Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord

January 7, 2024



Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus and the Ephesians, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace. 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 Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters ELW #445

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.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated. Children's Message

Donna Kehs

First ReadingGenesis 1:1-5A reading from the book of Genesis

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able. **Gospel Acclamation** Carolyn Fleming, cantor ∧ Congregation Al - le -1u ia, al le lu ia. _ _ _ _ Al - le - lu ia. al le lu ia. Repeat alleluia Cantor þ. Ю Ю 0 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

The holy gospel according to Mark Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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 Here I Am to Worship Grace Band Light of the world You stepped down into darkness Opened my eyes let me see Beauty that made This heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You Chorus: So here I am to worship Here I am to bow down Here I am to say that You're my God You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me King of all days Oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor Chorus Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross

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Chorus

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Blessing and Dedication of the New Paraments

The white paraments dedicated today are a gift in loving memory of Ruth Wirt, who served our Altar Guild for many years.

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to bless and dedicate these paraments to the praise and glory of God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you. We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen. You stretched out the heavens like a tent; you divided the day from the night; you appointed times and seasons for work and rest, for tearing down and building up. You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death: Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets; Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles; and all the saints and witnesses in your church of ages past, in whom your Spirit spoke and moved.

We give you thanks, O God, as we dedicate these paraments to your glory and praise. We thank the hands that prepared them and the generosity of which they were received. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things, give us joy in them, and lead us to the building up of your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** Retirement of the Past Paraments

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And also with you.

Let us pray.

We thank you O God for the service of the past paraments and their service to glorify you. As we send them to safe keeping, we remember the times in which they witnessed your presence during times of joy and sorrow. We thank the hands that prepared them and the generosity of which they were received. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession God of grace, receive our prayer.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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. Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone. The usher will direct you when to come forward. Communion glasses are found on the stand at the front of the line to your right. Take an empty glass if you are choosing to commune with wine or a pre-filled glass (with grape juice) if you will be communing with grape juice. Receive your bread from the pastor, gluten-free bread from the plate, and the wine, or blessing over the grape juice from the lay assistant. There are two wine stations, so please, choose the open station. Persons not communing may receive a personal blessing (simply keep your hands down at your sides or folded across your heart).

Communion Praise Breathe

Grace Band

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The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Offertory

Choir Anthem

Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness

Chancel Choir

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.Sending HymnGod, Whose Almighty Word

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

Postlude

The Lord Reigneth!

Brian Glyncannon

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God with a thankful heart for her church family. Their cards, visits, thoughts and prayer have meant so much to her during this challenging time by Lucille Powell.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their church family by the Wesners.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Jo Anne's sister, Geraldine Wegman, by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

Serving Today Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Ushers: Rick Hausch and Ryan Waltermyer; Lector: Brenda Hunsberger; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs; Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger; Communion Assistants: Leslie Gates and Brenda Hunsberger

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker; Usher: Ron Fegley; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Ron Fegley **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 access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Update your information NHELC is preparing a new directory with member names, addresses, phone numbers and family picture. To ensure accuracy, the information we currently have on file is available on Sundays in the Welcome Center and in front of the stage in Fellowship Hall. We ask you to review and update your family's information at one of these locations. If you cannot check your records in person and for you to submit your family photo, contact Nance White at 610-741-7977 or Nance2237@yahoo.com.

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 J.A.M. – 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 AM, sanctuary

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

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 30

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Finance - Tuesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café

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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 33

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15 **District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 33

Flutter Lock-in - Friday, 7:00 PM - Saturday, 9:30 AM

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant

Sprinkle Party – Saturday, 12:30 – 2:30 PM, 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
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Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown. Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at 215-679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

Upcoming Events

Flutter will hold a lock-in at the church on Friday, January 12th, starting at 7:00 PM, to Saturday, January 13th, ending at 9:30 AM. All youth in 6th - 12th grade are invited! Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, a snack to share, and a favorite game. This is always a fun event! See Lindsey Waltermyer or Jen Boyer for more information.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. You are invited to join in the discussion of this book on Tuesday, February 6th, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions about the Book Club, contact Sharon Tracey. **Swamp Picnic Committee Soup Sale** is Sunday, January 21st, following the morning worship service. Soup can be purchased in Fellowship Hall or at the kitchen door for drive up service. This year's selections are: vegetable barley, chicken pot pie and ham and bean. The suggested donation is \$9 a quart.

The congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11th. **Annual reports are due this Monday, January 8th.**

Save the Date

Camp Falckner, an overnight camp in the picnic grove, will be held Monday, July 22nd, - Thursday, July 25th. All youth who will have finished 5th - 12th grade by the end of the school year are welcome to attend. Registration information will be coming this spring. Questions? Reach out to Lindsey Waltermyer.

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 Crieving/Wellness Online Support

Grieving/Wellness Online Support

https://grateful.org/welcome/

You Can Help

Social Media Assistance: The Food Ministry Board is looking for someone with the skills to post their "good works" and "needs/desires" on Social Media. This position does not require you to participate in board functions, nor will they be assigned other Food Ministry related tasks. We anticipate this role to take two - four hours per month. If you have any social media skills and are interested in assisting with this ministry, contact Steve Weidner at <u>stieven.weidner@gmail.com</u>.

Meeting Scribe: The Food Ministry Board is looking for someone to take meeting notes. This position does not require you to participate in board functions, nor will the person be assigned other Food Ministry related tasks. We anticipate this role to take two and a half - three hours per month. The board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM. Contact Steve Weidner at <u>stieven.weidner@gmail.com</u> if interested.

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? For details and help to do this, contact Pastor Scott at <u>psstaub@gmail.com</u>, 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 <u>https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-choice</u>.

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 <u>www.newhanoverlutheran.org</u>. 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.

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 on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/.

NHELC Grief Share Group Begins January 17th

No matter what the circumstances, grief is a painful process. GriefShare is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Over 13 weeks, you'll find relief and comfort as you learn what to expect in the days ahead and how to navigate your personal grief process. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way. Topics include how to manage grief-related emotions such as loneliness, anxiety, sadness, anger, and regret; how to cope with the changes in your life and relationships; how to recognize what's normal in grief; and what to do if you feel stuck or hopeless.

At a weekly GriefShare meeting, you will view a video featuring respected counselors, teachers, and healthcare professionals on grief-related topics. After that is a small-group discussion for sharing, support, and personal application of what you learned on the video.

You will receive a book to take home filled with valuable exercises for navigating your personal grieving process. We ask for a \$20 registration fee to cover the cost of the book. Scholarships are available.

Join us on Wednesdays, beginning January 17^{th} from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. We will have off the week of March 7^{th} and conclude April 17^{th} . Any cancellations due to weather will be added at the end.

Feel free to contact Nikki Young at

<u>nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org</u> or by calling the church office (leave a message if Nikki is unavailable) or visit griefshare.org, if you have questions or would like more information. You can register here

https://www.griefshare.org/groups/180046/registrations/new or speak to Nikki.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Bill Lowry

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	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Tom Fleagle	Mary Alice Mack	Jeffrey Weems
Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck
Diane DeLong	Ally Musser & family	y

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Our ministry

After his baptism, Jesus began his ministry. He taught his friends how to love, pray, share, and care for people everywhere. How do you love, pray, share, and care for people?

Draw pictures of you doing your ministry below.

LOVE PRAY

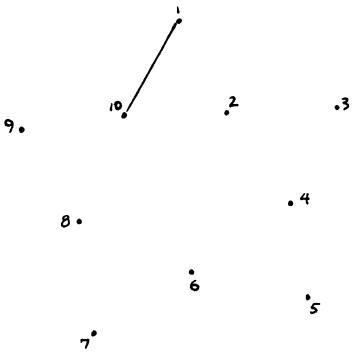
SHARE CARE

Thank you, God, for baptism splashes. Help me to help you care for all your children. Amen



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday in the season of Epiphany, which is sometimes called the season of light. It is also the day when we celebrate Jesus' baptism.



Connect the dots to discover one of the symbols of Epiphany. Then inside the symbol, draw a picture of the place where people are baptized in your church.

hear & celebrate

Splashed with the Spirit!

Mark 1:4-11

Read today's gospel story, using these pictures for the words.

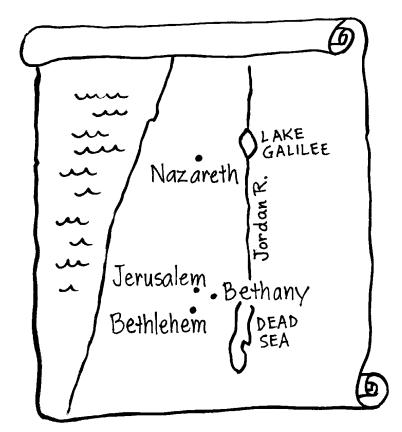


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this week

Celebrate baptism by playing with water.

Where in the world...



- 1. Find Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.
- 2. Find Nazareth, where Jesus grew up.
- 3. Find the Jordan River. Draw Jesus being baptized by John.
- 4. Draw God's Spirit in the shape of a dove coming to Jesus at his baptism.
- 5. Look at a map when you get home, and find the place where you were baptized.



¹ Read a book about baptism. *Water, Come Down* by Walter Wangerin, Jr. is a great one!

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters



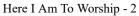
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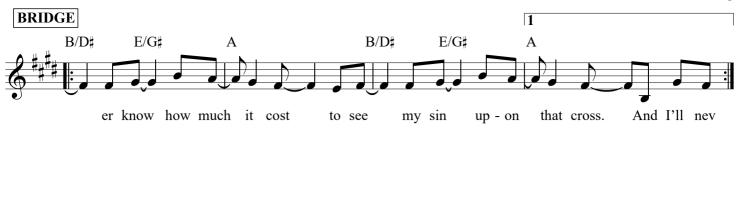
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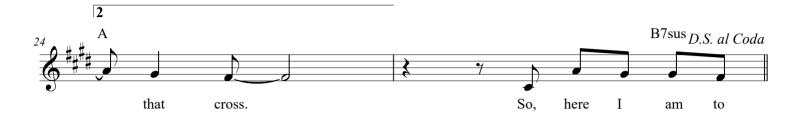
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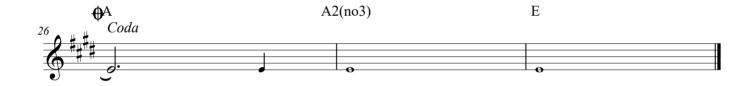


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