

**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023**



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

**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!

**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 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ELW #632

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.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song *10,000 Reasons* Grace Band

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

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

Chorus

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

Chorus

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

Chorus 2x

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

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Hayley Quigley

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Carolyn Fleming

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

⁷Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Nance White, 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 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your

talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day

Faithful

Grace Band

Faithful, forever You are faithful
Father to the fatherless
You uphold the one who feels forsaken
You are faithful God

Faithful, forever You are faithful
Lover of the wounded heart
You defend the poor and the forgotten
You are faithful God

Chorus:

And I will sing to the Maker of heaven and earth
God, You reign forever and Your love will endure
Faithful and true is the name of the Lord
You are faithful God

Faithful, forever You are faithful
Shelter for the fragile soul
You lift us up, You hold us all together
You are faithful God

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):

You are there
In ev'ry season of my soul
You are there
You're the anchor that will hold
You are there
In the valley of the shadows
You are faithful God

Chorus

You are faithful God

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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

A Psalm of Praise

Chancel Choir

Tom McHugh, trumpet

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW #815

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Thanksgiving and Praise

Cyrus S. Mallard

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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 NHELIC 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

Thank you to Nikki Young, who will be leading the worship service this morning.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary by Georgann and Scott Geiser.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary by Faye and Steve Weidner.

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

Serving Thanksgiving Head Usher: Jim Gross; Usher: Harry White; Lector: Harry White; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and London Meeker; Lector: Scott Geiser; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Madelyn Artim

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.

Check out the Angel Tree with Christmas gift suggestions for youth residing at The Martin Luther School (Gemma Services) in the welcome center. Take an angel(s) from the tree, purchase the gift printed on the back, then bring the gift, **unwrapped**, to church by Sunday, December 3rd, and place it by the tree. Thank you for bringing Christmas joy to these underprivileged youth.

The Nursery room is now open. It is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship services as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment, toys and books included. The room has changing room access and a private nursing room next door. Plans are in the works to install a video monitor to broadcast worship services. See an usher if you need directions.

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

Constitution Forum – Today, 10:15 AM, room 4

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, welcome center, room 1, 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

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

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

Thanksgiving Day Service – Thursday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and
online

Altar Guild – Saturday, 9:00 AM, sacristy and sanctuary

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

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Community Thanksgiving Day Service Invite family and friends to join you for a community service at NHELCH this Thursday at 9:00 AM. A community choir will sing “Thanksgiving Canon” arranged by Anna Laura Page with Rashell Williams on the flute.

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.

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.

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.**

The Scouts’ Hoagie Sale fundraiser is back! FRESH hoagies will be available for pick-up on Saturday, December 9th. Choose from Italian or turkey hoagies. The Italian hoagies consist of ham, salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. The turkey hoagies include turkey, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. Onions may be requested and pepper spread is also available on the side by request. The cost is \$7 each for either Italian or turkey hoagies. Proceeds will help the Scouts defray their cost of attending Summer Camp and other Scouting activities, after a 10% goodwill donation to NHELCC. Orders can be picked up at the church between 10:30 and 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 9th.

The deadline to order is Sunday, November 26th. An order form can be found on the desk in the welcome center. Also, orders may be placed online at 367hoagies.com. Please pay when the hoagies are picked up.

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, wonderful 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.

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.

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

Readers are needed for the Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 31st. If you would like to take part in this service, a sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center for those who would like to read for the service.

Thrivent members get free money they can use to help NHELCC 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.

Wanted: Assistant Caretaker for Cemetery Duties consist of taking care of cemetery and church grounds, helping with maintaining equipment and assisting with funerals. If interested in this position, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622 or nhunsberger29@gmail.com.

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. **A sign-up Genius is available at www.newhanoverlutheran.org. All Dates are subject to change.**

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! NHELIC'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 **NHELIC 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

Grieving: the family and friends of Jim Price

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
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	Chuck Beck

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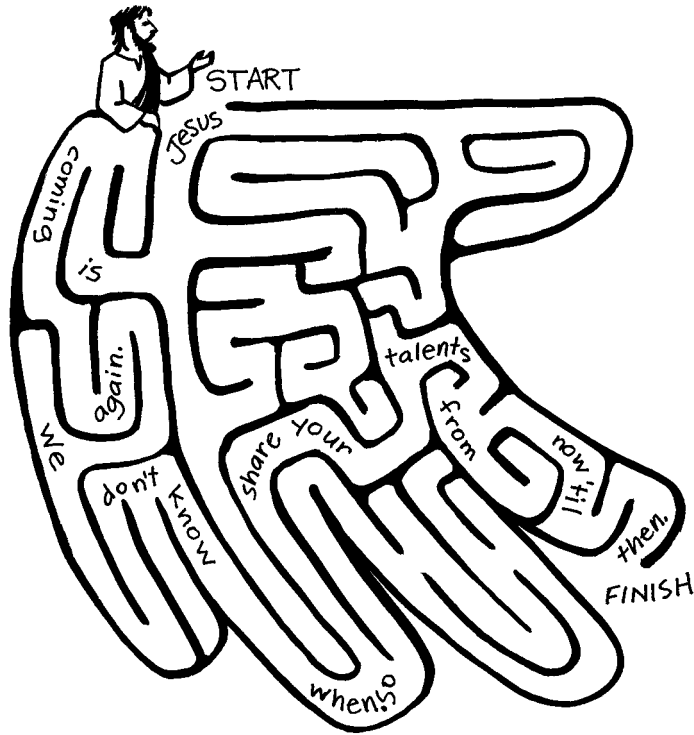
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Follow Jesus . . .

Following Jesus means sharing talents. Follow Jesus' footprints to uncover a poem that can help you remember to share your talents! Write the words you find, *in order*, in the space below the maze.



This week

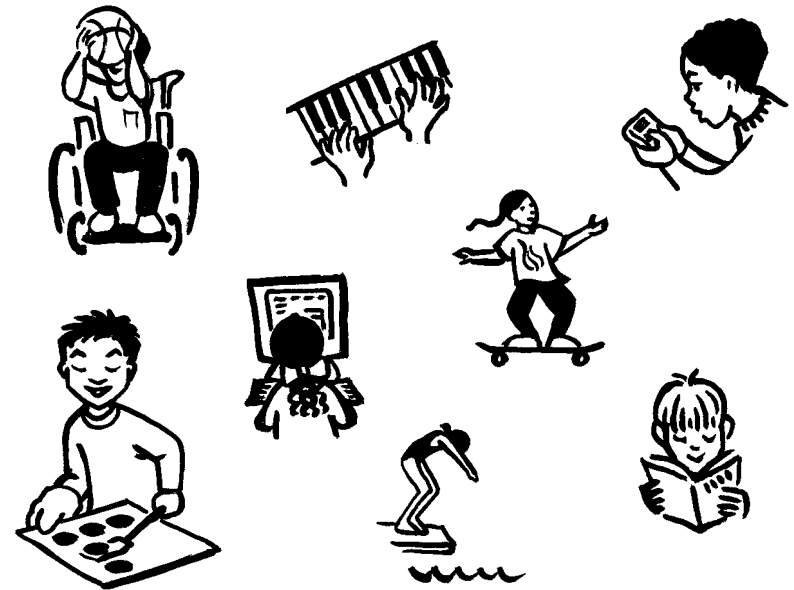
Have a family talent show. Invite a friend or two!



gather

Welcome to worship. Have you ever heard someone say: "Oh, she's so talented"? A talent is a gift from God. It is something you are good at. What are your talents?

Look at the pictures below. Place a **T** next to the ones that show a talent you have, and an **F** next to the pictures that show a talent of a friend.



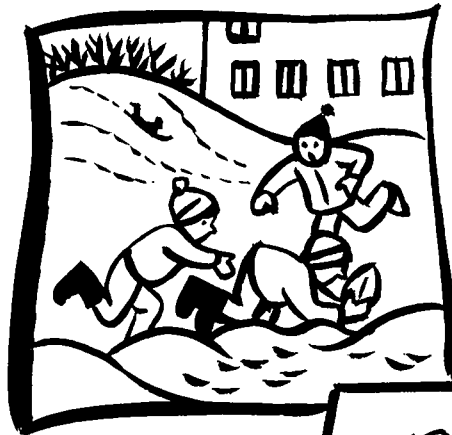
Look at the people with you in worship. What are their talents?

Everyday talents

Matthew 25:14-30

In today's gospel, Jesus tells another parable. This one is about using the talents God has given you to share God's love. Check out the following story. Who used their talents well?

Just before Christmas, a new family moved into their apartment building. Karena and Sam were the first to greet them. Before long, the new kids were creating plays with Karena and playing football in the snow with Sam.

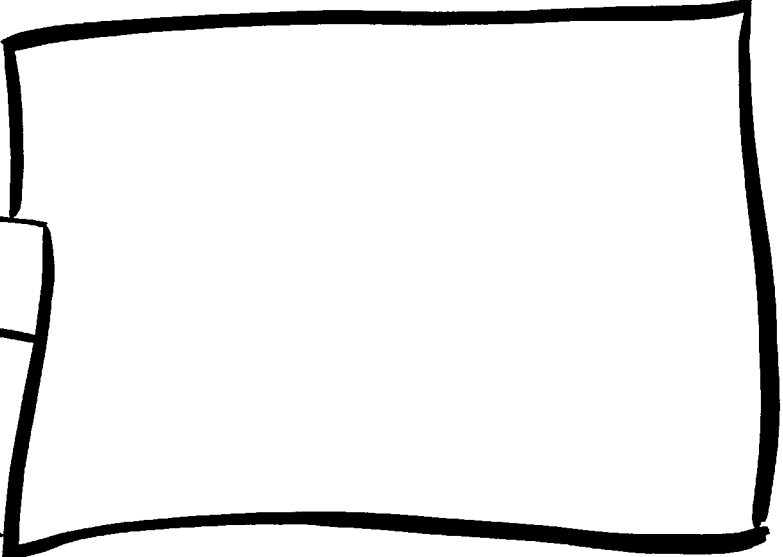


Sam, Karena, and Kelly were friends living in the same apartment building. Sam loved playing football and played anytime, anywhere.

Karena loved to act. She practiced every day, before and after school, and enjoyed finding friends to be in her plays.



Kelly was an amazing videogame player, and would spend time on the weekends working to get to the next level of the game she was playing. She knew all the secret codes and loved winning!



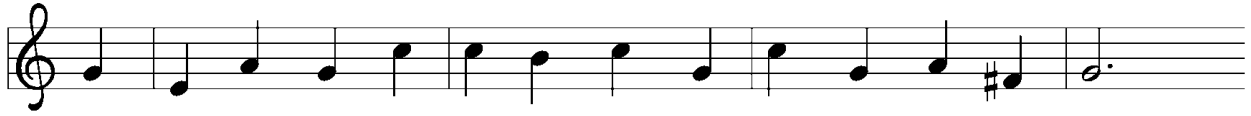
Kelly wondered how she could be a friend. What ideas do you have for Kelly? How could Karena, Sam, and their new friends include Kelly? How might Kelly share her talents?

Write or draw your idea in the box above.



Oh God. We're so glad we have talents from you. Help us to share them! Amen.

O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Words and Music by
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CHORUS 1a

♩ = 73

C G D/F# Em C G

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor - ship His ho - ly name.

Dsus D C Em C D Em C D C/G G *2nd time to Coda* Φ

Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

VERSE 1

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing, it's time to sing Your song

a - gain. What - ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. Bless the

2. You're

VERSE 2

rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For

26 C G D/F# Em C G

all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing; Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my

CHORUS 1b

30 Dsus D G C/G G C G D/F# Em

(instr. repeat)

heart to find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

35 C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

VERSE 3

39 C D G G C G

1 2

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. 3. And on that day, when my

43 D/F# Em C G D Em C G

strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come; Still, my soul will sing Your

47 D/F# Em C G Dsus D

praise un - end - ing ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er -

CHORUS 1b

51 G C/G G C G D/F# Em

more! Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

55 C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

59

1 C D G **2** C D Em

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. Bless the wor - ship Your ho - ly name,

TAG

C D Em C D

wor - ship Your ho - ly name, Lord, I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name.

INSTRUMENTAL **ENDING**

C G D/F# Em C G Dsus D C Em C D Em

Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll

72

C D Em C D Em

wor - ship Your ho - ly name, wor - ship Your ho - ly name,

76

C D G

wor - ship Your ho - - ly name.____

Faithful

Words and Music by
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Nathan Nockels and Ed Cash

INTRO

$\text{♩} = 66$ Ebm7 Dbsus Cb Abm11 Ebm7 Dbsus Cb Abm11 Ebm7 Db/F Gb

VERSE 1

6 Cb2 Db Ebm7 Db/F Gb Cb2 Db Ebm7 Db/F Gb

ev - er You are faith - ful, Fa - ther, to the fa - ther - less, You up - hold the

VERSE 2 & 3

10 Cb2 Db Abm11 Db Gb Ebm7 Db/F Gb

one who feels for - sak - en. You are faith - ful, God. 2. Faith ful, for -
3. Faith ful, for -

14 Cb2 Db Ebm7 Db/F Gb Cb2 Db Ebm7 Db/F Gb

ev - er You are faith - ful, lov - er of the wound - ed heart. You de - fend the
ev - er You are faith - ful, shel - ter for the frag - ile soul. You lift us up, You

18 Cb2 Db Abm11 Db Gb

poor and the for - got - ten. You are faith - ful, God. And I will
hold us all to - geth - er. You are faith - ful, God.

CHORUS

Cb2 Dbsus Gb Cb2

sing to the Mak - er of heav - en and earth. God, You reign for - ev - er and Your

24 D^bsus G^b C^b2 E^bm7 D^b C^b2 G^b/B^b A^bm11 D^bsus

love will en - dure. Faith - ful and true is the name of the Lord; You are faith - ful, God.

28 E^bm7 D^bsus C^b A^bm11 G^b G^bsus G^b

You are there

BRIDGE

D^bsus G^b G^b/B^b C^b2 G^b/B^b D^bsus G^b

(You are there) (in ev - 'ry sea - son.) (You are there,)

in ev - 'ry sea - son of my soul. You are there, You're the

35 G^b/B^b C^b2 G^b/B^b D^bsus E^bm7 D^b C^b2 G^b/B^b

(You're the an - chor.) (You are there) in the val - ley of the shad - ows.
an - chor that will hold. You are there

38 A^bm11 D^bsus G^b A^bm11 D^bsus G^b

You are faith - ful, God. You are there You are faith - ful, God.

CHORUS

42 C^b2 D^bsus G^b C^b2

I will sing to the Mak - er of heav - en and earth. God, You reign for - ev - er and Your

46 D^bsus G^b C^b2 E^bm7 D^b C^b2 G^b/B^b A^bm11 D^bsus

love will en - dure. Faith - ful and true is the name of the Lord. You are faith - ful, God.

ENDING

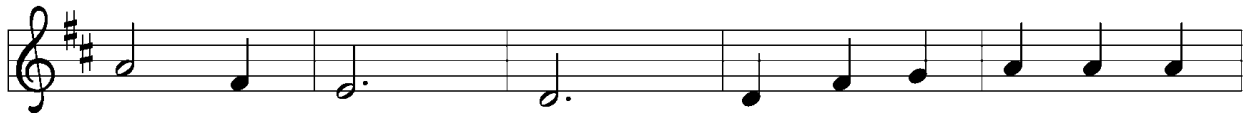
50 E^bm7 A^bm11 D^bsus E^bm7 D^bsus C^b A^bm11 D^bsus D^b G^b

You are faith - ful, God.---

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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