

Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

*If a grain of
wheat dies,*



it bears much fruit.

John 12:24

God promises Jeremiah that a “new covenant” will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God’s heart through Christ and draws God’s love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God’s love with all the 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
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

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

Prelude *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow* Handbells
Jason Wood, timpanist

This hymn (ELW #327) provides a contemplative moment during the Lenten season. The world is often pictured as a place of night or darkness with doubt and sorrow. By the light of Christ, Christians march towards the promised land. What helps us to press onward is the cross and its message of salvation. We look forward to the great awaking when the final victory shall be ours. Christians need the encouragement of God's blessings as we march "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow."

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Welcome

Please rise as you are able.

**Gathering Hymn *Lift High the Cross* ELW #660
Handbell Accompaniment**

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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, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Grace Band

Chorus (sing 2x):

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Repeat from beginning

Bridge (sing 2x):

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

Ending:

I want to see You

I want to see You

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Carolyn Springer

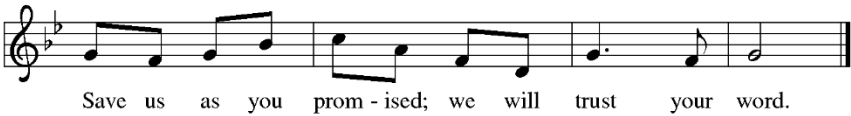
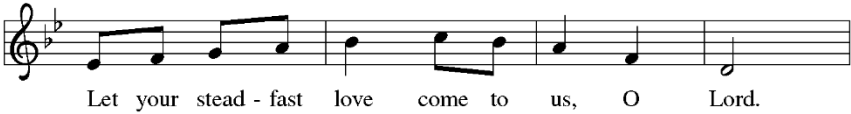
A reading from the book of Jeremiah

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 12:20-33

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

²⁷“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 *Lord I Lift Your Name on High* Grace Band

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

Repeat from beginning

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Please be seated.

Installation of Members to Church Council

Monique Becker, Marty Hauser and Yvonne Peto have been elected to Church Council. Also serving their remaining terms as Church Council members are: Edward Becker, Steve Eisenhart, Scott Geiser, Jim Gross, Todd Rothermel, Nance White and Jeff Wise. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that they will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to a position of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be an example of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your siblings in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been appointed?

If so, answer I will, and I ask God to help me.

(The assembly stands. Church Council members face the assembly.)

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support Edward, Monique, Steve, Scott, Jim, Marty,

Yvonne, Todd, Nance and Jim and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

I now declare to you installed as council members of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

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

Choir Anthem

Londonderry Air

Chancel Choir

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Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn

Canticle of the Turning

ELW#723

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Ludwig von Beethoven

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Announcements

Today

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor and thanksgiving of the Rejoicing Spirits worship and all who are and have been involved by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

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

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

Serving Wednesday Head Usher: Ed Becker; Usher: Faye Weidner; acolyte: usher

Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel; Ushers: Stacey

Rothermel and Brian Flack; Lector: Harry White; Children's Sermon: Nikki Young; Acolytes: Hannah Waltermeyer and Carolyn Fleming; Communion Assistants: Nikki Young and Leslie Gates

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

The 2024 Council Installation will be held this morning during the worship service. New council members include Monique Becker, Marty Hauser and Yvonne Peto. Also serving their remaining terms as Church Council members are: Edward Becker, Steve Eisenhart, Scott Geiser, Jim Gross, Todd Rothermel, Nance White and Jeff Wise.

Rejoicing Spirits worship service This ministry supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, providing a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. All are welcome. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

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 are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Calendar

Bell Choir Rehearsal – Today, 8:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

Staff – Monday, 9:15 AM, room 15

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

Reconciling in Christ – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 30

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

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

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

Cub Pack Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 33

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

Council – Thursday, 7:00 PM, room 33

Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

Garden of Hope Planting – Saturday, 9:00 AM

Palm Sunday 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

Intergenerational Event – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

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

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

The Reconciling in Christ meeting was rescheduled to this Monday, March 18th, at 7:00 PM.

Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, March 20th

5:30 PM – **Lenten dinner**

6:30 PM – **Holden Evening Prayer**

Sunday, March 27th

9:00 AM – **Palm Sunday** service with communion

10:15 AM – **Intergenerational event**

Thursday, March 28th

7:00 PM – **Maundy Thursday** service with communion

Friday, March 29th

7:00 PM – **Good Friday** service

Saturday, March 30th

10:00 AM – **Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, March 31st

9:00 AM – **Easter** service with communion

10:15 AM – Easter **brunch**

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

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 NHELCS’s Fantasy Baseball League. Participants enjoyed NHELCS Fantasy Football league, so now NHELCS is putting together a Yahoo Fantasy Baseball League, “NHELCS 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 NHELCS player’s fantasy football league through Sleeper (BirdBrainz).

The NHELCS 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.

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 on 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 NHELK'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.

A bus trip to the Sight & Sound Theater to see "Daniel" will leave the church parking lot on Wednesday, April 24th, at 8:30 AM. The New Hanover Area AARP is hosting this trip and you are invited to join them. The cost is \$160. For more information and to make your reservation, contact Carol Griffith at 484-363-7376.

Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Spring Concert to be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, with a **New Time** of 2 PM located at Boyertown Middle School West in the Donald J. Kuszyk

Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the door. We hope you can attend.

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/>

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 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! 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

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 Vandegrift	Herbert Vandegrift	Casey Flack

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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.

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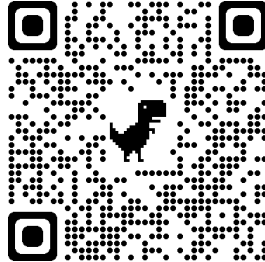
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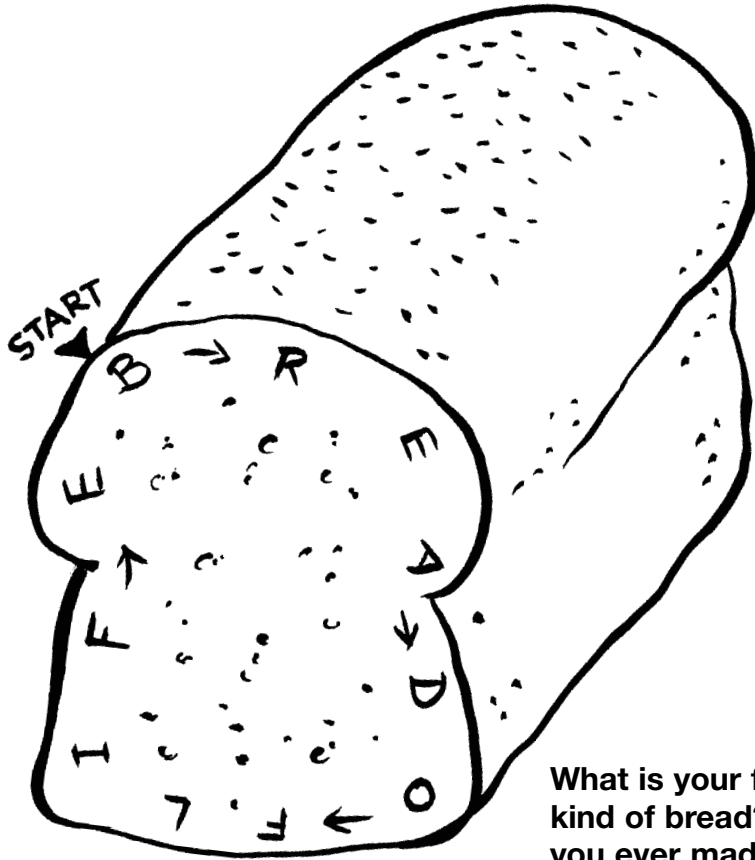


Simply Giving QR Code



Living bread

Wheat seeds grow into grains of wheat, which can be ground into flour to make bread. Follow the letters around the loaf of bread and discover another name for Jesus. Why do you think he is called this?



What is your favorite kind of bread? Have you ever made bread for yourself or anyone else?

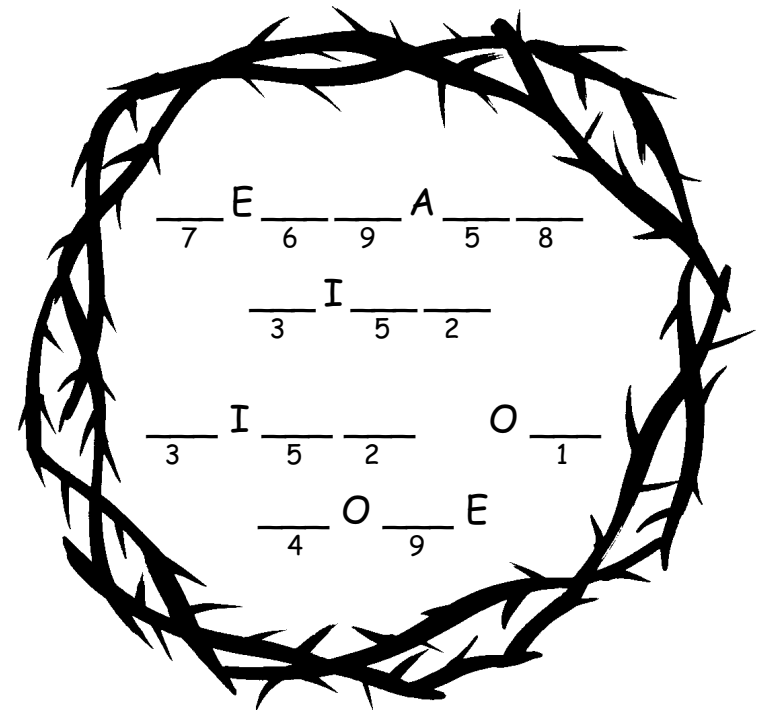
This week

Help make a loaf of bread (corn bread is easy) and bring it to a neighbor.

gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the fifth Sunday in Lent and the color on the altar is still purple. Purple is the color of kings and it reminds us that Jesus is our king. But what kind of a king is Jesus, whose crown was made of thorns?

Solve the puzzle below and find out!

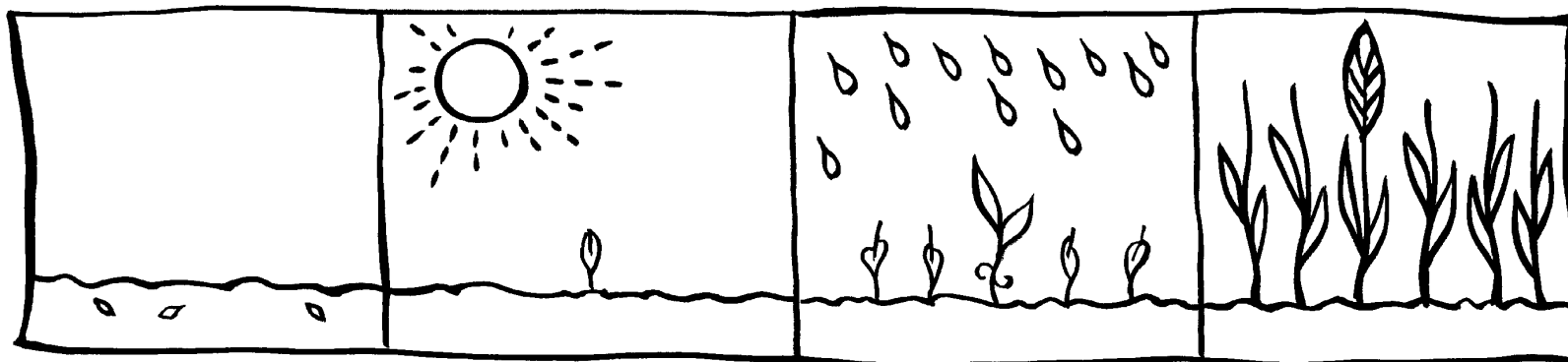


1=F 2=G 3=K 4=L 5=N 6=R 7=S 8=T 9=V

Planting seeds

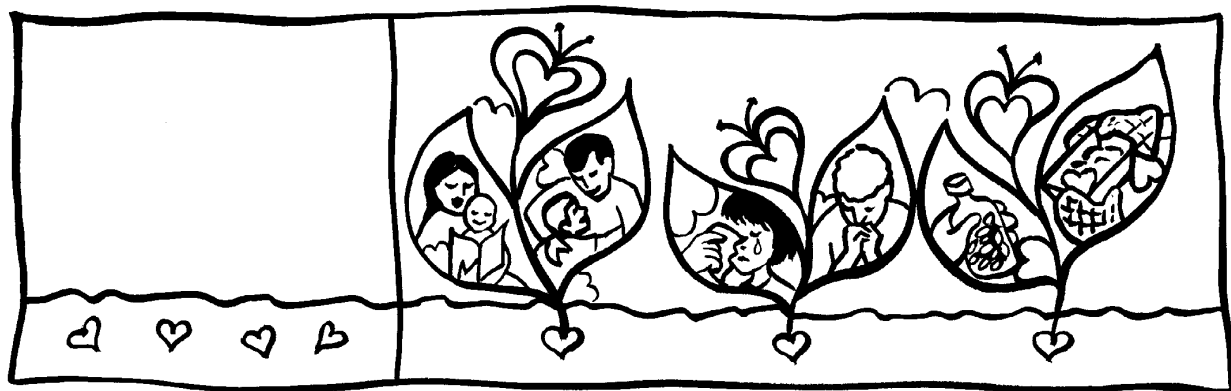
John 12:20-33

Jesus was in Jerusalem for the celebration of Passover. While he was there he talked a little bit about planting seeds. Jesus said, “A seed of wheat that falls on the ground will never be more than one grain of wheat unless it dies. But if it dies, it will produce lots of wheat.” [John 12:24]



Add more seeds to panel 1, add sprouts to the seeds in panel 2, add leaves to the sprouts in panel 3, and add heads of grain to the plants in panel 4.

Seeds of Love



I wonder how Jesus' love is like a grain of wheat?

Color all the ways Jesus' love has grown, then search for 10 hidden hearts.



Thank you, God, for seeds, wheat and bread. Help us plant love seeds in our neighborhoods. Amen



Look closely at the hangings on the altar or banners in the church. What symbols are on them during this Lenten season?

Lift High the Cross



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



- 1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
- 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
- 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
- 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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Open The Eyes Of My Heart

(as published by Integrity Music)

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

CHORUS

♩ = 112

E5 B/D#

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; I want to

5 A2/C# A2 Esus E Esus

see You, I want to see You. To see You

VERSE

B C#m A2 Bsus

high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry.

14 B C#m F#m11 Bsus D.C.

Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

BRIDGE

19 E5 B/D#

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly;

24 A2/C# A2 Esus E Esus Esus E

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see You. see You. _____

repeat as desired

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Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Words and Music by
Rick Founds

VERSE

♩ = 86 G C/G D/G C/G G C/G

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your

4 D/G C/G G C/G D/G C/G G C/G

prais - es. I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to

CHORUS

8 D Dsus D C G C D C/D G C

save us. You came from heav - en to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross

12 D C G C D Em7

my debt to pay; From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;

15 Am7 D G

Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



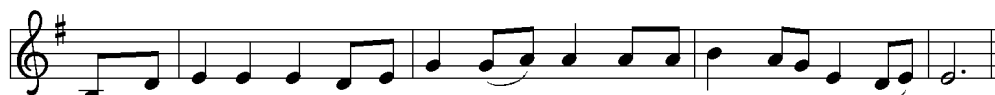
weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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