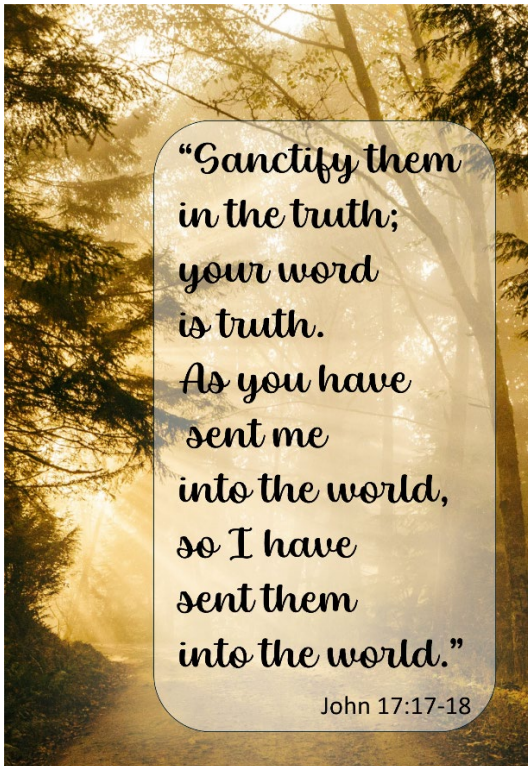


Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024



The gospel for Easter’s seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John’s gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus’ desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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.**

Welcome

Prelude *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* Lemmel/Marvin
Tom McHugh, trumpet; Patricia Nyce, piano

*The prelude is dedicated to my wife, Jayne McHugh, mother of our
two sons, Michael and Matt, by Tom McHugh.*

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

ELW #645

Mother's Day Thanksgiving for Baptism

Right now, we push aside all the feelings we “should” have and
people we “should” be, and we open wide our doors to what is
**Welcome, old grief; welcome, new reality; welcome, fear;
welcome, worry; welcome, exactly who we are right now.**

As we light this candle, we declare this space for remembering and
honoring the children and parents we miss during Mother's Day
Be with us, saints; be with us, Spirit.

For parents who birthed babies straight into the arms of God
We hold you now:

For parents who have lost young children to disasters that make
this life seem too unfair for the human heart
We hold you now:

For parents who have raised their grandchildren or other relatives because of a lost life or reality

We hold you now:

For parents who have lost children to suicide, disease, estrangement

We hold you now:

For parents whose children were unable to offer their presence or connection, parents who ached to know a different kind of familial love

We hold you now:

For parents who have received a gutting diagnosis

We hold you now:

For parents who are raising children, and working jobs, and running households by themselves

We hold you now:

For birth parents who wrestle with the complexities of hard decisions and limited resources

We hold you now:

For adoptive and foster parents who wrestle with the complexities of hard questions, identity narratives, and ethics

We hold you now:

For migrant and refugee parents who are risking everything (even separation) for a better life for their children

We hold you now:

To those who are not biological parents, but who step in to mother and father so many around them

We honor you now:

To those who chose not to be parents in a culture that so often pressures otherwise

We honor you now:

To those who would choose to be parents, or parents again, but who grieve the loss of a dream

We honor you now:

To those who have redefined family to go past lines of biology, nationality, and economics

We honor you now:

To those who did the best they could with what they had when they had it

We honor you now:

To those versions of ourselves that we never turned into, and the versions of ourselves that we did

We honor you now:

To the voices we wish we could hear say “Happy Mother’s and Father’s Day”

We honor you now:

To the ears to which we wish we could say “Happy Mother’s and Father’s Day”

We honor you now:

Hear our words to those we miss

Meet us in our celebration and in our grief

The body of Mary’s son, broken for us

The blood of God’s son, poured out for the world

Thank you Jesus for the bigger picture of resurrection

Permission by Rev. Britney Winn Lee, author, liturgist, and United Methodist pastor

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.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy 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

What a Friend

Grace Band

Everybody has trials and temptations
Everybody knows heart break isolation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus:

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever His heart is my home

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus

Bridge (2x):

No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over (over and oh)

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Forever and ever His heart is my home

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Please be seated.

Children's Choir

When Christ Arose

Lindsey Waltermeyer, keyboards
Lynn Fegley, Marlene Hansley, Brenda Hunsberger,
Donna Kehs and Jean Moser, handbells

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Children's Message

Donna Kehs

A reading from the book of 1 John

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son.

¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Carolyn Fleming, cantor

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Gospel

John 17:6-19

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on

behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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 *Your Grace Is Enough*

Grace Band

Great is Your faithfulness, O God

You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart

You lead us by still waters into mercy

And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus:

(So) remember Your people

Remember Your children

Remember Your promise, O God

Chorus:

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough

Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2x

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Ending:

Yeah, Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

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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.

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

The people give a sign of peace to each other.

Please be seated.

Offertory

Choir Anthem

He Is Risen!

Chancel Choir

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

ELW #884

Announcements

Pronouns

Janet Psota

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

ELW #855

Postlude

Rondeau

Tom McHugh, trumpet

"Rondeau" by Marc Antoine Charpentier. Arr. by Michael Ryan. From 'Te Deum'.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in memory and honor of all veterans and first responders by Nancy Wolfe.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of their moms, Darlene Reilley and Anna Hunsberger by Brenda and Norm Hunsberger.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God by Lucille Powell.

Serving Today Head Usher: Steve Weidner; Usher: Elfriede Ilik; Lector: Erica Lucas; Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs; Acolyte: Madelyn Artim

Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel; ushers: Stacey Rothermel and Rick Solazzo; Lector: Ron Fegley; Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott; Acolyte: Ron Fegley; Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Debbie Solazzo

Altar Guild members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt.

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.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

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

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

Boy Scouts – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, picnic grove

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 1:30 PM, portico

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

Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, rm 15

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

J Walkers – Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, room 11

Summer Planting – Saturday, 9:00 AM, garden

Confirmation Dinner – Saturday, 5:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

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Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, welcome center, room 1 and sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday is Pentecost. Help us celebrate and wear something red next Sunday.

Cemetery Clean Up If you have Easter decorations on your loved ones' gravesites at the church cemetery, please remove the decorations by Wednesday, May 15th.

Garden of Hope Summer Planting is on Saturday, May 18th, at 9:00 AM. Bring a hand trowel. Any questions, contact Donna Kehs at donnakehs@gmail.com or 610-212-2673.

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 17th – 21st, 9:00 AM – Noon

This year for Kids Camp we are going to dive into friendship with God. Signups are now open for NHELCS'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 ybspro.events/p/8afc23 or go to the information desk in the Welcome Center for blank sign-up forms.

Camp Falckner, an overnight camp in the picnic grove, will be held Monday through Thursday, July 22nd – July 25th. All youth who will have finished 5th - 12th grade by the end of the school year are welcome to attend. Registration is now open! Forms can be found in the Welcome Center or on the church website. Online registration is also an option. Questions? Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer.

325th Anniversary Communion Wine Naming Contest A special batch of wine has been created and sponsored by Doug and Bette Senne for our 325th Anniversary of this congregation. Marsha and Pastor Scott helped in various stages and now is the time to name the wine! You are invited to participate in the naming of the wine.

Send a written submission to Pastor Scott with your creative name for the wine by June 1, 2024. You may drop off your entry at the church office. Send via postal mail or email Pastor Scott at psstaub@gmail.com. The winner will receive a bottle of the wine with their creative label. Submit your suggestion as “The 325th Anniversary Wine’s name should be _____”
Suggested label color(s) and/or additional artwork to be included.

Take me out to the ballgame, Saturday, August 3rd, 6:45 PM

Join us for some fun and fellowship at the Reading Phillies Baseball Game on August 3rd. This event is open to NHELCS members and scouting groups. We’re hoping for a big turnout so be sure to sign up early. Following the game will be a Megablast Fireworks - you won’t want to miss it! Tickets cost \$12. If you would like to attend the game, contact Nikki Young or sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-49440503-night>. **Reservations are due by July 1st** so we can guarantee to have enough tickets for all.

Attention Graduates If you are graduating this spring – high school or higher education, we would like to celebrate with you. Send us a picture, where you are graduating from and what your future plans are (and anything else you'd like to share). Email your information to nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org then watch for the graduation posting in an upcoming newsletter.

The NHEL C Book Club is reading *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. You are invited to join the discussion of this book on Tuesday, June 4th, at 6:30 PM at the Plaza Azteca in Greshville. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey.

Next year marks the 325th anniversary of the NHEL C congregation. And we are going to celebrate throughout the year with special events and services! Do you want to help? Contact Lee Wesner at 215-806-1807, or slwesner@comcast.net. Hurry! The celebration planning has already begun.

Pictures needed for the pictorial directory Have you submitted a family photo to be included in the new pictorial directory? To submit a picture, email it to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com ASAP. Or, drop off your photo in an envelope in Nance's mailbox in the Archive room. Be sure to include all the names of those in the photo.

Reconciling in Christ update: If you would like to participate in a one-to-one discussion around the possibility of New Hanover becoming a Reconciling in Christ church, welcoming to all - especially to those identifying as LGBTQIA+, racially diverse, or gender diverse, contact Sharon Tracey, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Rick Hausch or Pastor Scott.

New Hanover AARP is hosting a bus trip to Magic and Wonder Theatre in Paradise, PA for **Juke Box Jive**, a music variety show featuring hits from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s. Free time at Kitchen Kettle Village and a buffet luncheon will be included before the show. The cost is \$120. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 8:45 AM on May 15th. For more information and to reserve your seat, contact Carol Griffith at (484) 363-7376.

Cars, Coffee and Christ cruise-in car/bike show at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church in Obelisk will be held Saturday, May 18th, from 8:00 – 10:00 AM. Participants can stop in for a few minutes or a couple of hours. This free admission event is an opportunity to share your stories, show off your ride, enjoy refreshments and leave a confidential prayer request. St. Luke’s is located at 3206 Big Road in Zieglerville.

Resources

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church’s website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers 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. NHELHC 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 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 NHELHC ministry electronically. Simply point your smartphone camera at one of the QR codes below and follow the link.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



NHELHC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items throughout the months through 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.

Mowers are needed to maintain the church grounds and cemetery. If interested in this position, contact Norm Hunsberger at 484-431-3622 or nhunsberger29@gmail.com.

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 175,000 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 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.

Get Well Cards

Get well cards for Pastor Ric Elliot can be mailed to him at the following address: 267 Country Club Drive, Telford, PA 18969.

Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Susie Moyer

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	Mary Alice Mack	Jeffrey Weems
Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen	Chuck Beck
Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed	Marlyn Bieleski
Joe	Lee Wesner	Joe
Casey Flack	Pastor Ric Elliot	Charla Vandegrift
Herbert Vandegrift		

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Mission Service Disciple's Stories

Self Esteem & Dignity Delivered

NHELCC aided in the delivery of over \$750,000 of Hygiene and household goods during the past three months. What started as a \$250.00 Thrivent Action Team to deliver personal hygiene products to Veterans in need, manifested in the pickup and delivery of tons of personal hygiene, paper household goods and pull ups for all ages.

Together with the Veterans Coalition of PA (VCOP), NHELCC team members distributed the much-needed products that bring dignity, self-esteem most important, SMILES to many souls. The program reaches area schools, churches, homeless tent cities and family shelters.

In addition, over ten area shelters and pantries received everything from deodorant, pull ups, wipes, paper towels, and hygiene products. It didn't take much, the spark started with a Thrivent Action Team and a few conversations. Together with a major manufacturer, Chosen 300, Opportunity House, Keystone Military Families, VALOR, OLIVET (Girls & Boys Club), and our fabulous giving NHELCC volunteers.

Sometimes it all starts with a simple act of generosity or conversation. I was told once, Discipleship is like one beggar telling another beggar where to get a loaf of bread. Martin Luther's last words spoken says it all, "We are all beggars, this is true." We are all beggars helping and loving our neighbors. If you would like to know more about Mission Service projects, contact the Pastor.

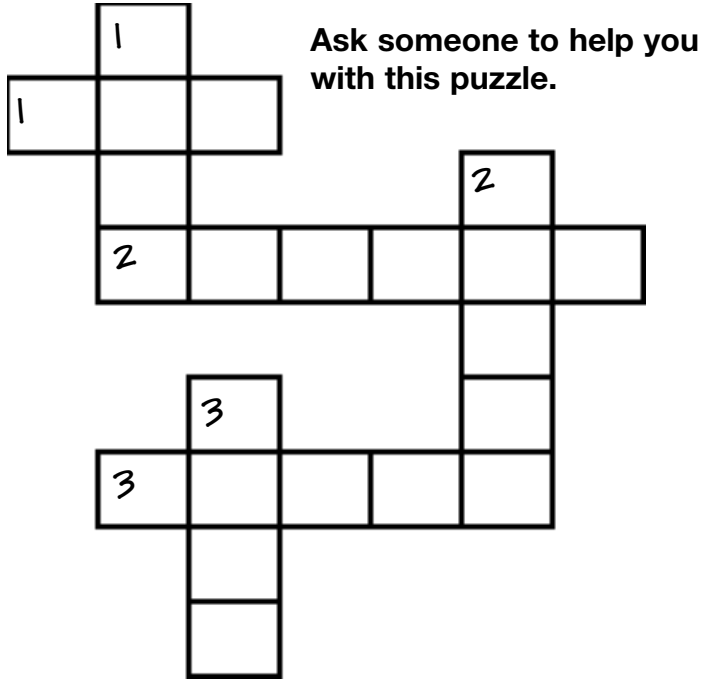
New Hanover Family Learning Center Update

As we continue to look toward NHELIC's future, the Council and Learning Center team realize that the learning center will eventually provide additional income to support more of our ministries and the upkeep of our facility. Our planned goal to open this coming fall has changed and we are now hoping to open by Fall of 2025. As we continue to plan for this new ministry despite the challenges and delays, we are providing the following information to help you understand the scope of our progress as we work toward final congregational approval.

- Progress is being made with New Hanover Township. We have come to an agreement for their sewer requests. We still need to complete a traffic study.
- It has been almost 25 years since the education wing was built, so we are working on plans to update and renovate this section of the building to make it more functional and meet building requirements. This will include adding restrooms that are ADA compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act Standards). After drawings are created, quotes for the project will be acquired.
- We have put together financial reports based on estimated costs. We are also looking at income sources including grants, loans, gifts, etc. for startup costs. The financial reports will be updated as we gain additional information.
- A group of volunteers, council members, and staff have begun working meetings every two weeks to keep this project moving forward, to resolve issues and concerns, and to provide additional updates to the congregation.

Please keep this project and the leaders in your prayers. If you have any questions or would like to get involved with planning, please reach out to Donna Kehs, Todd Rothermel, or Pastor Scott.

Story crossword



ACROSS

1. Jesus loves ____ !
2. Jesus ascended into ____.
3. God gave ____
the 10 commandments.

DOWN

1. ____ built an ark.
2. ____ rose from the dead.
3. Jesus' new commandment is all about ____.

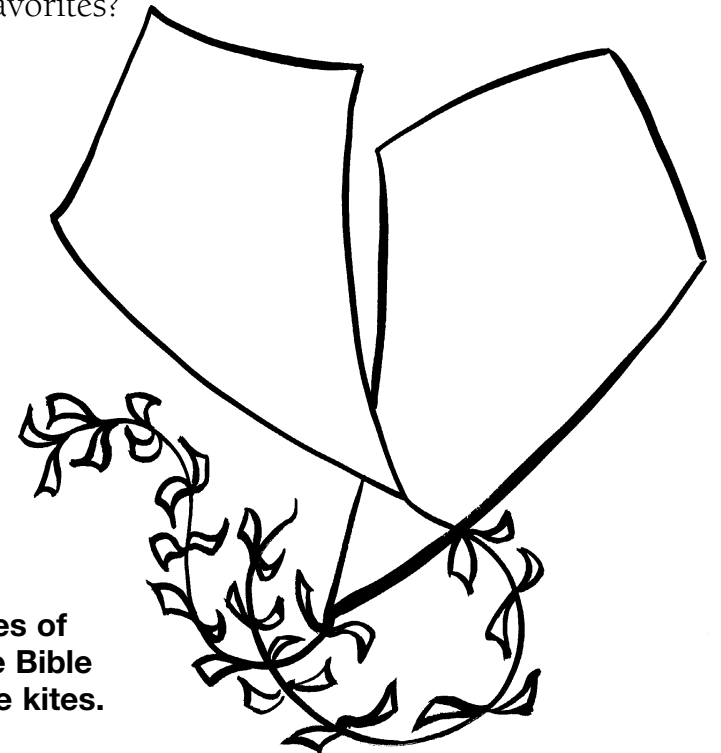
This week

It's Pentecost next week. Look for something red to wear to church next week, and plant some red flowers around your house.



gather

Welcome to worship. Today is the seventh Sunday of Easter. This past Thursday Christians celebrated Ascension Day, the day Jesus went to heaven to be with God. Before Jesus ascended, he asked his friends to keep telling God's stories. You are one of Jesus' friends, and you can tell the stories. What are your favorites?



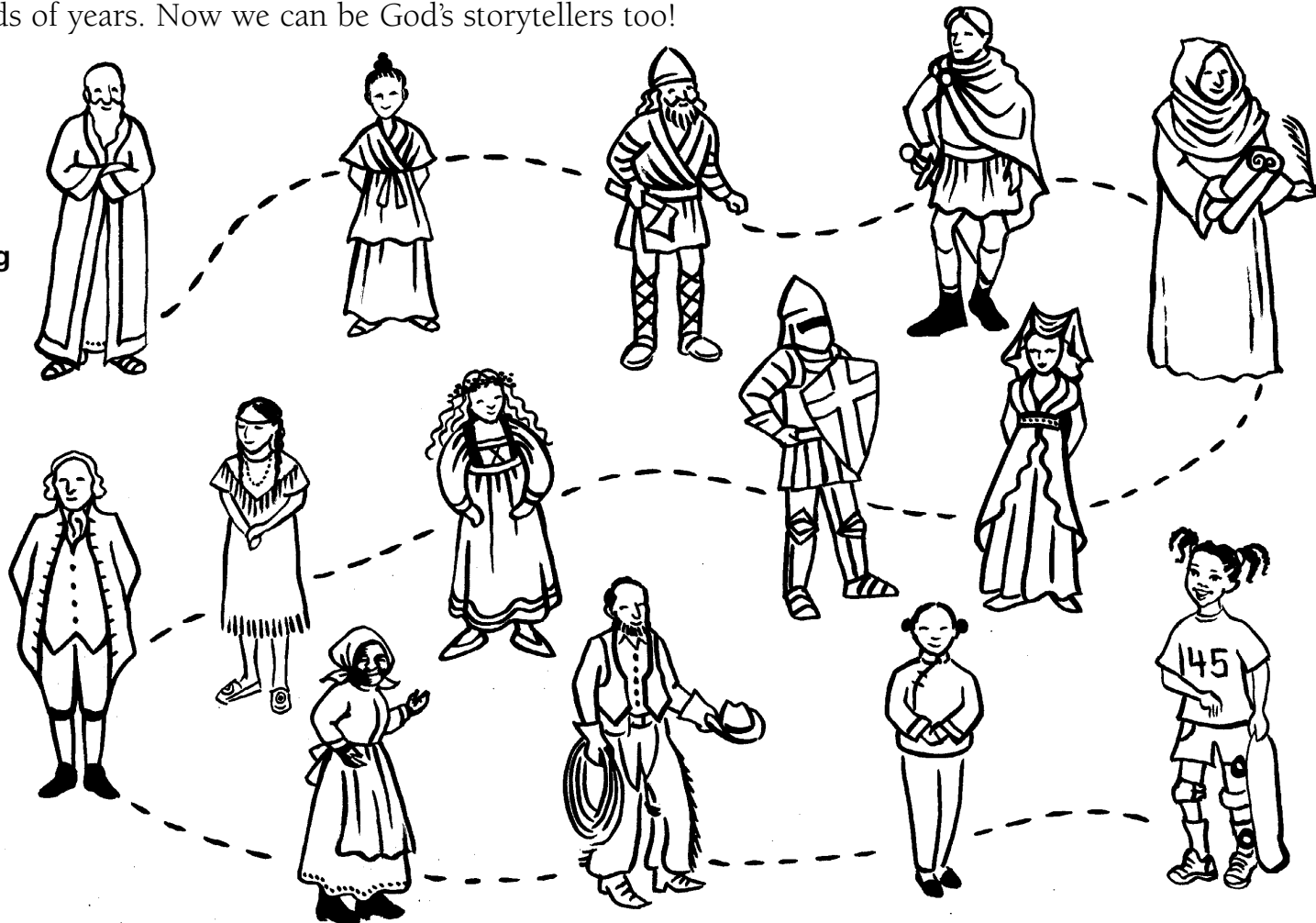
Draw pictures of your favorite Bible stories in the kites.

Jesus prays

John 17:6-19

Jesus' friends knew that it was their job to share Jesus' stories with everyone. In today's gospel, Jesus prays for his friends. He prays that they will be safe as they spread God's love around the world. God's stories and love have been spread around the world for thousands of years. Now we can be God's storytellers too!

Connect God's storytellers together by tracing the dotted lines, then draw a cross on everyone's forehead because we're all part of God's really big family!



A question to ponder...

Who is God's storyteller for you?



Jesus, help me to tell stories about you and your love. Amen



Do a little kite flying as you remember Jesus' ascension.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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What A Friend

(based on the recording by Matt Maher)

Words and Music by
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INTRO

♩ = 110 E C#m A

VERSE

E C#m A

1. Ev - 'ry - bod - y has tri - als and temp - ta - tions.

E C#m

9 Ev - 'ry - bod - y knows heart break, i - so - la - tion. But we can

CHORUS

B A E A

13 lay our bur - dens down, lay our bur - dens down. What a friend we have in

E C#m G#m A

18 Je - sus. East to west, my sins are gone. I see grace on ev - 'ry hor - i -

TURNAROUND

E C#m B A E

22 zon. And for - ev - er and ev - er His heart is my home.

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VERSE

27 *C#m* *A* *E*

2. Ev - 'ry - bod - y has fears, ev - 'ry - bod - y got wor - ries.

31 *C#m* *A* *E*

Ev - 'ry - bod - y knows sor - row, dev - as - ta - tion.

35 *C#m* *B* *A*

But we can lay our bur - dens down, lay our bur - dens

40 *C#m* *D.S. al Coda*

down. What a

41 *C#m* *B* *A* *E* *Coda*

ev - er and ev - er His heart is my home.

BRIDGE 1a

C#m *A* *E* *G#m*

No more be - tray - al for He is faith - ful. He fills me up and my cup run - neth o - ver.

48 *A* *F#m* *E* *B* *B#°*

No more be - tray - al for He is faith - ful. How He has prov - en it o - ver and o - ver.

BRIDGE 1b

C#m *A* *E* *B* *B#°*

No more be - tray - al for He is faith - ful. He fills me up and my cup run - neth o - ver.

56 C#m A E/G# B

No more be - tray - al for He is faith - ful. How He has prov - en it o - ver and o - ver.

CHORUS

60 A E C#m

O - ver and oh- What a friend we have in Je - sus. East to west, my sins are

64 G#m A E C#m B

gone. I see grace on ev - 'ry hor - i - zon. And for - ev - er and ev - 'er His

ENDING

68 1 2 A E A E C#m B A

heart is my home. What a heart is my home. For ev - er and ev - 'er His heart is my

72 E

home.

Your Grace Is Enough

(as published by spiritandsong.com)

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VERSE

♩ = 116 G G/B C

1. Great is Your faith - ful - ness, O God;
2. Great is Your love and jus - tice, God of Ja - cob;

5 Em G/B C

You wres - tle with the sin - ner's rest - less heart.
You use the weak to lead the strong.

9 G G/B C Em

You lead us by still wa - ters in - to mer - cy and noth - ing can
You lead us in the song of Your sal - va - tion, and all Your peo -

PRE-CHORUS

14 G/B C Am G/B

keep us a - part. So, re - mem - ber Your peo - ple, re -
ple sing a - long.

19 Cmaj7 D Em D G/B C

mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

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CHORUS 1

24 $\%$ G D Em7 C G

Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your grace is e - nough,

PRE-CHORUS

30 1 2 3 D.S. Am

for me. Your Re - mem - ber Your

36 G/B Cmaj7 D Em D/F# G

peo - ple, re - mem - ber Your chil - dren, re - mem - ber Your prom - ise O God.

CHORUS 1

41 C G D Em7 C

Your grace is e - nough, Your grace is e - nough Your

CHORUS 2

47 G D C G

grace is e - nough, for me. Yeah, Your grace is e - nough; grace is e - nough;

52 D Em7 C G D

heav - en reach - es out to us. I'm cov - ered in Your love. Your grace is e - nough for me. Your grace is e - nough for me, _

1 2 **ENDING**

57 C C G Dsus

God, I sing: Your for me.____

63 Em7 C G Dsus Em7

68 C G

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, and the third staff the final line, which ends with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

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