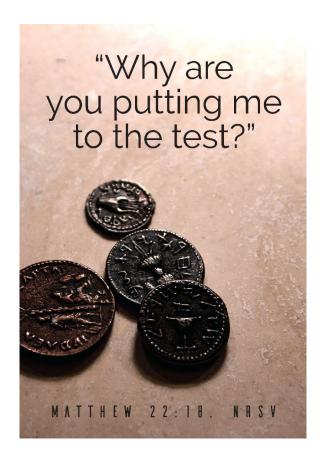
Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 22, 2023



In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

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 O God of Every Nation

ELW #713

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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Centering Song

Came to My Rescue

Grace Band

Verse 1:

Falling on my knees in worship, Giving all I am to seek Your face. Lord, all I am is Yours.

Verse 2:

My whole life I place in Your hands. God of mercy, humbled I bow down, In Your presence, at Your throne.

Chorus:

I called, You answered, And You came to my rescue. And I, I wanna be where You are.

Verse 2

Chorus 2x

Bridge:

In my life, be lifted high. In our world, be lifted high. In our love, be lifted high.

Chorus 2x

Ending:

I called, You answered

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Please be seated. Children's Message

Donna Kehs

First Reading Isaiah 45:1-7 A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name,

I surname you, though you do not know me.

⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other;

besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me;

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the LORD do all these things.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Sue Lowry, cantor



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

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and

teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 O Come to the Altar Grace Band

Are you hurting and broken within Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling Have you come to the end of yourself Do you thirst for a drink from the well Jesus is calling

Chorus:

O come to the altar The Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today there's no reason to wait Jesus is calling Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born Jesus is calling

Chorus 2x

Bridge (sing 2x):
Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Chorus 2x

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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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 God of grace, hear 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 Go into the World

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW #834

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

Postlude Pageant Reinhold Ahrens

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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 NHELC 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 church family by the Wesners.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of their 39th wedding anniversary by Ron and Lynn Fegley.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their daughter Lisa by Pastor Scott and Marsha Staub.

Serving Today Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Rick Hausch; Lector: Faye Weidner; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs and Acolyte: Rae Bechtel

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Ron Fegley; Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Bryce Manthorne; Lector: Barbara Noecker; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne

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

Due to several recent problems, the Property Committee requests worshippers to refrain from bringing drinks, other than water, into the sanctuary.

Adult Study Forum – The Phoenix Affirmation will meet this morning following the worship service in room 33. Discussion will be on Affirmation 4.

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 Rehearsal – Today, 11:20-11:50 AM, room 15 Pumpkin Frolic – Today, 2:00-4:00 PM, 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

Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen Food Delivery Pickup –Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32 Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

100 Days to Brave Challenge – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 29

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

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The Cemetery Committee will meet on Monday, October 23rd, at 7:00 PM in room 30.

Next Sunday is Pentecost. Help NHELC celebrate by wearing red to worship.

Upcoming Events

Hot Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, November 11th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM The Swamp Picnic Hot Roast Beef Dinner is back for its second year. Enjoy a delicious meal of hot roast beef with gravy on white bread, homemade potato filling, green beans, pepper cabbage, applesauce, dessert and a drink. You can eat in or get your meal to go. The cost for a meal is: Adult, \$16; Senior, \$14; 6 to 10 years old, \$8 and children 5 and younger eat free. You MUST make a reservation for your meal(s) by noon on Sunday, November 6th. Reserve your meal(s) online at http://www.newhanoverlutheran.org, fill out an order slip at church or call the church office at 610-326-1335.

FRECON FARMS Pie Fundraiser Pack & Troop 367 are offering the Frecon Farms Thanksgiving Pie Fundraiser. Pies may be purchased at \$18/each: Pumpkin, Apple Lidded top, Apple Crumb top and Tart Cherry and \$20/each: Bourbon Pecan Apple, Rum Pecan, Apple Cherry. Also, you can donate a pie to Multi-Service (\$18) for their Thanksgiving dinner bags. Scouts will earn \$4/pie which may be used for summer camp, dues, camping trips and other Scouting activities. A signup sheet is on the desk in the welcome center or go online at https://tinyurl.com/367pies23. Orders are due by Sunday, November 5th, if using the signup sheet or Tuesday, November 7th, if signing up online. Checks are made payable to NHELC-Troop 367. Pies may be picked up at Sara Dawson's home at 2872 Marietta Way, Gilbertsville, on Tuesday, November 21st, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Any questions, contact Sara Dawson at saraedawson@vahoo.com or 610-585-3491.

Community Thanksgiving Day Service Celebrate Thanksgiving with those you are thankful for sharing your life. Invite them to join you for a community service at NHELC on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23rd, 9:00 AM. A community choir will sing "Thanksgiving Canon" arranged by Anna Laura Page with Rashell Williams on the flute.

The Zion Choral fall schedule is set. Today, Trinity EC Church in Boyertown will host the singers in concert at 3:00 PM. For additional concerts, check out their schedule online at

www.zionchoral.com and follow them on Facebook @ZionChoral. Also, the concert schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Sunday School wing.

Join New Hanover Area AARP for "The First Noel" at the American Music Theatre on Thursday, November 30th.

Witness the magic and splendor of this year's all new Christmas show, featuring incredible singers, astonishing dancers, wonderous costumes, breathtaking sets and all the endearment of a perfect fireside family moment. Also included is lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord and free time to shop surrounding stores. The bus leaves NHELC's parking lot at 10:30 AM. The cost is \$131.00 (make checks payable to New Hanover Area AARP). Contact Carol Griffith 484-363-7376 for more information and to sign up.

Card Shower

Birthday Greetings Help Verdie Smith celebrate her 90th birthday on October 26th. You can send her birthday greetings at 2849 Big Road, Apt. 3116B, Zieglerville, PA 19492.

Words of Encouragement If you would like to send a card to Lucille Powell, here is her address: Reading Hospital Rehabilitation Wyomissing, 2802 Papermill Road, Reading, PA 19610.

You Can Help

Calling all bakers! Consider making and donating a cake or pie for the Hot Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, November 11th. Our bakers provided an amazing selection of delicious baked goods for the Great Swamp Picnic and we would love to offer a yummy selection at this dinner. Donation drop off times will be announced. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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: Wednesday, November 15th, 1 – 3 PM, Sunday, November 26th, 10 – noon, and Tuesday, November 28th, 6 – 8 PM. Additional dates and times are available.

All Dates are subject to change. A signup Genius is available at 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 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.

Food Ministry

Turkeys are needed for Thanksgiving meals prepared by the Loaves & Fishes 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/.

Pastor Scott and congregation,

I want to thank you for visiting my mother Joan in the hospital when she was ill with COVID. It was comforting and I really appreciated it. It was also a huge blessing for her to receive the delivered meals. She isn't up to cooking much and makes it so much easier for her. With love, Susan Grebe

Spiritual Renewal

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.

Reconciling in Christ

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) is a program of Reconciling Works, an independent Lutheran organization that works collaboratively with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The purpose of the RIC Program is to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; work for racial equity and commit to anti-racist work and support the national program. The RIC program is not a certification or a designation of the ELCA. It is a voluntary program that congregations can choose to participate in. Congregations that participate in the RIC program are listed on the Reconciling Works website and are provided with resources to help them become more welcoming and inclusive communities.

100 Days to Brave Challenge

IF Gathering: Oct 22, 2023 – Let Us Love One Another It's officially the season for gathering and, though our plans may look a bit different from seasons past, due to the pandemic and lingering Covid, we are so grateful that coming around the table for a meal is still a tried-and-true tradition, no matter how large our party might be. As we enter into these last few months of 2023, we want to remind you of why we gather.

Growing news of atrocities and war, we've been reminded of how much we really do need each other. When we think of all the times that we've felt most seen, known, and loved as people, it's often revolved around a meal and deep conversation. And that's exactly what our heart is for IF Table.

We believe that God shows up when we sit around our tables and break bread together, and we believe that we can't live life without this kind of fellowship. Coming together at the table allows us to give God away right where we are. Instead of keeping God to ourselves, we have the opportunity to share God with others. But we don't want to simply invite someone over one time and then move on. As Paul writes to the people of Thessalonica, we want to share our whole lives with others.

"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

- 1 Thessalonians 2:8

Question 1

What makes you feel seen and loved by other people?

Ouestion 2

How does vulnerability make you feel? Do you believe it is necessary in your relationships with others?

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 Frver Betty Lou Shadle Jean Renninger Pr. Kork Moyer 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 Anne Eshleman Daniel Johnson Marceline Chris Fatzinger Hank Droneberg Pena family Kim Frain Jen Perez Frank D. Barb & Tom Faust Pam Helfrich Andy Van Dyke Holli Muffler Janet Pam Abbott Mary Van Dyke Pr. Jennifer Phelps Louise Karns Denny Smith Jessica Trout Verdie Smith Mabel Gaugler Sandy Wesner Helen Foulke Carla Hausmann Joan Price Rodney Snell Betty Seroski Ralph Borneman Ruth Clemmer Lucille Powell Virginia Specht Bill Lowry Tom Fleagle Mary Alice Mack Jeffrey Weems Joan Scheffey Arnold Amundsen

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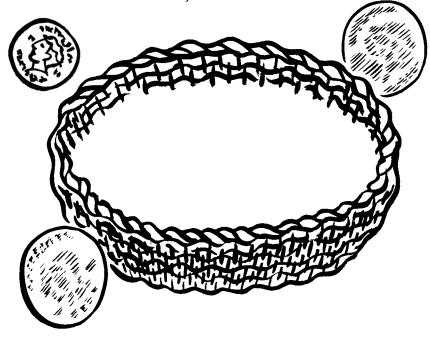
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Jend

Our offerings

Worship includes offering gifts of money. These gifts are used to serve God in many ways. A coin in biblical times, called a *denarius*, had a picture of the emperor. What pictures are on the coins you offer to God?



Fill the offering basket with coin rubbings. Place coins under this page and rub over the paper with a pencil. Try both sides of the coin. Who do you see?



Thank you, God, for EVERYTHING! Help us share with others. Amen.

This week

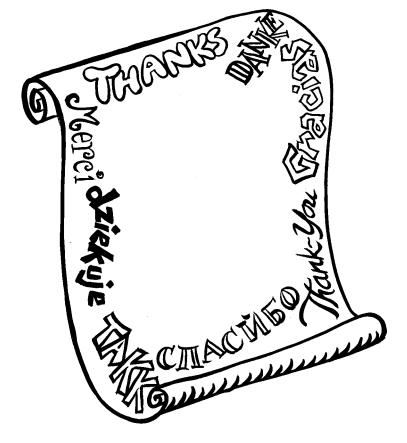
Talk about other offerings to God. How does your family serve God each day?



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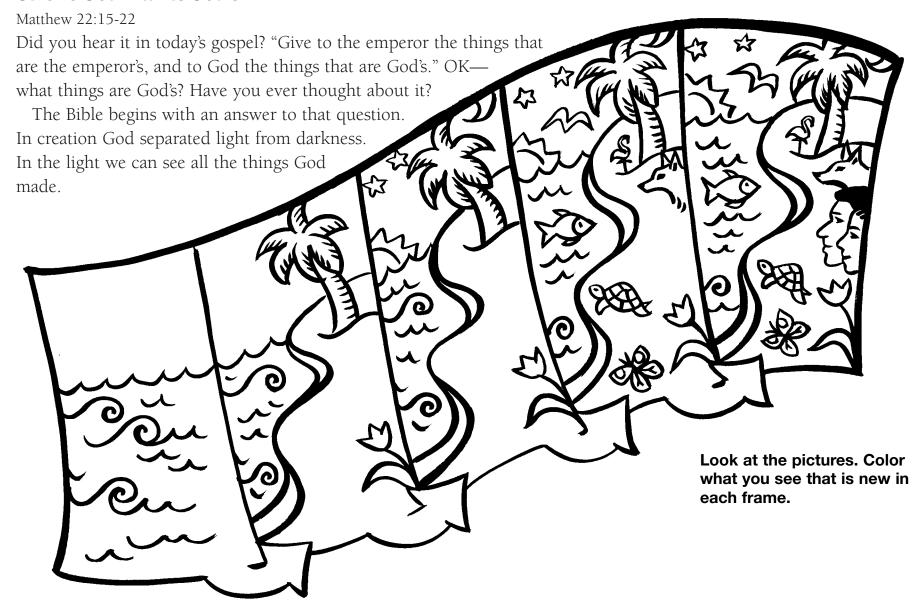
Welcome to worship! When we come to church, we say thank you to God for all kinds of things. What has God given you that you are thankful for?

Write or draw a thank you note to God.

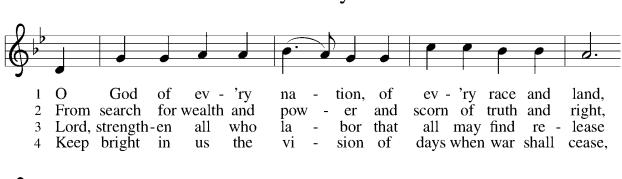




Give to God what is God's



O God of Every Nation





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Came To My Rescue

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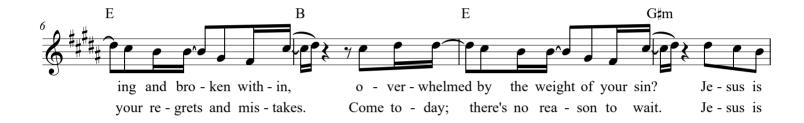
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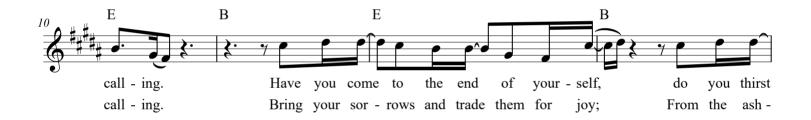
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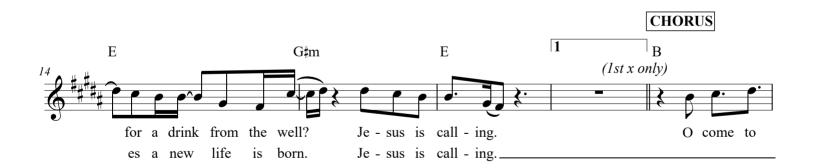
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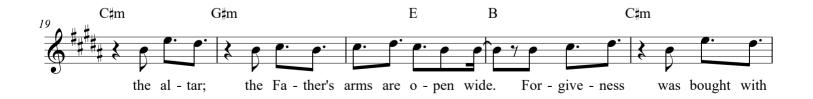


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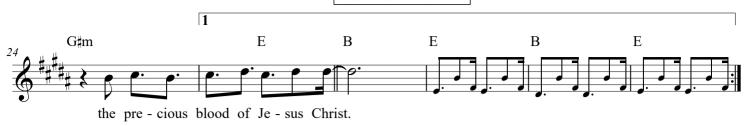


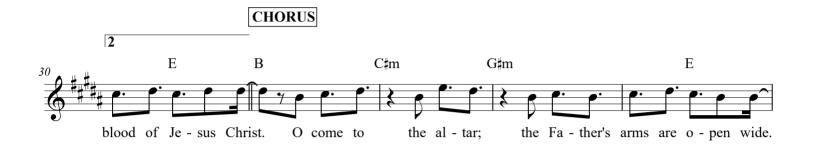


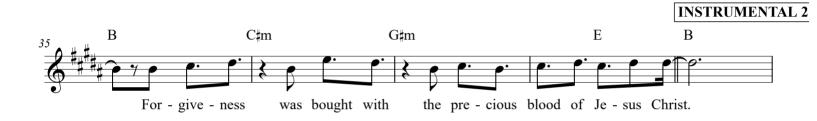




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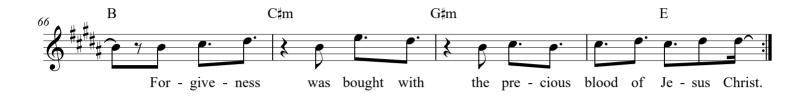
















3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; Tell the world



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



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