Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 4, 2024



Jesus cured many, who were sick

In Isaiah the one God who sits above the earth and numbers the stars also strengthens the powerless. So in Jesus' healing work we see the hand of the creator God, lifting up the sick woman to health and service (*diakonia*). Like Simon's mother-in-law, we are lifted up and healed to serve. Following Jesus, we strengthen the powerless; like Jesus, we seek to renew our own strength in quiet times of prayer.

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 Song Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW #858

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.

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.
Children's Message

Hayley Quigley

First Reading Isaiah 40:21-31 Stacey Rothermel A reading from the book of Isaiah

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

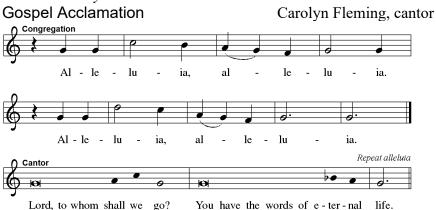
²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.



Gospel Mark 1:29-39

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³²That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." ³⁸He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message

there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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 Indescribable Grace Band

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea Creation's revealing Your majesty From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings All exclaiming

Chorus 1:

Indescribable, uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky And You know them by name You are amazing, God All powerful, untamable Awestruck we fall to our knees As we humbly proclaim You are amazing, God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night None can fathom

Chorus 2:

Indescribable, uncontainable You placed the stars in the sky And You know them by name You are amazing, God Incomparable, unchangeable You see the depths of my heart And You love me the same You are amazing, God Repeat Chorus 2

You see the depths of our heart And You love us the same. You are amazing, God.

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Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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 Days of Elijah 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 Love Grows Here Chancel Choir

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn God, Whose Almighty Word ELW#673

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

Postlude

Glorious Majesty

Lani Smith

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in appreciation of all the musical groups in our church. Thank you for blessing us with your gifts by Josephine Heck.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

Serving Today Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Bill Allen and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Stacey Rothermel; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley; Acolyte: Rae Bechtel; Communion Assistants: Barbara Repa and Debbie Solazzo

Serving Next Sunday Head Usher: Scott Geiser; Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Steve Weidner; Lector: Susan Swartz; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolyte: Ava Hubley

Altar Guild members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise.

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.

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

Staff Meeting – Monday, 10:00 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

RIC – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1 **Book Club** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Plaza Azteca

GriefShare – Wednesday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 33
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 – 9:00 PM, room 33 **Property** - Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 30

Gathering – Thursday, Noon – 3:00 PM, rooms 1 and 11 **Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15 **District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 33

Pinewood Derby Setup – Friday, 6:00 PM, room 1

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

Pinewood Derby – Saturday, room 1 **Scout Hoagie Sale** – Saturday, 10:30 – 11:00 PM, room 1

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, portico Congregational Meeting and Jazz Social – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, rooms 1 and 11

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.

Gathering - February 8th at Noon "Critical Information You (& Others) Need!" Have you received this call, "Your loved one's here in the hospital, bring their medication, insurance and medical directive information?" And if you are like most others, the answer is, "I don't know where to start looking." Well, we can help you. Join us on Thursday, February 8th, at Noon for the NHELC Gathering including a luncheon, time of fellowship, and a presentation by Jeffrey Karver, Boyd & Karver, Attorneys at Law. When you're getting your estate in order, there are many accounts, policies, documents, and other information to organize—and the list of to-dos can quickly become overwhelming. But we will provide you a planning checklist which will help you get organized. By placing all your most important information into a secure and accessible place will relieve a big burden on your family if anything should happen to you—and you can relax knowing that they're taken care of.

Join us and bring a desert to share if you can. The meal and beverages will be provided. Sign-up sheet in Welcome Center and online at newhanoverlutheran.org – Signups tab (open to all ages)

Upcoming Events

Jazz Service – Congregational Meeting – Congregational Dinner are scheduled for Sunday, February 11th. The festive day begins with the 9:00 AM Jazz Worship in the sanctuary with joyful live Jazz music. Immediately following is the annual congregational meeting and dinner in the fellowship hall. At the annual meeting, confirmed members will elect new council members, once again vote on accepting the revised constitution passed at our December Congregational Meeting (per ELCA Synodical law), and accept the annual report.

A congregational dinner will be held at approximately 11:15 AM in the Fellowship Hall in honor of the new members who joined in 2023, and recognizing those Council members whose term has ended. The dinner theme is Mardi Gras, the final celebration

before Lent begins. A Mardi Gras feast will be served by Chef Chris, and our fantastic Fellowship committee. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dessert to share, and join in the Spirit of the celebration as we will be entertained by more Jazz music. Dinner reservations can be made online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-47439843-congregational or complete a reservation form located on the desk in the welcome center. Reservations are due by Sunday, February 4th.

Join NHELC's Fantasy Baseball League. Participants enjoyed NHELC Fantasy Football league, so now NHELC is putting together a Yahoo Fantasy baseball league, "NHELC All Stars" for fun. It's a very simple setup, and rookies are welcome. Just use the link

https://baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/b1/23328/invitation?key=56529ca1f21f5596&ikey=5a2571f5125c787e&soc_src=app-sh

to get started. Baseball season is upon us! Any questions about the league, contact Patrick Lucas at patrick-lucas-nature at patrick-lucas-nature at <a href="patrick-lucas-nature at patrick-lucas-nature at <a href="patr

Time to order lilies for Easter. Order forms are available on the desk in the Welcome Center. Order forms, along with payment are due by March 3rd. Orders may be placed in the offering plate, dropped in the mail slot in the outside door leading into Fellowship Hall, or mail to the church.

The next Marriage Encounter will be held April $5^{th} - 7^{th}$ at the Heritage Hotel in Lancaster. This year's theme is "Learn How to Communicate with Your Spouse in a Whole New Way!" For details of this event and to apply, go to GodLovesMarriage.org. Any questions about this event, contact Larr and Denise Etzler at 814-389-2973. Pre-registration is required by March 3^{rd} .

Lenten Theme of Hope

With war and calamities surrounding our everyday news, one needs Hope. Hope that only can come from a God who loves and cherishes us above all. Hope that is grounded in the word of God and shared by the testimonies of fellow travelers on this journey in worship together, praise together and pray together. Join us each Sunday for a time to reflect on God's message of Hope and join us each Wednesday Evening for a time to center ourselves in prayer and worship. An evening of prayer as Jesus began, with a time of fellowship in breaking bread together.

Lenten Dinners

- 5:30 PM Wednesdays February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20 Soup, Sandwiches & Chef's choice
- **Lenten Worship Schedule**
- Ash Wednesday Worship February 14 @ 12:00 & 7:00 PM
- Midweek Lenten Worship Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary @ 6:30 PM – Wednesdays February 21, 28 & March 6, 13, 20
- Sunday Lenten Worship @ 9 AM February 18, 25 & March 3, 10, 17, 24

Holy Week Worship

- March 24 9:00 AM Palm Sunday Communion
- March 28 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Communion
- March 29 7:00 PM Good Friday
- March 31 9:00 AM Easter Worship Communion
 Easter morning brunch following worship

Resources

The Property Committee has some plywood shelving available for a donation. If interested, contact Jim Gross at 484-333-5162.

The First Aid for Grief workshop prepares Christians to be Good Samaritans during a tragic season of loss. We all need to be better educated, equipped and empowered to respond to people enduring a devastating loss, and to remain with them through their darkest days of grief. Join Randy Doaty, Christian grief educator, as he introduces his innovative philosophies and tools which have helped many others find a meaningful life following a devastating loss. We all love, we all lose, and we all grieve. Consider becoming a ready, willing, and able First Responder for Grief! Find out how you can by coming to the session at NHELC on Saturday, March 2nd, 10:00 AM – noon. To register, s signup sheet is on the desk in

the welcome center or signup online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-47583956-first.

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.orgNational Alliance on Mental Illnesswww.ddap.pa.govDepartment Drug and Alcohol Preventionwww.nimh.nih.orgNational Institute of Mental Health

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 steve-weidner@gmail.com.

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 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: Paid 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. Also, mowers are needed too. If interested, contact Norm Hunsberger at the contact information above.

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.

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/.

Meals help those in need Hi my name is Rachel, I am the female director and I live in one of the houses that you so kindly donate meals too. I cannot express enough how much gratitude I have for your meals, they really are helpful for when people come in with no money and no way to get their own food, we really appreciate it and the girls are all so grateful as well. These little things like a warm home cooked meal is really what makes feel at home.

Another note of appreciation

Hello Pastor Scott and Marsha!

My name is Devon and I am a resident at the 367 house on Chestnut street. Id like to say thank you on behalf of all of the girls in my house for the church food! I think it is so kind and thoughtful that you both think of us every week and provide such delicious food. When i came to Unity i did not have much money and was not able to afford food regularly. I soon realized that i didn't even need money for food because of the two huge trays that are in our fridge every week from the church! Everything is always delicious and I can speak for everyone in saying we greatly appreciate it! It is so nice to know that there are good and kind people in this world during this stage of early recovery. I know most of us are not used to such kindness. We are all very appreciative and grateful for you both. God is good! Thank you so very much!:)

Yours truly,

-The girls at the 367 house-

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, Tina

Farrell, Carol Buchholtz Yost

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Riley Krick and Mary Van Dyke

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

Katy Mahon-Miller Matt Hall Toni Rath Luann Hanley William Trotter Carol Estes Kathy Kane Maxwell Girard Pat Fryer Jean Renninger Betty Lou Shadle Pr. Kork Mover Julia Hauck Tony Mancini Raul Castro Amy LeVan Jeffrey Kunsch Wilma Lahr Bernadette Phillips Mary Lou Melissa Doug Weaver Joan Wagner Robert Ganovsky Dorothy Bingaman **Emily Ocelus** Eric & Wendy Hess Sue Care Deb Matthews Marceline Chris Fatzinger Anne Eshleman Daniel Johnson Kim Frain Hank Droneberg Pena family Jen Perez Frank D. Pam Helfrich Barb & Tom Faust Andy Van Dyke Janet Pam Abbott Holli Muffler Louise Karns Pr. Jennifer Phelps Denny Smith Jessica Trout Mabel Gaugler Verdie Smith Sandy Wesner Helen Foulke Carla Hausmann Joan Price Rodney Snell Bettv Seroski Ralph Borneman Lucille Powell Virginia Specht Tom Fleagle Mary Alice Mack Jeffrey Weems Joan Scheffey Arnold Amundsen Chuck Beck Diane DeLong Marlyn Bieleski Ally Musser & family Rich Freed Carol Sauder Susie Moyer Lee Wesner Joe

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Jesus prays—we can pray

The morning after Jesus healed an entire town of sick people, he went away by himself to pray to God. What do you think he prayed about? What do you pray about? When do you pray at home? At church?

Trace your hand in the space below and draw a picture of you praying, or write your own prayer inside of it.



Thank you, Jesus, for being with us when we're sick. Amen

This week

Send a note or a drawing to someone you know who is sick.





Welcome to worship. It's still the season of Epiphany and we are covered with the light of Jesus!

The words below describe two of the things Jesus does in today's gospel story. Use the letters of the words to make a cross. [Hint: Both words have an A in the middle.]

PRAYS HEALS



hear & celebrate

Jesus heals

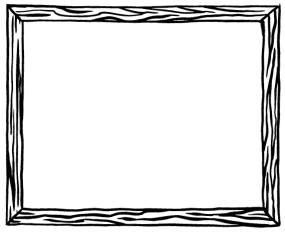
Mark 1:29-39

After a day of teaching in the Jewish meeting place, Jesus went home with Simon and Andrew for dinner. When they arrived, they found Simon's mother-in-law sick in bed with a fever. Jesus went to her, held her hand, and helped her stand. The fever left her and she was well! After dinner, a large crowd of sick people gathered outside Simon and Andrew's house. Jesus healed them.



Draw a large crowd of sick people outside the door of Simon's house.

Draw a picture of someone helping you when you're sick.



Mark's gospel

Many of the stories heard during this Epiphany season come from the gospel of Mark. Discover more about this book in the statements below. **Use the secret code at the bottom of the page to uncover the clues!**

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 $\underline{}_{5}$ $\underline{}_{3}$ $\underline{}_{15}$ $\underline{}_{14}$ $\underline{}_{4}$ book in the $\underline{}_{14}$ $\underline{}_{5}$ $\underline{}_{23}$ Testament.

What page does the gospel of Mark start on in your Bible? ____

Secret Code: 1 = A 2 = B 3 = C 4 = D 5 = E 6 = F 7 = G 8 = H 9 = I 10 = J 11 = K 12 = L 13 = M 14 = N 15 = O 16 = P 17 = Q 18 = R 19 = S 20 = T 21 = U 22 = V 23 = W 24 = X 25 = Y 26 = Z



Collect children's fever-reducing medicine and donate it to a homeless shelter.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



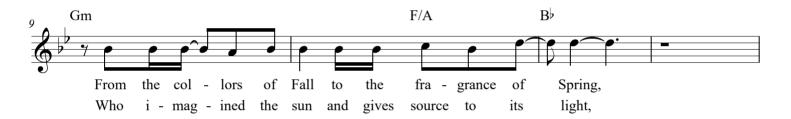
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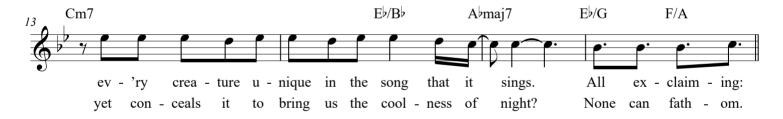
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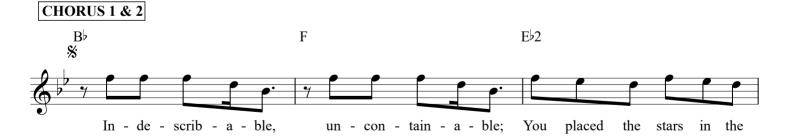
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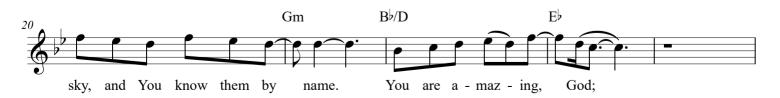


















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