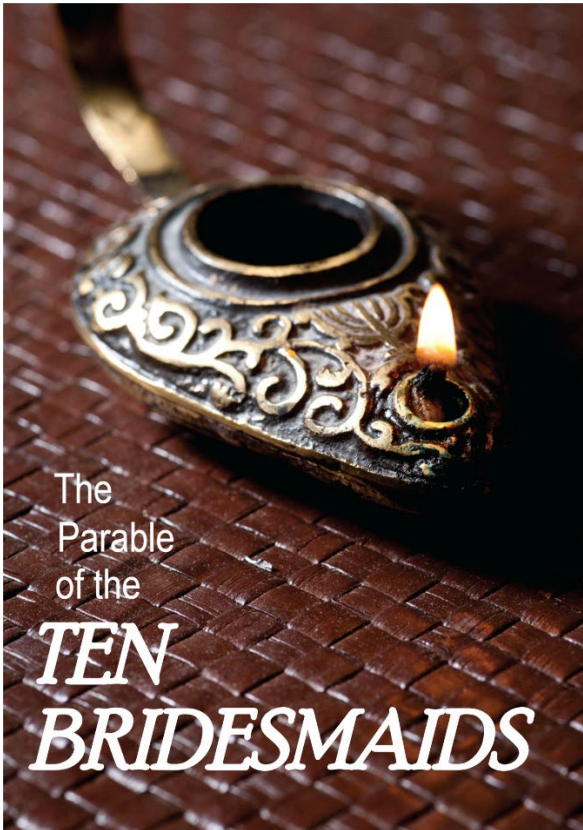


**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 12, 2023**



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

**The Rev. Wayne Moritz, presiding 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](https://www.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 *My Lord, What a Morning* ELW #438

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 God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Choir *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Lindsey Waltermyer, piano

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First Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

A reading from the book of 1 Thessalonians

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Sue Lowry, cantor

Congregation

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

Cantor *Repeat alleluia*

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

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Wayne Moritz

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *How Great Is Our God*

Grace Band

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God
Sing with me

How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Bridge (sing 2x):
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus 2x

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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

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

Choir Anthem

In Thee Is Gladness

Kimberly Allemdinger, flute
Jean Moser and Nicole Ewing, percussion

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Announcements

Veterans Recognition

Armed Forces Medley

Patricia Nyce, piano

"Armed Forces Medley" arr. by Gene Roberson. © Sheet Music Plus.

Prayer For Veterans

Eternal God, we give thanks for all those who have shown the greatest love by laying down their lives for others. We especially

thank you for those in our military throughout history who have sacrificed their lives for their fellow citizens and for us who came after. As we remember their service, keep us mindful of all those for whom this day is a burden, and send your spirit of comfort to them. Be present with all the women and men who are serving in the military today. [Though they are at war] let them live for the peace known only from you. Help us to be worthy of their legacy, and keep us mindful of their service, that in all things we may live our lives in praise and thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*From Evangelical Lutheran Worship Prayer Book
for the Armed Services (Augsburg Fortress, 2013), p. 65.*

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *When Peace like a River* ELW #785

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Majestic Largo* Ellen Jane Lorenz

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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

We welcome the Rev. Wayne Moritz who is serving as the Supply Pastor this morning.

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Herbert, by Janet Burkhart.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Ryan Waltermyer; Lector: Ed Becker; Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing; Acolyte: Hannah Waltermyer

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Marty Hauser; Ushers: Bill Allen and Elfriede Ilik; Lector: Carolyn Fleming; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley; Acolyte: Miller Quigley

Altar Guild Serving this Month Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt

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

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:30 AM, room 30

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

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 Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM,
room 15

Cub Scout Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Scout Fundraiser Pickup – Thursday, 1:00 – 7:00 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

Scouting for Food Pickup – Saturday, room 1

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

JAM – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

Constitution Forum – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 4

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Kids' Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 – 11:50 AM,
room 15

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, welcome
center, room 1, sanctuary

Loaves & Fishes Dinner is this Wednesday at 5:45 PM. Take a break planning dinner and join your church family for the monthly Loaves & Fishes mid-week dinner in fellowship hall.

Upcoming Events

Special Congregational Meeting Notice: Sunday, December 10th, 10:00 AM All “Voting Members” are encouraged to attend a special congregational meeting immediately following the worship service. The official agenda is to vote and adopt the following documents: 1.) CONSTITUTION for NEW HANOVER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023 and 2.) 2024 New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church Budget. No other items may be voted upon or brought up for discussion per the current constitution.

Copies of the “CONSTITUTION for NEW HANOVER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH 2023” are available in

the Welcome Center on the information desk, and in the publication bin located outside under the office entrance portico. To educate all, two in-person forums to discuss constitutional changes with the congregation will be held November 19th and 26th, 2023 following worship.

The church budget forums & location of the budget document will be announced later.

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 NHELCC 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 Angel Tree with Christmas gift suggestions for youth residing at The Martin Luther School (Gemma Services) will be up in the welcome center beginning November 16th. Bring **new, unwrapped gifts** to church through Sunday, December 3rd, and place them by the tree.

Poinsettias add beauty to sanctuary Help to decorate the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5” pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of (someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELCC) to the church. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up **AFTER** the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia at that time, call or text Barb Eisenhart at 610-316-5909. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center or call the church office for a form. Forms and payment should be mailed to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at

the mail slot by the fellowship hall entrance. **Orders are due by November 26, 2023.**

Advent Social Sunday, December 10th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM The Advent Social is for all ages. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHEL C homebound members. Snacks will be served.

Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. for the homebound members' bags. Sign up on the signup genius (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-45586827-advent>) or the paper signup on the desk in the welcome center by **Sunday, December 3rd**, if you are planning to attend so event planners can prepare for the activities. The cookies, bags and cards will be given to homebound members by the carolers on December 17th. Any questions about the Advent social, contact Jean Moser at (610) 367-0342.

A social gathering for older adults is scheduled for Thursday, December 14th, from noon – 3:00 PM. Enjoy a delicious luncheon and friendly fellowship followed by a Christmas hymn sing. In keeping with the holiday gift-giving spirit, participants will prepare day bags for the homeless. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center to help with planning this event.

Christmas Pageant Sunday, December 17th, 10:15 AM The 2023 Christmas Pageant requires just one rehearsal, which will be held during JAM on Sunday, December 10th, 10:15-11:15. Contact Nikki Young if your child would like to participate. Older kids and youth are needed to read and we have plenty of parts for the younger ones. This year's pageant is a *Stellar Christmas* and will include some of the music from VBS in addition to some Christmas music. It will be out of this world!

An Old-Fashioned Christmas Caroling Event! Sunday, December 17th, 1 – 3 PM Gather your friends and family members for a fun and uplifting time, singing favorite and beloved Christmas carols to our NHEL C homebound members. Carolers will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM to plan the routes and pick up the goodie bags prepared at the Advent Social. After caroling, we will return to the church to enjoy some cookies and

hot cocoa. Caroling is a wonderful opportunity to spread some Christmas cheer. Contact Director of Music Ministry Patricia Nyce or Jean Moser (610-367-0342) with any questions about the caroling.

The NHEL C Book Club is reading *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. You are invited to join the discussion of this book on Tuesday, December 5th, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

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 in surrounding stores. The bus leaves NHEL C’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.

Community Thanksgiving Meal A free Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings is available for all on Sunday, November 19th, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. RSVP by November 12th at stjohnsboyertown.org or 610-369-1024.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit presents a holiday concert on Saturday, December 2nd, at 7:00 PM at the Morning Star Fellowship, 100 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville. Admission is free. A free-will offering will be received for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Light refreshments will be available following the concert.

Card Shower

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.

Help Resources

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. Check out the websites below and the resources they have to offer. NAMI has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups.

Contact Information

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 and is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

Website References

www.NAMI.org National Alliance on Mental Illness

www.ddap.pa.gov Department Drug and Alcohol Prevention

www.nimh.nih.org National Institute of Mental Health

Grieving/Wellness Online Support

<https://grateful.org/welcome/>

You Can Help

Thrivent members get free money they can use to help NHELC programs.

Thrivent Action Teams

Did you know Thrivent members receive free of charge two (2) \$250.00 gifts a year to help our church? With your gifts, you can help Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry, Garden of Hope with plants and supplies, FLUTTER (Youth) activities and Community Family Events. Your \$250 will go a long way in offsetting costs to defray the rising costs of food and supplies for our events and feeding ministry. With your free generosity we may continue to love others with our gifts of nutritious food and wellness. All you do is sign up and create an Action Team event. For details and help to do this, contact Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com, or call him at 610-326-1335 ext. 1, or logon if you know how to do it alone at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

You may also be given free Choice Dollars directly to the church! Simply go onto your account and search for choice dollars at <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice>. You can make a personal donation to New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church and Thrivent pays the processing fees. It's that simple!

Again, contact Pastor Scott if you have any questions or need help navigating the sign-ups.

If not a Thrivent member, you may still donate directly to these ministries. Go to newhanoverlutheran.org to donate, serve or learn more about these ministries.

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 sign-up 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.

The Food Ministry continues to grow, serving on average 812 meals per week to our neighbors in need. Because of this growth we are identifying ways to expand our kitchen and food distribution capabilities, increase the size of our garden, building relationships with other organizations with similar missions and considering adding a position to assist with the day-to-day logistics. Below are some of the Food Ministry tasks and tasks where we need more help.

1. **Recording meeting minutes** (2nd Wednesday each month): About 2.5 hours per month. This person would NOT need to be part of the committee.
2. **Searching and applying for Grants:** Computer skills and some perseverance will be required. Time commitment varies.
3. **Logistics** (multiple opportunities): Assist with day-to-day food acquisition, kitchen maintenance coordination, tracking expenses, and more, 8 – 10 hours per week.
4. **Volunteer coordination:** Assist with the scheduling of volunteers and tasks. Time commitments:
 - a. **Garden:** varies by season (see #6)
 - b. **Kitchen:** 1 – 2 hours per week
5. **Volunteer time for food preparation** (assist Chef Chris): 4 – 6 hours per week.
6. **Volunteer time in the garden** (seasonal – garden prep, planting, watering, weeding, harvesting, prep for winter): Provide whatever time you can.
7. **Volunteer for food delivery:** About 1 hour per week.
8. **Join our vibrant committee and help lead our growth and direction:** Time commitment varies based on role and assigned tasks. Two hours minimum for monthly meeting.

Consider joining this amazing team and help serve our neighbors with life sustaining food. If interested in learning more about what the Food Ministry does and how you *might help*, contact Steve

Weidner at Stieven.Weidner@gmail.com or call (610) 287-5055 (please leave a message).

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/>.

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 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.

Thank You

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Thanks to your generosity, 97 lbs. of non-perishable items were delivered to Boyertown Area Multi-Service for distribution to local residents.

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	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Rodney Snell
Ruth Clemmer	Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman
Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht	Bill Lowry
Tom Fleagle	Mary Alice Mack	Jeffrey Weems
Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen	Steve Weidner

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All is ready!

The five bridesmaids who were ready had lamps filled with oil. Find them and color their lamps.



Advent is coming soon. In Advent we get ready for Jesus' coming. How do you celebrate Advent? What do you do to get ready for baby Jesus?



Advent begins in three weeks. What do you do to get your home ready for Advent?

This week

Light a candle during dinner, and thank God for the day.



gather

Welcome to worship. Getting ready for worship takes time. What do you do at home? On the way? At church?

You can begin at home by preparing your offering or

On the way to church you can notice God's beautiful world or

Inside your worship space you can say a prayer or
















Lord, help us to be ready when you come. Amen




Ready and waiting

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Find this parable in Matthew.

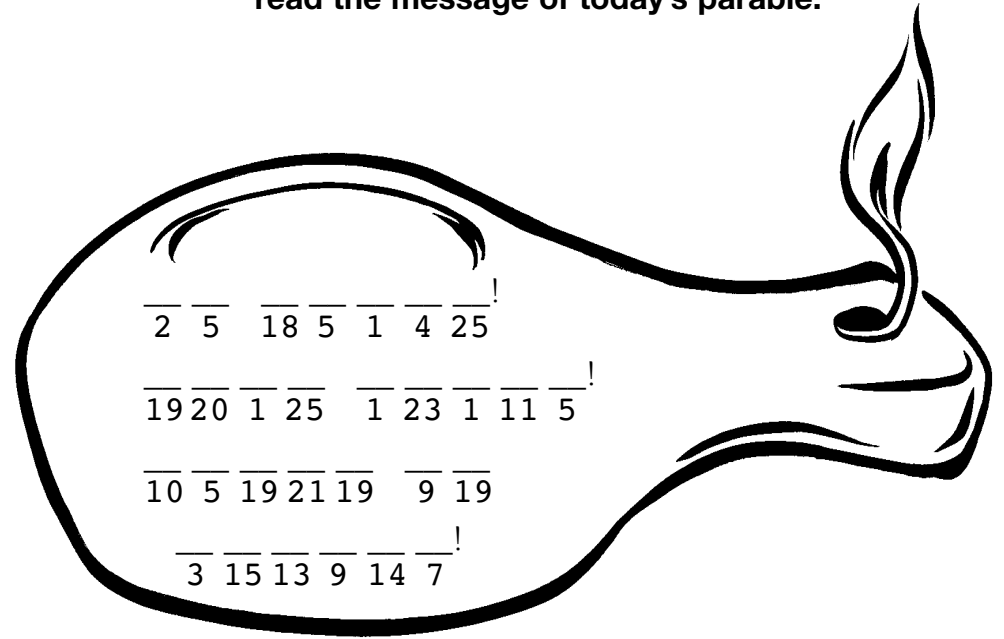
Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers and read the story quietly.

$\frac{\quad}{5+5}$  took their oil  and went to meet the . $\frac{\quad}{4+1}$ were wise and filled their  with oil. $\frac{\quad}{3+2}$ weren't wise, and didn't fill their  with oil. It got to be late at night, and the $\frac{\quad}{9+1}$  fell asleep. Suddenly, at $\frac{\quad}{11+1}$ midnight, the  arrived. The $\frac{\quad}{1+4}$ wise  lit their oil  and went in to the wedding banquet with the . The $\frac{\quad}{2+3}$ not-so-wise  couldn't light their , so they couldn't go to the wedding banquet. Jesus says we should be like the $\frac{\quad}{0+5}$ wise  and be ready!

 = bridesmaids
  = groom
  = lamps

Crack the code

Use the code at the bottom of the page to read the message of today's parable.



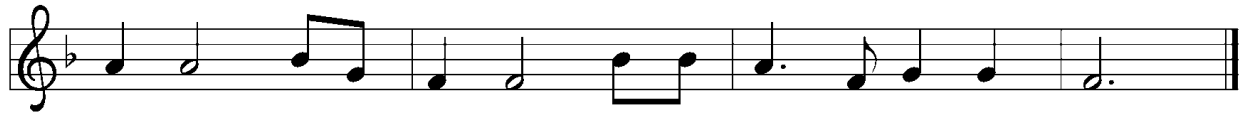
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My Lord, What a Morning

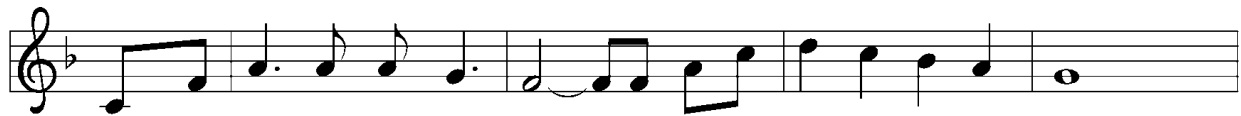
Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Refrain

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How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves
and Ed Cash

♩ = 76

VERSE

G

Em⁷



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4

C²



Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps.
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7

G

Em⁷



Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
- head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10

C²



and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

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CHORUS

13

G

Em⁷



is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

16

Cmaj⁷

D

G²

Fine



— And all — will see how great, how great — is our God! —

20

BRIDGE

G



2. And Name a - bove _____ all names, —

24

Em⁷

Cmaj⁷

1.
D



wor - thy of — all praise. — My heart will sing: — How great — is our God!

28

G

2.
D

G

D.S. al Fine



— is our God! — How great

When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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