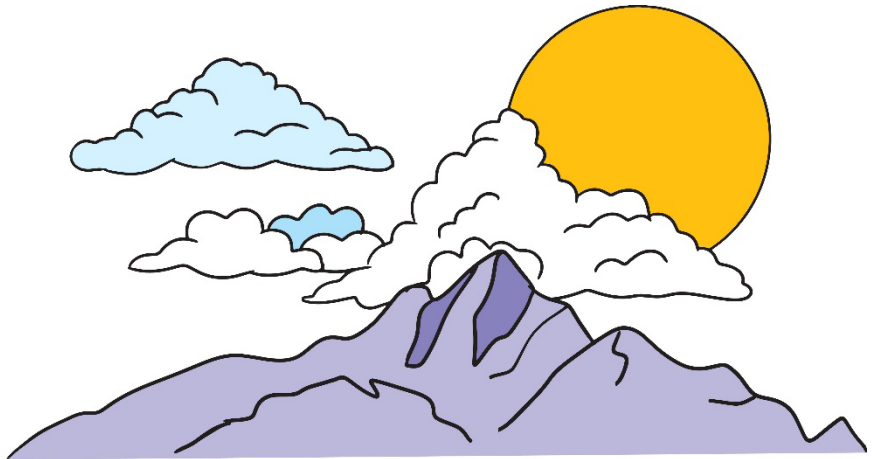


**Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 17, 2023**



**“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN *is like...*”**

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

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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     *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

ELW #864

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.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Centering Song      *You Are My King (Amazing Love)*  
Nicole Ewing, Donna Kehs, Kim Little, Lindsey Waltermeyer  
and Josh Young

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted, You were condemned  
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died and rose again.

*Repeat Verse*

*Chorus:*

Amazing love, how can it be  
That You my King would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
Amazing love, how can it be  
That You my King would die for me  
Amazing love, I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do, I honor You.

*Bridge:*

You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus, You are my King  
Jesus, You are my King

*Chorus*

*Ending:*

In all I do, I honor You.

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

First Reading                      Genesis 50:15-21

A reading from the book of Genesis

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation

Carolyn Fleming, cantor

*Congregation*

Al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia,      al - le - lu - ia.

*Cantor*

Lord, to whom shall we go?    You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

Gospel                                      Matthew 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it 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.”

<sup>33</sup>He 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.”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.

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**                      *Mighty to Save*

Nicole Ewing, Donna Kehs, Kim Little, Lindsey Waltermeyer  
and Josh Young

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

*Chorus:*

Saviour He can move the mountains  
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  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

*Chorus*

*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

*Chorus 2x*

*Ending:*

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save

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**Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

**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

Choir Anthem     *How Lovely Are the Messengers*

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Announcements

*Please rise as you are able.*

Sending Hymn     *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

ELW #545

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

*The Power and the Glory*

Roy E. Nolte

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## Announcements

**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 NHELCC raise \$74,000 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 grandson Austin's fourth birthday by Doug and Bette Senne.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren by Vicki and Randy Dotterer.

**The Word in Season** devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by the Wesners.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Jim Dugan and Bryce Manthorne; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

**Serving Next Sunday** Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Steve Weidner and Elfriede Ilik; Lector: London Meeker; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Ron Fegley

**Altar Guild Serving this Month** Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise

**Kids Choir rehearsals** for ages 3 -12 resume **today at 11:20 AM**. Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

**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

**JAM** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

**Kids' Choir** – Today, 11:20 – 11:50 AM, room 15

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

**AARP** – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary



**Cub Scouts** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-23, 27, 31, 33

**Meet Me at the Garden** – Tuesday, 6:00 PM, Garden of Hope

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

**Food Drop Off** – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico

**Loaves & Fishes Dinner** – Wednesday, 5:45 PM, rooms 1, 11

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

**Cub Scout Committee** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

**Bell choir Rehearsal** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

**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 sanctuary and online

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

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## **Upcoming Events**

**Monthly mid-week dinners return this Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45 PM.** Take a break planning dinner and join your church family for the monthly Loaves & Fishes mid-week dinner. The dinners will be held on the third Wednesday of the month throughout the program year.

**Harvest Home is next Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.** Bring non-perishable donations with you to worship for the annual Harvest Home celebration of our bounty. Before entering the sanctuary for worship, drop off your donations at the designated area in the Welcome Center. At the beginning of the service, children will bring the items to the altar for a blessing.

**Adult Study Forum – The Phoenix Affirmation** Starts Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 in room 33. What is It? - The twelve Affirmations express a more traditional, inclusive, and expansive

role for Christianity. The Affirmations say that, as Jesus teaches us, our Christian love should be expressed in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self.

The public face of Christianity in America today bears little connection to the historic faith of our ancestors. It represents even less our own faith as Christians who continue to celebrate the gifts of our Creator, revealed, and embodied in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Heartened by our experience of the transforming presence of Christ's Holy Spirit in our world, we find ourselves in a time and place where we will be no longer silent. We hereby mark an end to our silence by making the following affirmations:

As people who are joyfully and unapologetically Christian, we pledge ourselves completely to the way of Love. We work to express our love, as Jesus teaches us, in three ways: by loving God, neighbor, and self.

Join us each Sunday as we explore what it means to love God, love neighbor, and love thyself.

### **The Sky is the Limit! Men's Retreat Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 9 AM - 8 PM**

Come join us as we take off in our faith, and the sky is the limit. Highlights include bus transportation, the General Spaatz (First Chief of Staff - Air force) Museum Tour, the Mid Atlantic Air Museum Tour, Group Bible Studies, a Brewery Tour, lunch at Klinger's Restaurant and Dinner at the Saucony Creek Brewing Company.

The price of admission to the museums will be \$20.00 total. Cost of the meals is on your own. Sign up at

<https://www.signugenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-thesky>

Information for the museums can be found at

<https://www.maam.org/> and <https://www.spaatzmuseum.org/>.

For questions contact Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto:psstaub@gmail.com) or Jim Davidheiser at [Jimindeed@comcast.net](mailto:Jimindeed@comcast.net) to register.



**Senior Faith Gatherings** This fall we will have monthly senior ministry gatherings. First we need a name for the group, because, what is a senior anyway? The monthly gatherings will have a topic, featured speaker and fellowship time. Currently, topics include a kick-off gathering with a luncheon, hymn sing and fellowship. The next gatherings will include organizing your vital information in one packet (so your loved one's can easily find the information they need in times of emergency (no matter how scattered they are 😊)), and a session on downsizing one's living area. We all from time to time accumulate "stuff." This session will be like a trip planner where we address each area of our "stuff" one at a time to accomplish whatever goal we set. With each gathering, of course there will be refreshments and social time. Contact Pastor Scott if you wish to help with these gatherings. Contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions and look in the bulletin or website for posted dates in the near future.

**Handbell Choir rehearsals** are on **Thursdays, 6:15 – 7:30 PM**. Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Handbell Choir Director Barb Eisenhart.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** for ages 13 and older are on **Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:15 PM**. Interested in joining the choir or would like more information; contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce.

**The NHEL C Book Club** is reading *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Heller. All are welcome to meet and discuss this book on **October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM at Plaza Azteca in Boyertown**. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

**“Jimmy Buffett’s Margaritaville” at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre** on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. You don't have to be a member of the New Hanover Area AARP to join them on this bus trip. The cost is \$123.00. The bus leaves NHEL C's parking lot at 9:30 AM. Contact Carol Griffith at (484) 363-7376 for any questions and to make your reservation.

## 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. The 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

**Dreaming of being a TV producer/director?** Sign up with Amy to learn how you can produce and direct our weekly worship service. The sessions will be scheduled for two hours at a time so you can learn and practice using the equipment. There are two spots or one family spot available per training session.

Upcoming sessions include: Tues., September 26<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 PM; Sun., October 1<sup>st</sup>, 10 - Noon (after worship) and Tues., October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 - 8 PM. Additional dates and times will be available.

**All Dates are subject to change. Check for a sign-up Genius at [www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org).**

**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto: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 at [tonkin.3028@comcast.net](mailto:tonkin.3028@comcast.net) or 610-220-6018.

**NHELC is collecting non-perishable items** throughout September. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown

Cluster. A collection box is located in the welcome center for donations. Thank you for your contributions to helping those in need.

## Food Ministry

**More than 160,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELCL'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

Need a prayer lifted up? The **NHELCL Prayer Chain Ministry** is here for you. All information remains confidential. To request a prayer, contact Pastor Scott at [psstaub@gmail.com](mailto: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.

# 100 Days to Brave Challenge

As part of our Gathering Series of events, you are invited to join in a 100 Day to Brave Challenge. Each week, beginning Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, we will have a devotion and questions to discern: then challenge ourselves to look ahead 100 days to be brave and make a change in our lives in the church, our community, and our homes. Each week on Thursday at 10 AM in classroom 29, we will meet personally to discuss our bravery to change, create support and fellowship on our journeys of change. The devotions will be in our bulletins and online each week at

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-SXpQt3qY\\_M\\_W4XdCKTVZy5puPiFcgmo?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-SXpQt3qY_M_W4XdCKTVZy5puPiFcgmo?usp=drive_link)

. . . . . Annie F. Downs

A good friend of mine is about to have a baby. Well, I say “about” when describing her pregnancy. She, on the other hand, does not. In my mind, she’s been pregnant for almost eight months and has just a little less than two months to go.

But yesterday, when we were discussing it, she said, “It’s like TWO ENTIRE WHOLE 30s, ANNIE. Think about that. That is a really long time!” She wins. (Also duh she wins because she is growing a human and I am absolutely not arguing with her about that.)

Just now on Facebook, a friend says, “Counting down to my wedding in 109 days!” As children, when we would be on long car rides, when we would ask “how much further?” her answer always came in “one Mr. Rogers” (30 minutes) or “one Sesame Street” (an hour). It made my brain comprehend distance and time. Much like my pregnant friend’s painful comparison to two full whole 30s. Wow and no thanks.

I’m thinking a lot about chunks of time lately, how we chop up time for our own understanding and sanity. We have to, I think. Humans need things to start and they need things to end. We need markers along our journey that show us how far we have gone or how long we have done the thing. Beginnings matter, but so does

the finish line. Ever since I wrote 100 Days To Brave, I've wondered what can really happen in 100 days. If that is the chunk of time you set apart to truly focus on something, what can happen? How different could things be?

I worked through Mark Batterson's 40-day prayer journey this summer. The first ten days were fun, the middle twenty were hard, the last ten were fascinating, thinking back over my prayers, looking back through my journals, and seeing how the situations had changed, but mostly I was in awe of how I had changed. It was insane to think that in just forty days, my heart and mind had shifted significantly - even more than my circumstances.

I was more peaceful. I was more sure of God's move in my life and in my story. My prayers shifted from what I was sure I wanted to what I hoped God wanted to whatever it was God wanted, I was in. How different could things be in 100 days?

Honestly, I don't think I have the answer. I know, that's not how this is supposed to go - I'm supposed to tell you all the ways I am sure life can be different in 100 days of focused care and attention towards living the bravest life God has for you. I am sure of it, I'm just not sure how it will look for you.

That's the way of courage, really. It's so different for you than it is for me I wouldn't dare try to make a list or boss you around. But there is braver for you in the life you already have. God's not asking you to start a brand-new life - to leave everything and everyone you know in order to be brave. God's just asking you to take a good 100 day look at the life you already have and figure out where courage is just waiting for you.

You being brave in the life you already have will absolutely change the circumstances around you - at work, at home, in your church and in your city. But it will also change you. As the days tick by, you will slowly watch yourself shift, change, and grow. You will feel braver, because you are. You will see Jesus more clearly, because you are looking. And your story will change and the road may turn and you will be ready, because you are brave.

*Question 1*

**How can you picture your life being different in 100 days?**

*Question 2*

**Where in your life do you need to be brave?**

*Question 3*

**Who do you know that is really brave? What does their life look like?**

*Question 4*

**What is one brave change you'd be willing to make today?**



## 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     | Sandy Wesner      | Helen Foulke        |
| Paige Longstreth  | Carla Hausmann    | Joan Price          |
| Rodney Snell      | Ruth Clemmer      | Betty Seroski       |
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**INCLUSIVE**  
and safe ministries  
FOR LGBTQIA+ FOLK

**7** Saturday **OCTOBER**      **9** to **2**

**UPPER DUBLIN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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Join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> annual In God’s Image event! Saturday, October 7, at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church with keynote speaker Pastor Noah Hepler! In God’s Image is a day-long (9-2) program of worship, workshops, conversation, and resources. Sponsored by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, this is sure to be a great day. Folks from all over the region — Lutheran and non-Lutheran, church “professionals” and those who just want to know more — will gather at Upper Dublin to share their experiences, learn about ministry potentials in their contexts, and share joys and concerns about inclusive and expansive ministry. It is the aim of this event to equip those who are passionate about ministry for and with LGBTQIA+ folks in their congregation, their families, their workplaces to be able to reach out in love and support for their beloved.

Sign up in the welcome center. Contact Sharon Tracey at [lbd36@aol.com](mailto:lbd36@aol.com) for more information. Thank you.

# 2023/24 Program Calendar

Events will be added and we will alert you when that is the case! Check us out on Facebook or at [www.newhanoverlutheran.org](http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org)

## SEPTEMBER

- 19 Meet me in the Garden – 6 PM dinner and light gardening
- 20 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45
- 24 Festival of Harvest Home Worship (Bring non-perishable food and kids will bring donations forward at start of worship)

## OCTOBER

- 1 World Communion Sunday
- 15 Pregnancy and Infant loss Wave of Light Service 6:30 PM
- 18 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45  
First Communion Class (2<sup>nd</sup> grade & up at parent/staff discretion) 6:30-7:30
- 22 Pumpkin Frolic 2:00-4:00 (Paint pumpkins, games)
- 29 Reformation Sunday - First Communion and Reception/all ages

## NOVEMBER

- 5 All Saints Sunday
- 11 Roast Beef Dinner 4-7
- 15 Loaves and Fishes Dinner 5:45
- 23 Thanksgiving Day Community Worship Service 9 AM

# Send

## God's amazing forgiveness!

God always forgives us and loves us no matter what.

Find the following phrases in the word search and circle them. What shape do you find?

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN

GOD LOVES YOU

JESUS LOVES YOU

ITS OK

AMAZING FORGIVENESS

I FORGIVE YOU

K I K C K E S E V E N T Y T I M E S S E V E N  
 I T S O K F S F D J K L S R K L E A L Z C V N  
 F J K E I R C E L E K K E S L C K V I E N N F  
 O K K C O Z K B J S N E K W U C L E M V L P G  
 R J V K E H V K K U R L W P E L D K B N E K O  
 G K W O E L O E K S L E E K R O W K E M I Z D  
 I Z K U I O K C O L W L R A L W Q V N N M D L  
 V A M A Z I N G F O R G I V E N E S S O L E O  
 E E K L K R K C K V K K S L E K O C K R K E V  
 Y K V K R O P P W E Q V M N T L S L E K R L E  
 O P K E R J C U L S R C L B K E K T H E K R S  
 U O Q P E L L K R Y L V K E K R M R J E Y S Y  
 D P A L I E J S M O Y C K V L N E K L D L X O  
 C M R I O P N E N U K R K L K N W R J E L K U



*Thank you, God, for your amazing forgiveness. Help me forgive others. Amen*

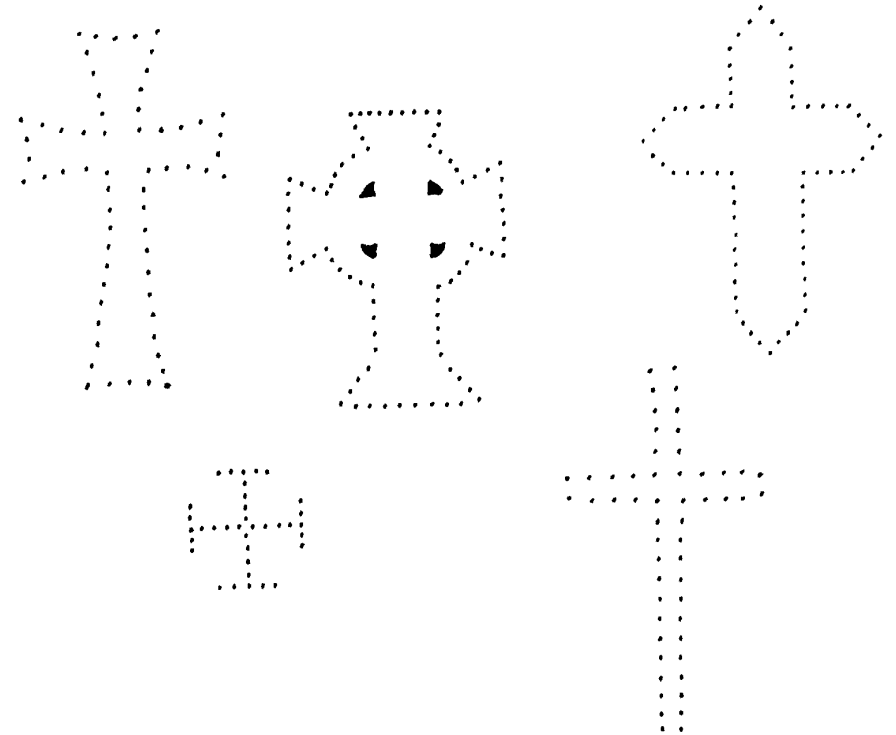
## This week

Make a cross by tying two sticks together with your favorite colors of ribbon.



# gather

Welcome to worship. Holy Cross Day comes on September 14. The cross reminds us of Jesus. Look around your worship space and notice the crosses. Where are they? Do they all look the same?



Trace the dotted lines to uncover different kinds of crosses. Do you have a cross at home? What does it look like?

## News flash! Joseph forgives brothers

Genesis 50:15-21

Forgiveness is a way of saying "I love you" after you've been hurt by another person. The Bible is full of stories of forgiveness because God always forgives!



I forgive you guys. It's OK! I love you.

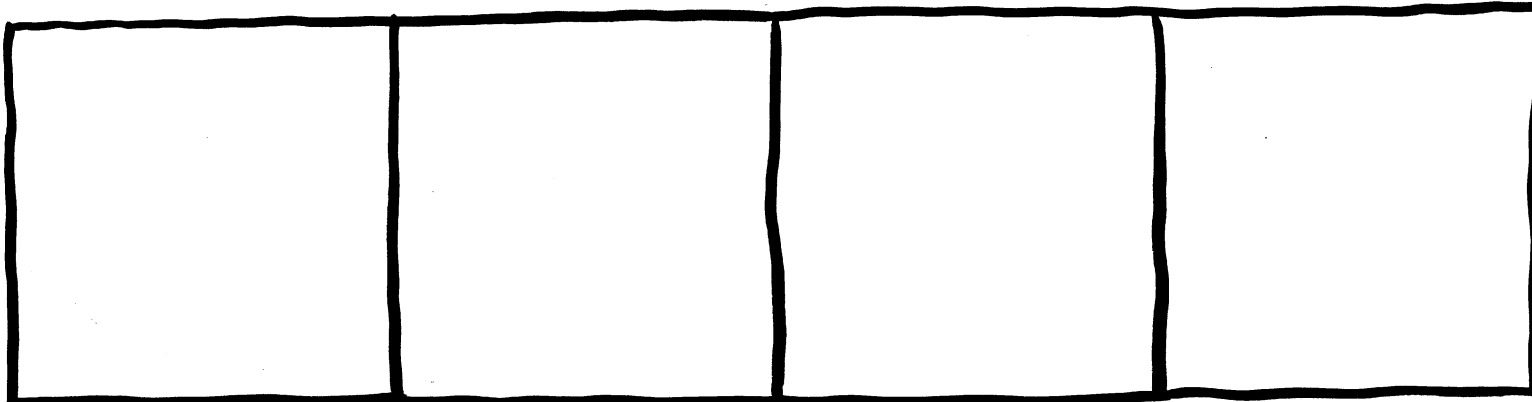
Oh look at my beautiful new coat! It's awesome. Thanks Dad!

Hope you like it down there, Joseph! Now we won't have to look at your coat anymore!

Draw a line from the story boxes to their matching pictures. In the speech bubbles write something else you think each person said.

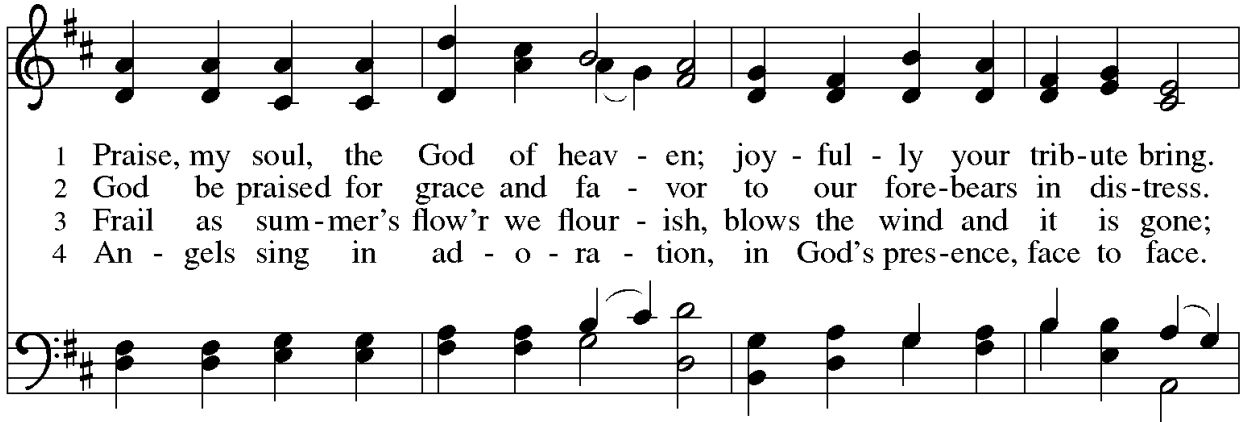
Why did YOU get a new coat and WE didn't? We're mad at you!

Draw a comic strip that shows you forgiving someone.

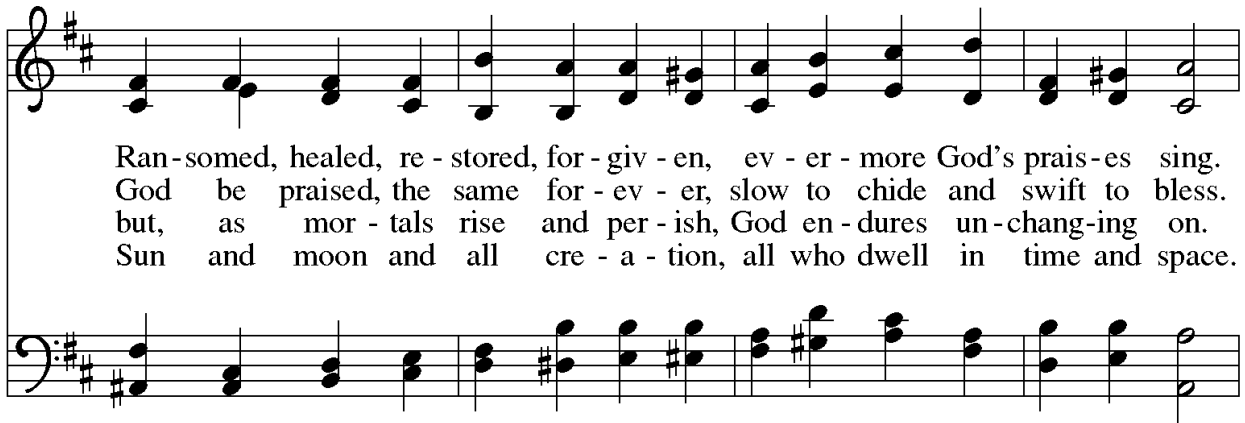


Jesus says we should forgive someone 70 x 7. How many times is that?

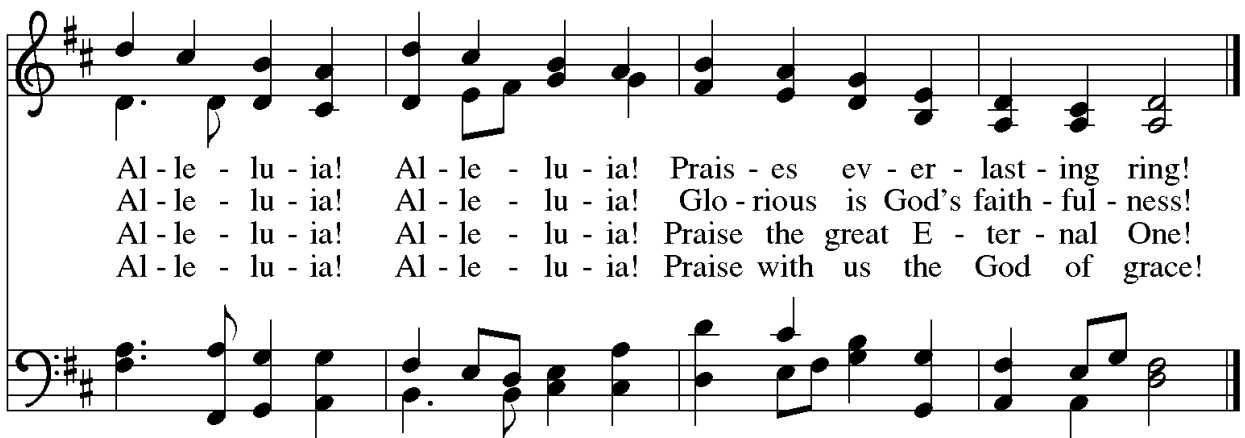
# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

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# You Are My King (Amazing Love)

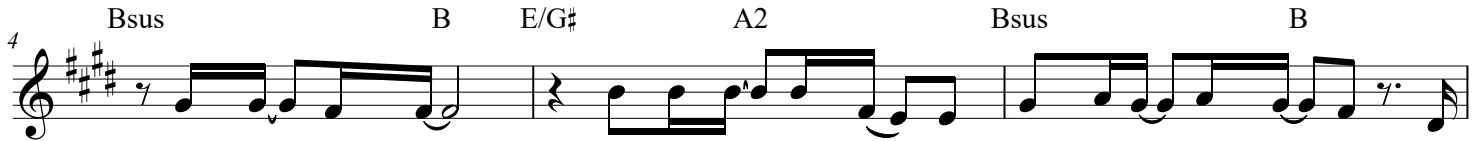
Words and Music by  
Billy J. Foote

## VERSE

♩ = 70



I'm for - giv - en be - cause You were for - sak - en. I'm ac - cept - ed;

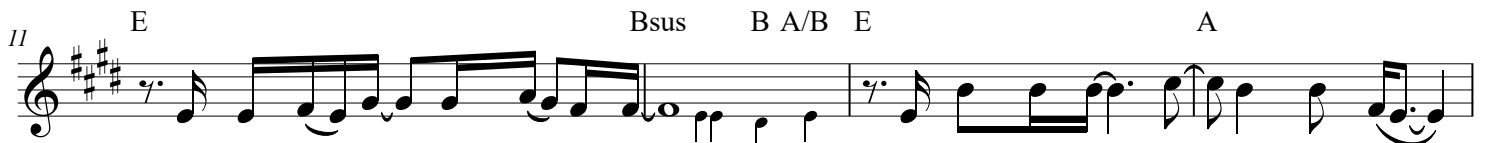


You were con - demned. I'm a - live and well, Your Spir - it is with - in me be -

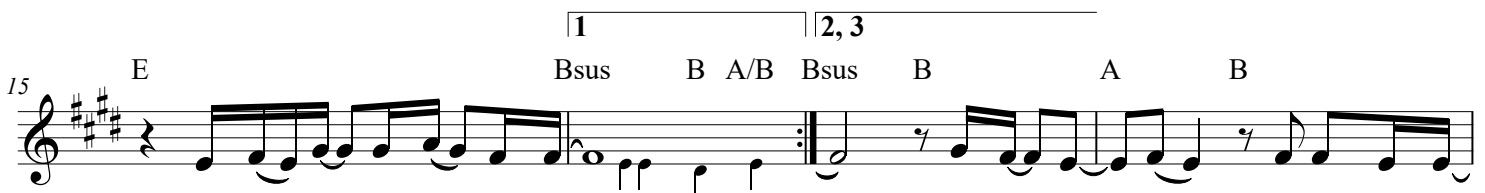
## CHORUS



cause You died and rose a - gain. A - maz - ing love, how can it be



that You, my King, would die for me? A - maz - ing love, I know it's true;



it's my joy to hon - or You. In all I do I hon - or You.

## BRIDGE



You are my King, You are my King. Je - sus,

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The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature consists of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and the time signature is not explicitly shown but appears to be 4/4 based on the note values. The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The second measure contains a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note F#4. The third measure is a half note G4. The fourth measure contains a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, and a quarter note D4. The piece concludes with a double bar line. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

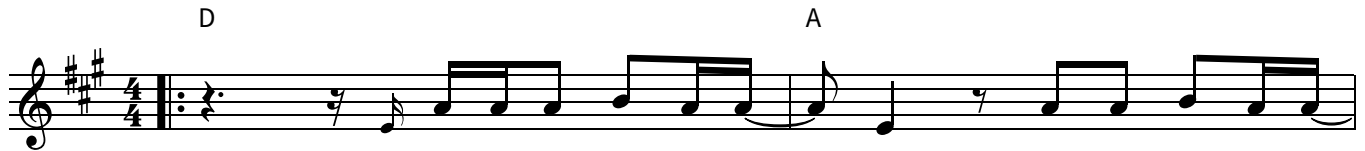
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# Mighty To Save

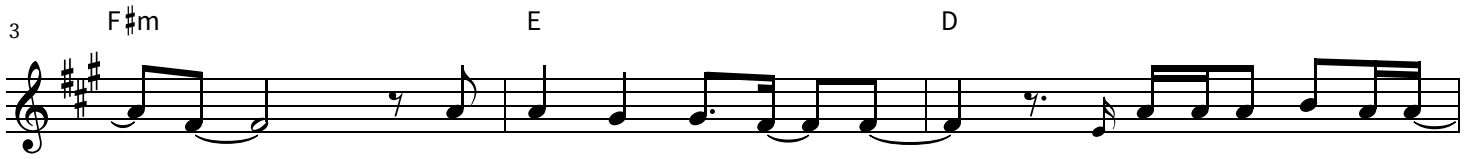
Words and Music by  
Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

♩ = 74

## VERSE



1. Ev-'ry-one needs com-pas - sion, love that's nev - er fail-  
2. So take \_ me as You find \_ me, all my fears and fail-

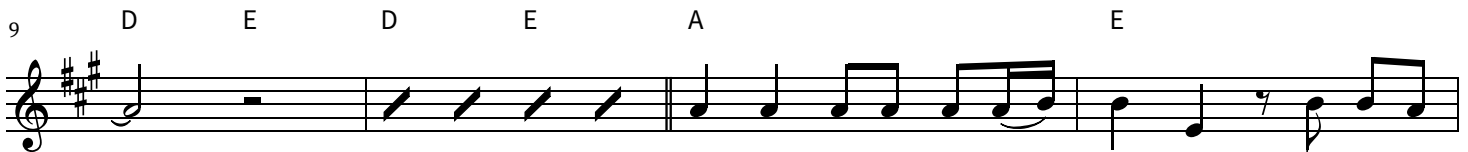


- ing. \_ Let mer - cy fall on \_ me. \_ Ev - 'ry-one needs for - give  
- ures. \_ Fill my life a - gain. \_ I give \_ my life to fol -



- ness, \_ the kind - ness of a Sav - iour. \_ The hope of na - tions. \_  
- low, \_ ev - 'ry-thing I be - lieve \_ in. \_ Now I sur - ren - der. \_

## CHORUS



— Sav - iour, He can move the \_ moun-tains. My God is  
—



might-y to save. \_ He is might-y to save. \_ For - ev - er, Au - thor of sal -

Last time to Coda ⊕

16 E D A F#m E

-va - tion. He rose and con- quered the grave. \_ Je - sus con- quered the grave. \_

19 INSTRUMENTAL 1 D A F#m E

23 INSTRUMENTAL 2 D A E F#m D A E F#m

BRIDGE 27 D A E F#m

Shine your light, and let the whole world \_ see. We're sing - ing

29 D A E F#m

for the glo - ry of the ris - en \_ King. \_ Je - sus.

31 D A E F#m

Shine your light, and let the whole world \_ see. We're sing - ing

33 D A E D.S. al Coda

for the glo - ry \_ of the ris - en \_ King. \_

## CHORUS

⊕ Coda

35 A E D A

Sav - iour, He can move the \_ moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. \_ He is

38 F#m E A E

might-y to save. \_ For - ev - er, Au - thor of Sal - va - tion. He rose and

41 D A F#m E

con - quered the grave. \_ Je - sus con - quered the grave. \_

## BRIDGE

43 D A E F#m

Shine your light, and let the whole world \_ see. We're sing - ing

45 D A E F#m

for the glo - ry of the ris - en \_ King. \_ Je - sus.

47 D A E F#m

Shine your light, and let the whole world \_ see. We're sing - ing

49            D                                    A                                    E

for the glo - ry \_\_\_\_ of the ris - en \_\_\_\_ King. \_\_\_\_

## Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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