

Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024



The fourth of the Old Testament promises providing a baptismal lens this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look on the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. When we receive the sign of the cross in baptism, that cross becomes the sign we can look to in faith for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

**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 *Give to Our God Immortal Praise!* ELW #848

Call to Worship

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

Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, 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

Everlasting God

Grace Band

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus:

Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus:

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat from the beginning

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Children's Choir *I Will Give My Heart to the Lord*

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Children's Message

Donna Kehs

First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

Donna Kehs

A reading from the book of Numbers

⁴From Mount Hor [the Israelites] set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking

against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.” ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Gospel

John 3:14-21

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁴“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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 *How Sweet the Sound*

Grace Band

Yea though I walk through the valley
I know that You are always right beside me
And I will fear no evil
You're my rock and my strength
You comfort me

Chorus:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
I hear You singing over me
I once was lost but now I'm found
And it's a beautiful
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
It covers every part of me
My soul is silent I am found
And it's a beautiful sound
It's a beautiful beautiful sound

Carry me through the waters
Where Your peace clears away all my sorrow
And nothing can separate us from Your love
Oh Your love it will always be

Chorus

Bridge (2x):

You were healing in the pain. You were shelter in the storm
Oh my Jesus, You restore my soul

Chorus

Ending:

It's a beautiful beautiful sound. It's a beautiful beautiful sound

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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

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people give a sign of peace to each other.

Please be seated.

Offertory

Elks Lodge #814 Donation Presentation

Wendy Schiavo and Jullynn Keilman

Choir Anthem

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Chancel Choir

Nancy Mest, flute

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” by Hal Hopson. © 2008 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP).

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *O God of Mercy, God of Light*

ELW#714

vs. 1-4

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Voluntary on “Engelberg”

Lloyd Larson

Tune by Charles V. Stanford

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Announcements

Today

We welcome the Elks to our worship service this morning. Thank you for your donation and support for the Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God by Jim and Nancy Gross.

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

Serving Today Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Jim Dugan; Lector: Donna Kehs; Children's Message: Donna Kehs; Acolyte: Landon Woods

Serving Wednesday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel; Usher: Stacey Rothermel; acolyte: usher

Next Sunday Head Usher: Jeff Wise; Usher: Rick Solazzo; Lector: Nance White; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Faye Weidner

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

The Nursery room 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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, rooms 26, 27, 30 and 33

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

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

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 and 11

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32

Lenten Service of Prayer – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, sanctuary

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, rm 15

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, sanctuary

Family Learning Center with Property – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 30

Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, 4:00 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1 and 11

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 8:00 AM, 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

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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 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

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.

NHELC's Annual Spaghetti Dinner is this Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. This all-you-can-eat dinner includes spaghetti with homemade meatballs and sauce, homemade bread, salad, drink, Pizzelle and ice cream. BYOB. Adults – \$14.00, Seniors – \$11.00, children ages 7 -12 years-old – \$7.00 and children 6 years-old and younger – free. Meals are available for dine in or take out.

Upcoming Events

Flutter Youth Group is going ice skating at Center Ice in Oaks on Friday, March 22nd, from 7:30 – 9:30 PM (\$10 admission, \$5 skate rental). Meet at church at 7:00 to carpool there. Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome to come! Bring a friend! Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer or Jen Boyer with any questions.

Garden of Hope Planting – Come out for this year's first planting in the garden on Saturday, March 23rd, at 9:00 AM. Hope you can join us! Reach out to Donna Kehs if you have any questions.

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. 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 NHELC player's fantasy football league through Sleeper (BirdBrainz).

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards. You are invited to join in the discussion of this book on **Tuesday, April 2nd**, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

The 2024 Council Installation will be held next Sunday, March 17th, during the worship service.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30th, 10 AM This event will include the egg hunt, a story and craft and games. If you would like to help with a game or to read a story, contact Nikki

Young at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org or 610-326-1335. Youth help is appreciated! Following the activities, we will have a light lunch of hotdogs, snacks and drinks. This event will be held rain or shine – outdoors, weather permitting, or moved inside if needed.

Will you donate candy? Candy donations are needed to fill the eggs for the egg hunt. Candy must be smaller and individually wrapped. If you would prefer, cash donations are accepted too. A collection bin for the candy will be in the Welcome Center or see Nikki Young with your donations.

Celebrate everybody’s birthday party Sunday, April 14th, 2 – 4 PM in Fellowship Hall Join your church family to celebrate everyone’s birthday. We will play games, have cake and ice cream and assemble birthday bags. The decorated bags will be distributed to the children of the families who are served by the Pottstown Cluster food pantry. Attendees are asked to bring any of the following items to be placed in the bags: cake mixes, frosting, birthday candles, **small** packs of birthday plates and napkins (only **unisex** plates and napkins, please). This is a Thrivent Action Team event. You will be able to sign up online on the Sign-Up Genius or on the sheet in the welcome center.

2024 Scuba Kids Camp June 17th – 21st, 9 AM – Noon This year for Kids Camp we are going to dive into friendship with God. Signups are now open for NHELCC’s 2024 Scuba Kids Camp. Kids will sing and dance, do crafts, hear stories, have snacks and play games! Adult and youth helpers are needed to make this camp a success. Campers should be Pre-K – Rising 5th graders. Rising 6th graders and up can be Junior Counselors. You may sign up at vbspro.events/p/8afc23 or go to the information desk in the Welcome Center for blank sign-up forms.

Get ready... for a celebration! Most church congregations in America can’t claim to be around anywhere close to three hundred years, but here at New Hanover we are about to observe *three hundred twenty-five* years of worship. However, to be ready for that celebration we need volunteers – for the Observance Committee and the Historical Research and Archives Committee,

which were the teams that prepared and directed the three hundredth in the year 2000. And, we can't delay. It starts even before the beginning of 2025. We need to plan for anniversary related events and special services. For example, those of us who were around here in 2000 should recall that our committee put out a special publication titled, "Moments in Time." We are planning to publish a new edition of that, with some updates and new topics. If you're interested in working with all these preparations, contact Lee Wesner at 215-806-1807, or slwesner@comcast.net. We are beginning to have meetings now! **Don't miss out!**

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.

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**” is hosted by the Boyertown Junior Woman’s Club this afternoon 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 during this service, sign up on the sheet provided at the Information Desk in the Welcome Center.

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! NHELHC'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

Dear Hanover Lutheran,

Thank you so much for your kindness with helping us with Sunday Meals. You have no idea how much it has meant to us. He's been on disability since 2009 and I lost my job 2010 and caregivers for 13 years.

We might be calling on your Lord's work again. Ron has to have 2 more surgeries (shoulder & thumb). GOD BLESS YOU! And thanks again.

Friends in Christ

Ron and Sandy

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Hilda Knauer

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

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Charla Vandegrift | Herbert Vandegrift | Casey Flack |

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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, March 13, 20
- Soup, Sandwiches & Chef's Choice

Lenten Worship Schedule

- Midweek Lenten Worship – Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary @ 6:30 PM – Wednesdays, March 13, 20
- Sunday Lenten Worship @ 9 AM – March 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

Gathering News

The Gathering Event for Critical Information Checklist was a huge success. As usual the food was excellent, the fellowship great, and the presenters gave all valuable information. We had 60 people gathered to receive a manual where one or a loved one can find information in a critical moment of health or a catastrophic event. Attorneys Jeffrey Karver and Jamie Ottaviano gave valuable information on wills, advanced health directives, power attorney, and trust laws.

If you would like a copy of the information or for future events, contact Pastor Scott. We look forward to seeing you at our future events. Check out the schedule here or at newhanoverlutheran.org.

NHELC Gatherings – Future Events

Organizing and Downsizing April 11th at Noon to 3 PM

Key Note Speakers Paula Mayewski, streamline specialist, M.Ed. Counselor Education and Emily Mayewski, streamline specialist/designer, AS in Interior Design, BS in Human Development

<https://homestreamspace.com/about-us/>

Lunch (free will offering), fellowship & ideas to help you and your loved ones!

Please bring a desert to share

Childrens Mission Project June 13th at Noon to 3 PM

A mission project to create pillow casings and blankets for children with cancer and those in disaster relief shelters.

Lunch (free will offering), Fellowship & Mission project to help children

Please bring a desert to share

We are looking for ideas for information and projects in the fall.
Contact Pastor Scott at 610 326 1335 or psstaub@gmail.com.

Now You Can Donate Using a QR Code

NHELCC offers a new electronic giving method (in addition to the current Simply Giving platform) that allows users to give via ACH and Credit/Debit Cards without the need to maintain a Tithe.ly account. Simply point your smartphone camera at the QR code and follow the link. Select the fund you want to donate to, fill out your payment info, and you're done! It's that easy! Use Tithe.ly when grabbing some food on a Sunday morning from Chef Chris or pay for your Picnic Grove Spaghetti Dinner reservations electronically!

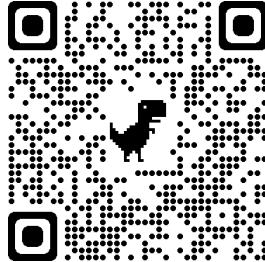
For Simply Giving users, there's no need to change to Tithe.ly. Simply Giving **is not** going away. Using Tithe.ly provides a more streamlined giving platform for "spot" donations (although recurring giving is supported).

For your convenience, QR codes for Tithe.ly and Simply Giving are below.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



Send

Loving the world ♡

We can help spread Jesus' love all around the world by caring for other people. Circle some of the ways you care for others.



Thank you, God, for loving us so much. Amen

This week

Practice loving others by collecting boxes of macaroni and cheese for the food shelf.

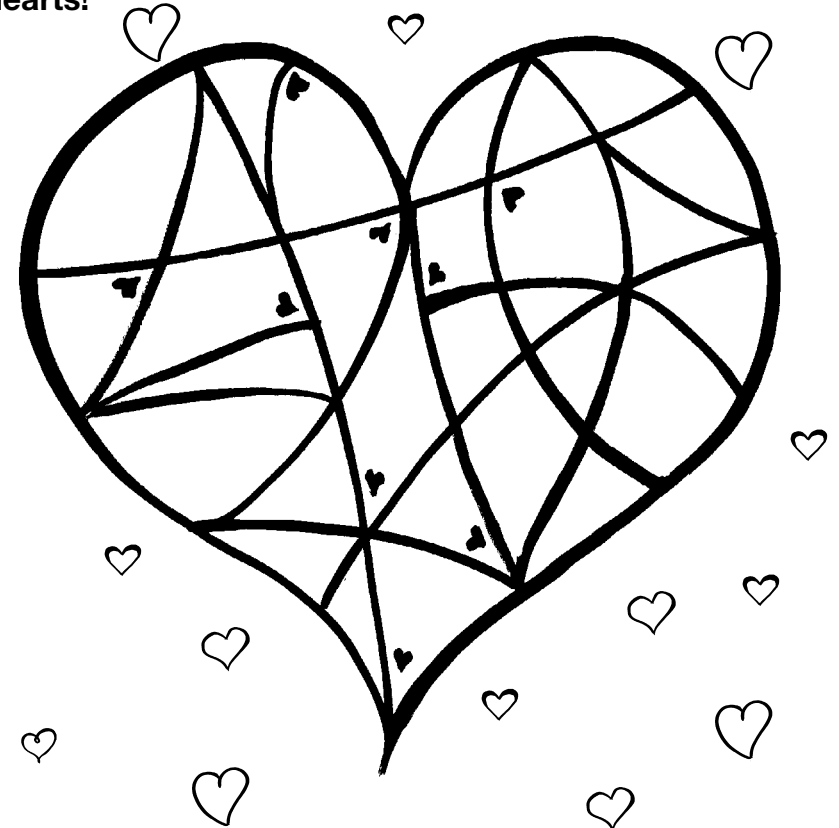
Kids Celebrate

Fourth Sunday in Lent

gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fourth Sunday in Lent and we are reminded again of God's amazing love.

Color all the little hearts below and find a symbol of God's love for us, then search this bulletin for 40 hearts!





Famous words

John 3:14-21

Jesus was talking with a religious man named Nicodemus when he spoke some of the most famous words in the Bible. What did Jesus say?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3:16 ♡




Find and circle Jesus’ famous words, in order, in the puzzle below.





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KOHISXOENLIWONLYDKLEISON ♡TT
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LSKEBELIEVESWOIEOPINDHIMWOP
EOROWEMAYNOTOEPWLPERISHDKBU
LD ♡BUTSLKDLEISLKEKKAMAYD ♡LP
TYHAVEELSESLDKWEBETERNALLIFE
WOE ♡IJOHNTHREESIXTEENYTOPWO

Getting the word out—today!

Jesus spoke his famous words a long time ago, in a different language. What if he visited your congregation today—what might his famous words sound like? ♡

Use the code below and read John 3:16 in a language that’s a little easier to understand.

CODE:  = world  = everyone  = Jesus ♡ = loved

God ♡ the  so much,
that God gave us .
 who believes in 
will not die, but will live
forever. John 3:16.



Try this: Look for John 3:16 in your Bible at home. Underline it with a pencil.

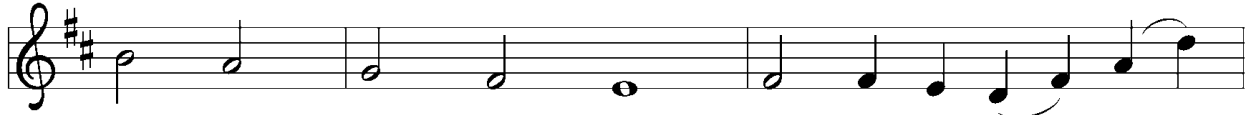


Who was the first person to tell you about God? Share these stories at home. ♡

Give to Our God Immortal Praise!



1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of



truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er



God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793. Text and music are in public domain.

24 B \flat B \flat /D E \flat

You're the de - fend - er of the weak, You com - fort those in need.

INSTRUMENTAL

28 Gm E \flat 1 2 B \flat

You lift us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

PRE-CHORUS

34 B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /D E \flat

Our God, You reign

40 F Gm F B \flat /D E \flat B \flat /D E \flat F Gm

for - ev - er. Our Hope, our strong De - liv - - -

CHORUS

45 F B \flat B \flat /D E \flat

'rer. You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev - er - last - ing God,

50 Gm E \flat B \flat

You do not faint, You won't grow wea - ry. You're the de - fend -

55 B \flat /D E \flat Gm

er of the weak, You com - fort those in need. You lift us up on

60 E \flat 1 2 B \flat

wings like ea - gles. ea - gles. —

How Sweet The Sound

Words and Music by
Ben Calhoun and Josh Calhoun

$\text{♩} = 76$ $F\#m7$ $D2(\text{no}3)$ A $F\#m7$ $D2(\text{no}3)$



1. Yea, though I walk through the val - ley, I know that You are al - ways

A $Esus$ $F\#m7$ $D2(\text{no}3)$ A $Bm7$



right be - side me, and I will fear no e - vil. You're my rock and my strength; You com -

$Esus$ D A E $F\#m$ E



fort me. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound I hear You sing - ing o - ver me.

D A E D $F\#m$



I once was lost but now I'm found, and it's beau - ti - ful. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound;

E Bm D E



It cov - ers ev - 'ry part of me. My soul is si - lent, I am found, and it's a beau - ti - ful

D A E $F\#m$ E D A E



sound. It's a beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful sound.

$N.C.$ A $F\#m$ D A E



2. Car ry me through the wa - ters where Your peace clears a - way all my sor - row. And

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25 F#m D A Bm E *D.S. al Coda*

noth - ing can sep - a - rate us from Your love, oh Your love, it will al - ways be.

29 *Coda* D A E Bm F#m A E

sound. You were heal - ing in the pain; You were shel - ter in the storm. Hal - le -

33 1 2 D A E D A E

lu - jah, You re - store my soul. You were lu - jah, You re - store my soul.

37 D A E F#m E

A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound I hear You sing - ing o - ver me.

39 D A E D F#m

I once was lost but now I'm found. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound;

42 E Bm D E

It cov - ers ev - 'ry part of me. My soul is si - lent, I am found, and it's a beau - ti - ful

45 D A E F#m E D A

sound. A beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful sound.

48 E D A E F#m E

A beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful sound. A beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful

51 D A E

sound.

O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

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