

**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024



On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.

**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
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and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude

As the Deer

Handbell Choir

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Welcome

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW #310

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, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*

Grace Band

Chorus:

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Repeat from the beginning

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart soul mind and strength
We gladly choose You now

Chorus

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Pastor Scott

First Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

Barbara Noecker

A reading from the book of Genesis

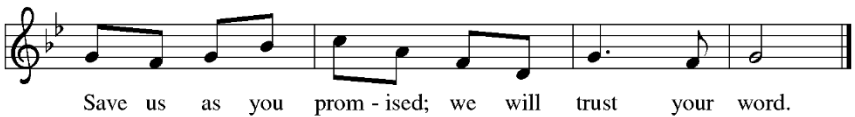
⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹"As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." ¹²God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a

sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Mark 1:9-15

The holy gospel according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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

Holy Spirit

Grace Band

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close
No thing can compare You're our living hope
Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord
Your Presence Lord

Repeat from beginning

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord
Your Presence
Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

Repeat

Holy Spirit You are welcome here
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere
Your glory God is what our hearts long for
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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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.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The people give a sign of peace to each other.

Please be seated.

Offertory

Reconciling in Christ Video

Choir Anthem *Behold the Savior of Mankind* Chancel Choir

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* ELW#504

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Celebration for Trumpet* Robert W. Thygerson

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Announcements

Today

The flowers are presented to the glory of God by Jeff and Sharon Wise.

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

Serving Today Head Usher: George Trowbridge; Usher: Brian

Flack; Lector: Barbara Noecker; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott; Acolyte: Madelyn Artim

Serving Wednesday Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Elfriede Ilik; acolyte: usher

Next Sunday Head Usher: Ron Fegley; Usher: Ryan Fegley; Lector: Ed Becker; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Ainsley Lucas

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.

New Hanover Family Learning Center A follow-up information session will be held **today** about this new ministry of starting a preschool with a daycare. This session will provide more details and allow for questions and answers. The session will be held following the worship service. Another information session is scheduled for this **Wednesday, February 21st, at 7:00 PM**, following the Lenten Evening Prayer service. Both information sessions will be held in Fellowship Hall.

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. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

Family Learning Center Information Session – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

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
Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 5:30 PM, rooms 1, 11
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32
Lenten Service of Prayer – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, sanctuary
Family Learning Center Information Session – Wednesday,
 7:00 AM, room 1
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, rm 15
Cub Pack Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33
Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
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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Upcoming Events

You can be a First Responder for Grief 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 NHELCC on **Saturday, March 2nd, 10:00 AM – noon**. To register, look for the signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center or signup online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-47583956-first>. Any questions, contact Rosalie Lisa at 610-416-8193.

Join NHELCC's Fantasy Baseball League. Participants enjoyed NHELCC Fantasy Football league, so now NHELCC is putting

together a Yahoo Fantasy Baseball League, “NHEL C All Stars” for fun. It’s a very simple setup, and rookies are welcome. Baseball season is upon us! To get started, just use the link https://baseball.fantasysports.yahoo.com/b1/23328/invitation?key=56529ca1f21f5596&ikey=5a2571f5125c787e&soc_src=app-sh. Any questions about the league, contact Patrick Lucas at pat52376@yahoo.com, or messaged Pat in the NHEL C player’s fantasy football league through Sleeper (BirdBrainz).

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.

Reconciling in Christ update: The core team would like to thank everyone who’s participated so far in one-to-one discussions around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church. The feedback and views of the congregation during these individual discussions are a critical part of the journey to understanding if God is calling our church to be welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse. If you wish to participate by becoming a core member or by participating in a one-to-one discussion, contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

You can help make the new pictorial directory a success! If you haven’t provided your current contact information and family photo, contact Nance White at 610-741-7977 or Nance2237@yahoo.com ASAP. The committee appreciates all the support they receive from the congregation.

The next Marriage Encounter will be held April 5th – 7th 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 3rd.

Resources

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

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/>

“Once Upon a Prom” will be again hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman’s Club on March 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th from noon to 4:00 PM. Any junior or senior high school girl in need of a special occasion dress is welcome to come browse our collection of over 800 dresses, in all sizes, plus accessories. This event is held at the Boyertown YMCA NOW located at 301 West Spring Street in Boyertown. All girls are invited to take a dress or two home for a small donation which benefits our local community. For questions, or to donate dresses/accessories, contact Anita Zuber at 610-367-0686 or Judy Leister at 610-858-6796.

You Can Help

Readers are needed for the Good Friday service on March 29th. If you would like to read, sign up on the sheet provided at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center.

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 stieven.weidner@gmail.com.

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? 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! NHELCS'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. I'd 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, Mary Van Dyke and Carol Sauder

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, Danny Foust

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
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Jessica Trout	Denny Smith
Verdie Smith	Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner

Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
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
Rich Freed	Marlyn Bieleski	Susie Moyer
Joe	Lee Wesner	Joe
Charla & Herbert Vandegrift		

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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

- 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

Devotionals are available in the Welcome Center, information box outside in portico and online



“As the Deer”

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

Psalm 42:1-2

This is the message depicted on the green pulpit hanging used during Epiphany and the time after Pentecost. This Lenten season, may we long for God and thirst for his presence as a deer longs for water in a dry and thirsty land. May we seek after God and desire to know Him more deeply.

Send

Forty...

Forty days is a long time, and God is with us during all of our “long times.” During the great flood, it rained for 40 days, and God was with Noah and his family. Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days, and God was always with him. Lent is 40 days long, and God is always with us.

Circle the pictures that show something you might like to try doing each of the 40 long days of Lent, then draw some of your own ideas in the blank circles.

This week

Look at the globe each day and say a prayer for people in a far-away place.



Thank you, God, for being with me during my “long times.” Amen

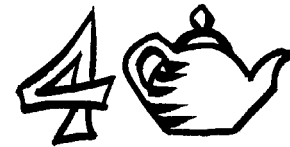
Kids Celebrate

First Sunday in Lent

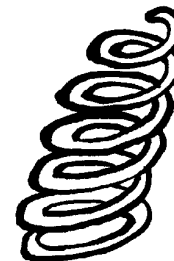
gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the first Sunday during the season of Lent, the season that goes from now until Easter. Let's discover a few things about this season. Use the clues to uncover some facts about Lent...

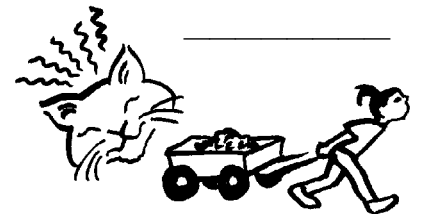
HOW MANY DAYS ARE THERE IN LENT? _____



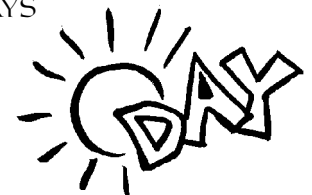
WHAT DOES THE WORD LENT MEAN?



WHAT COLOR IS USED IN THE WORSHIP SPACE?



WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS NOT COUNTED AS PART OF THE 40 DAYS OF LENT?



Tempted and cared for

Mark 1:9-15

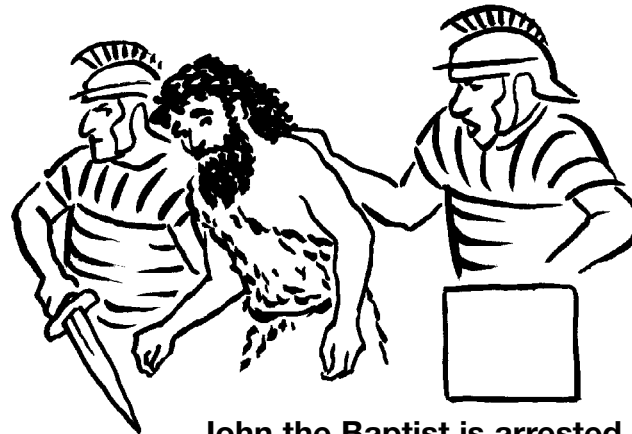
These pictures show five things that happened as Jesus was starting his ministry. Can you number them in the order they happened? (Today's gospel tells about all of them.)

**"You are my Son, the Beloved;
with you I am well pleased."**



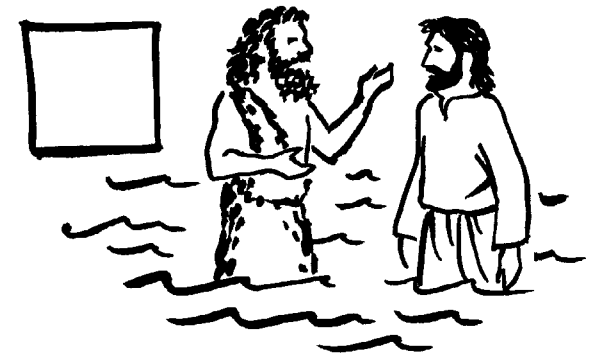
Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness.

"God's kingdom is coming soon!"



John the Baptist is arrested.

John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan.



Questions and Wonderings

(Think about these, even though no one knows the answers to all of them!)

Why were there angels in the wilderness with Jesus?

Why was John the Baptist arrested?

What does it feel like to be baptized in a river?



Plant grass seed in a bowl and watch it grow during these Lenten days.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

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Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Words and Music by
Brian Doerksen

CHORUS

♩ = 98

D Dsus D A

Come, now is the time to wor - ship. Come,

6 Em G D

now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to wor-

11 Dsus D A Em G *Last time to Coda* Φ

ship. Come, just as you are be - fore your God.

VERSE

17 D G D

Come. 1. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con - fess You are God.
2. Will ing - ly we choose to sur - ren - der our lives,

21 G D G

One day ev - 'ry knee will bow. Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains
will - ing - ly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind

24 Bm G A 1 2 *D.C. al Coda*

for those who glad - ly choose You now.
and strength, we glad - ly choose You now.

29 *Coda*

D

Come.

ENDING

30

D

Come. Come, just as you are,

35

come. Come.

Holy Spirit

(based on the recording by Bryan & Katie Torwalt)

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INTRO

♩ = 72
A5 Dmaj7

VERSE 1

A5 Dmaj7

1. There's noth - ing worth more that will ev - er come close. No thing can com - pare;

8 A5 Dmaj7

You're our liv - ing hope. Your Pres - ence.

VERSE 2

A5

12

2. I've tast - ed and seen of the sweet - est of loves,

15 Dmaj7 A5

where my heart be - comes free and my shame is un - done, in Your Pres - ence,

CHORUS 1a

Dmaj7 A Dmaj9

19

Lord. Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come here; Come flood this place and fill the

24 **Bm7** **A** **Dmaj9**

at - mos - phere; Your glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your

INTERLUDE 1

28 **Bm7** **A** **Dmaj7** **Bm7**

Pres - ence, Lord. Your Pres - ence, Lord.

INTERLUDE 2

33 **Bm7** **Bm7** **A** **Dmaj7**

Pres - ence, Lord. Pres - ence, Lord. Your Pres - ence, Lord.

38 **Bm7** **A** **Dmaj7** **Bm7**

Your Pres - ence, oh God, how we love Your Pres - ence, Lord.

BRIDGE 1a

A5

Let us be - come more a - ware of Your Pres - ence; Let us ex - per - i - ence the glo -

BRIDGE 1b

46 **Dmaj7** **A/C#** **Bm7** **A/C#**

ry of Your good - ness. Let us be - come more a - ware of Your Pres - ence;

Dmaj7 **A/C#** **Bm7** **A/C#** **Dmaj7**
Play 3 times

49

Let us ex - per - i - ence the glo - ry of Your good - ness. Lord.

CHORUS 1b

A Dmaj9 Bm7

Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come here; Come flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; Your

57 A Dmaj9 Bm7

glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your Pres - ence, Lord. _____

61 A5

A5

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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