is great and Your heart is kind For all Your goodness I will keep on singing Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing The end draws near and my time has come Still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus 2x

Worship Your holy name Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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,

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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.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

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

hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
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 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee Carolyn Fleming and Sue Lowry, sopranos

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Announcements

Please rise as you able.

Sending Hymn My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Dismissal
Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Go get'em!!!

Postlude Sing a New Song! Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

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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 celebration of Josephine Heck's birthday on August 2nd. We love you Nanny!

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

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

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Bill Allen and Nancy White; Lector: Nancy White; Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermyer; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger

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

Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, picnic grove **Book Club** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, the Grind Restaurant

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 **Property** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street Pub in Bally

Outdoor Game Night – Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, 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

Outdoor Game Night NHELC is hosting an outdoor game night this Saturday, August 5th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM. 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

<u>nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org</u> or go to <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-outdoor</u>. Drinks, plates, cups and plastic ware 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 1**st at 6:30 PM at the Grind Restaurant.

Meet Me at the Grove for playtime on Monday, August 7th, from 10:00 AM – noon. Contact Nikki Young at www.nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org for more information.

Backpack Blessing This year backpack blessing will take place on **Sunday, August 13**th. Students and teachers/administrators etc. can bring their backpack, computer bag, or simply themselves for a blessing as we approach the 2023/2024 school year. The blessing will take place as part of worship that day.

Fall Planting at the Garden of Hope will be held on Friday, August 18th, 9:00 AM – noon. Bring your gardening tools and help out with this growing ministry.

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.

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. Items needed include: #2 pencils, colored pencils, composition books, protractors, rulers, highlighters, folders, white-out tape, markers, notebooks, pens, binders, paper and backpacks. Contact Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 610-323-4312 to drop off your donations. Items will be collected up to August 20th.

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

Grieving: family and friends of Brian Hansley and Ed Sugita,

Brent's father

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

Katy Mahon-Miller Matt Hall Toni Rath Luann Hanley Carol Estes William Trotter Kathy Kane Maxwell Girard Pat Fryer Jean Renninger Betty Lou Shadle Pr. Kork Moyer Julia Hauck Tony Mancini Raul Castro Jeffrey Kunsch Amy LeVan Wilma Lahr Bernadette Phillips Jim Price Melissa Mary Lou Doug Weaver Joan Wagner Dorothy Bingaman Robert Ganovsky **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 Rodney Snell Joan Price Ruth Clemmer Ralph Borneman Betty Seroski Lucille Powell Bill Lowry Virginia Specht Tom Fleagl Mary Alice Mack Jeffrey Weems Dennis Rothermel

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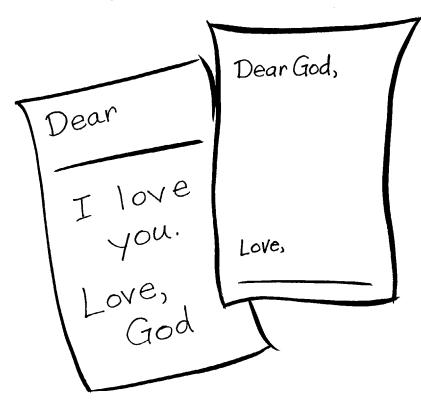
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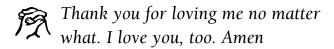


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Love letters

Write your name in the letter from God. Then write or draw a message of love to God.





This week

Look for hidden treasures of God's kingdom indoors and outside.



gather

Welcome to worship. Paul lived long ago. He wrote many letters, telling people about Jesus and about God's love. One of these letters is called Romans. In Romans, Paul wrote that God loves us all the time, no matter what! He wrote that nothing anywhere can separate us from the love of God.



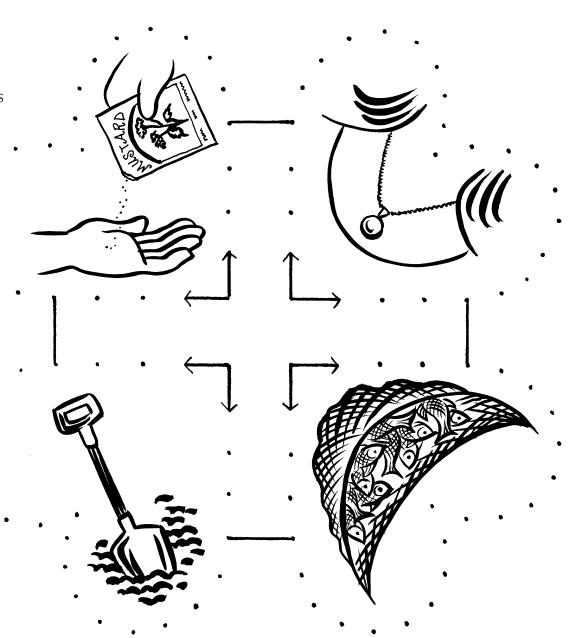


How do you experience God's love when you worship?

hear & celebrate

God's kingdom is like ...

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Paul told about God's love in letters. Jesus didn't write letters, but he told about God's love in parables—stories about everyday things. He described the treasures in God's kingdom of love.



Listen for signs of God's kingdom in the Gospel of Matthew. Trace the heart around each part of the story as you hear it. Color the empty space between the hearts. What do you see?

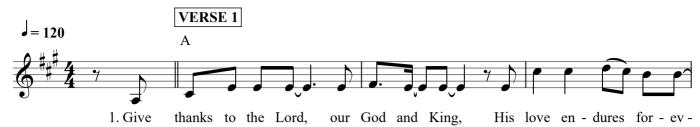
Let All Things Now Living



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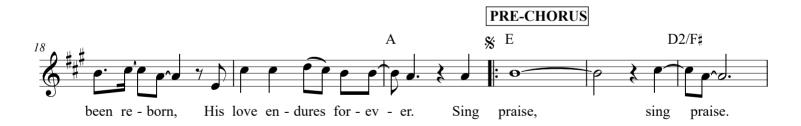
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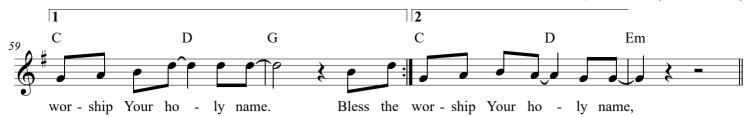
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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

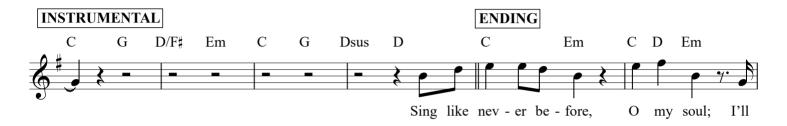
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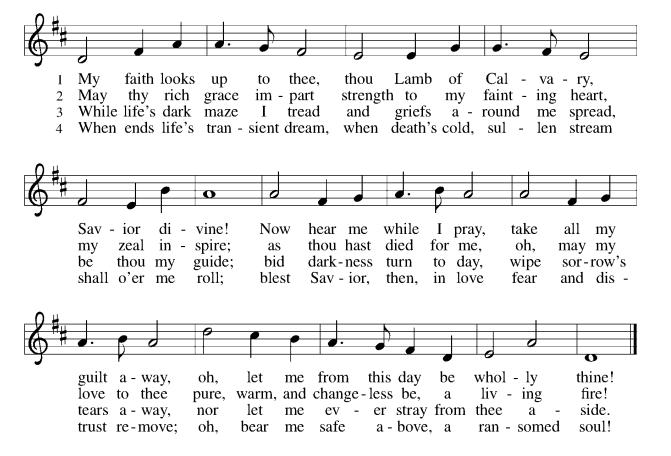






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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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