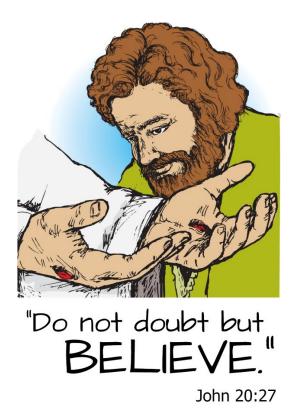
Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024



The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor Steve Eisenhart, supply organist Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

All worship can be viewed online at newhanoverlutheran.org facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch and on YouTube.

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

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise as you are able.Gathering HymnNow the Green Blade RisesE

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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.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Centering SongForever ReignGrace BandYou are good, You are goodWhen there's nothing good in meYou are love, You are love

On display for all to see You are light, You are light When the darkness closes in You are hope, You are hope You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace When my fear is crippling You are true, You are true Even in my wandering You are joy, You are joy You're the reason that I sing You are life, You are life In You death has lost its sting

Chorus:

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms I'm running to Your arms The riches of Your love will always be enough Nothing compares to Your embrace Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more Than my words will ever say You are Lord, You are Lord All creation will proclaim You are here, You are here In Your presence I'm made whole You are God, You are God Of all else I'm letting go

Chorus 2x

Bridge (sing 2x): My heart will sing No other Name Jesus, Jesus

Chorus 2x

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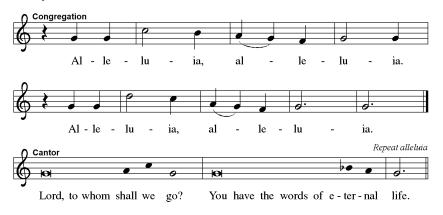
Brenda Hunsberger

First ReadingActs 4:32-35A reading from the book of Acts

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.
³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.
³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

to each as any had need. Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able. Gospel Acclamation



¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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 DayStrongerThere is Love that came for usHumbled to a sinner's crossYou broke my shame and sinfulnessYou rose again victorious

Grace Band

Faithfulness none can deny Through the storm and through the fire There is truth that sets me free Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus: You are stronger You are stronger Sin is broken You have saved me It is written Christ is risen Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end You're my hope and my defense You came to seek and save the lost You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus 2x

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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 God of grace, hear our prayer.

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

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.Sending HymnThine Is the Glory

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

Postlude

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Steve Eisenhart, who is serving as the guest organist this morning.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their children, daughter-in-law, son-in-law and grandchildren by Ron and Lynn Fegley.

Additional communion sponsorship is presented to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Buddie Wolfe, by his wife, Nancy Wolfe.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the youth in their church family by Steve and Faye Weidner.

Serving Today Head Usher: Ron Fegley; Usher: Ryan Fegley; Lector: Leslie Gates; Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley; Acolyte: Miller Quigley

Next Sunday Head Usher: Barbara Repa; Usher: Yvonne Peto; Lector: Sue Care; Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley; Acolyte: Tom McHugh

Altar Guild members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan.

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

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 – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 30 Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 1 Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, offsite Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 32 Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, rm 15 Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 33

NHELC Gathering – Thursday, noon – 3:00 PM, rooms 1, 11 Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15 District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 30

Men's Breakfast - Saturday, 8:00 AM, offsite

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Everybody's Birthday – Next Sunday, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, rms 1, 11

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown. Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at 215-679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too. **The Organizing and Downsizing Gathering** is this Thursday, April 11th, from noon to 3 PM. Lunch (free will offering), fellowship & ideas to help you and your loved ones! Please bring a desert to share. A sign-up is in the Welcome Center or go online at <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C</u> <u>16-48742831-nhelc</u>. Check out their website at https://homestreamspace.com/about-us/.

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

Upcoming Events

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.

AVEL Debt Retirement Party Sunday, April 28th, after worship Join everyone on Sunday, April 28th, after worship for cake and refreshments in the fellowship hall. The capital campaign is still active as we have approximately \$60,000 to pay off for our heating and air-conditioning upgrades to our facility.

Geraniums for decorating the sanctuary on Pentecost may be ordered. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center. The suggested donation is \$5.50 for a single geranium and \$20 for a 10" pot with three geraniums. Orders are due April 28th.

The next Gathering event, a Childrens Mission Project, will be held on Thursday, June 13th, from noon to 3 PM.

2024 Scuba Kids Camp June $17^{th} - 21^{st}$, 9 AM – Noon This year for Kids Camp we are going to dive into friendship with God. Signups are now open for NHELC'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 <u>vbspro.events/p/8afc23</u> 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. **The Scouts' Hoagie Sale fundraiser is back**! FRESH hoagies will be available for pick-up on Saturday, April 27th. Choose from Italian or Turkey hoagies. The Italian hoagies consist of ham, salami, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. The turkey hoagies include turkey, provolone cheese, lettuce, and tomatoes. Onions may be requested, and pepper spread is also available on the side by request. The cost is \$7 each for either Italian or Turkey hoagies. The proceeds will help the Scouts defray their cost of attending summer camp and other Scouting activities, after a 10% goodwill donation to NHELC. Orders can be picked up at the church between 10:30 and 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 27th. The **deadline to order is Sunday, April 14th**. An order form can be found on the desk in the welcome center. Also, orders may be placed online at <u>367hoagies.com</u>. You may pay when the hoagies are picked up.

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 will 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 plywood shelving available for a donation. If interested, contact Jim Gross at 484-333-5162.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) has recently been updated with resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. NAMI has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online

support groups. NHELC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

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

You Can Help

You can donate to NHELC ministry electronically. Simply point your smartphone camera at the QR code and follow the link.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full sized personal hygiene items throughout the months of April, May and June. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

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 <u>nhunsberger29@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>www.newhanoverlutheran.org</u>. All Dates are subject to change.

Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

More than 175,000 meals have been delivered! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 - 2 PM and Sundays between 9 - 10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/.

Meals help those in need Dear pastor. I write this thanking you all for the hard work you put into making all the meals you prepare for unity. We are very fortunate and grateful for all time you all put into everything. Thank you so much. Dylan S.

Another note of appreciation

Hello,

I just want to take this time to thank you and the lady's that take the time out of each week to make our house at 367 chestnut, the delicious meals. We can't explain how grateful we are for you and the lady's at the church to do that for all the men and women each week. It truly is a blessing and we appreciate it so very much. Thank you,

The women at 367 chestnut st.

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Tom Fleagle, Marsha Staub's brother

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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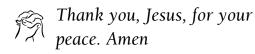
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Share Jesus' peace

Many congregations "pass the peace" during worship. People shake hands or give hugs and share a short greeting of peace. All of us share the peace of Jesus when we care for others.

Think of one way you share Jesus' peace for each of the letters in the word PEACE.

P E PLAY WITH FRIENDS C E



this week

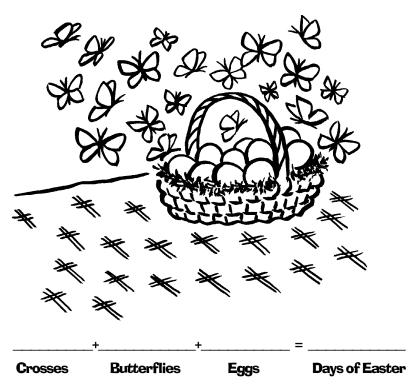
Watch for butterflies and hatching birds. Celebrate the new life of Easter!



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the second Sunday of Easter. Did you know that the Easter season is much longer than one day? This is wonderful news!

Count the crosses, the eggs, and the butterflies. Add them all together and you'll know how many days are in the Easter season.



hear & celebrate

Jesus visits disciples

John 20:19-31

On Easter evening, ten of Jesus' disciples locked themselves in a house because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus appeared in the middle of them and said, "Peace be with you." Then Jesus showed his friends the nail marks in his hands and side, and they believed that Jesus was alive!

What did the disciples faces look like? Draw them here.



Write the words that Jesus spoke under this picture.

One week later...

A week after Easter, all of the disciples (including Thomas) were locked inside the house again. Again Jesus appeared and said, "Peace be with you." Thomas put his fingers in the nail holes in Jesus' hand, and placed his hand in the wound in Jesus' side. Thomas finally believed that Jesus was alive, and he said, "My Lord and my God!"

What did Thomas's face look like? Draw it here.

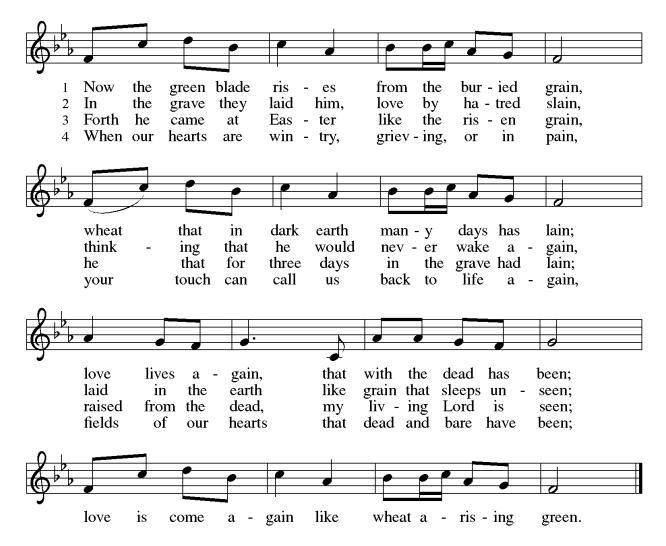


Write the words that Thomas spoke under this picture.



Plant flowers that will attract butterflies.

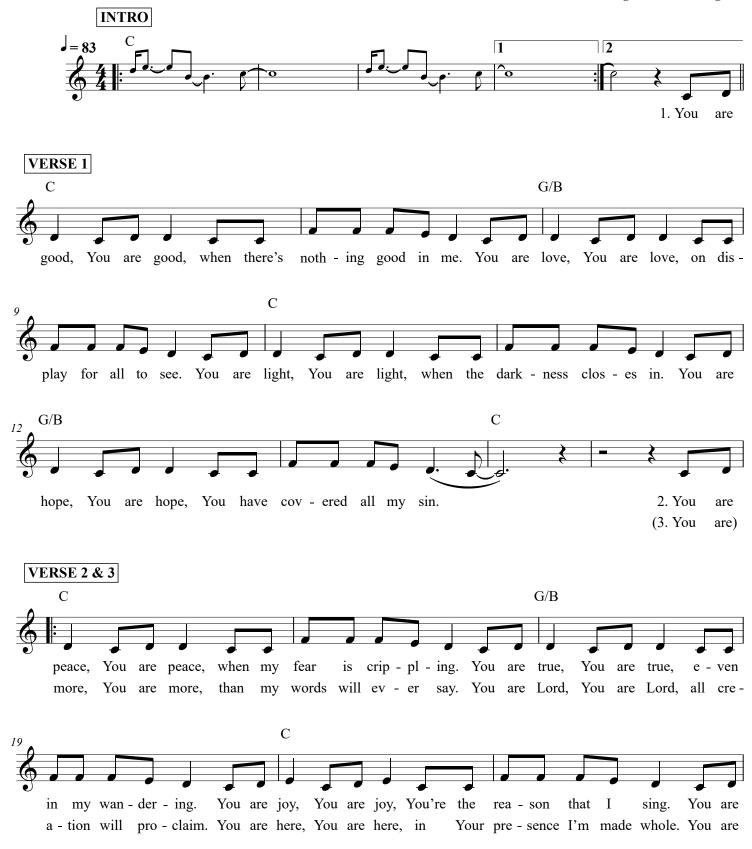
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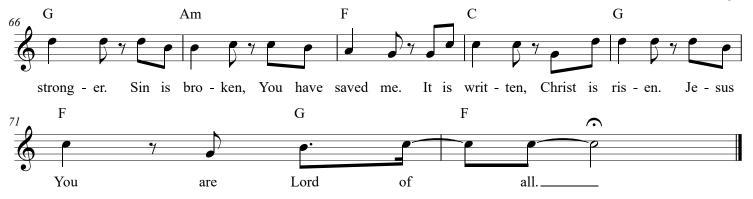
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