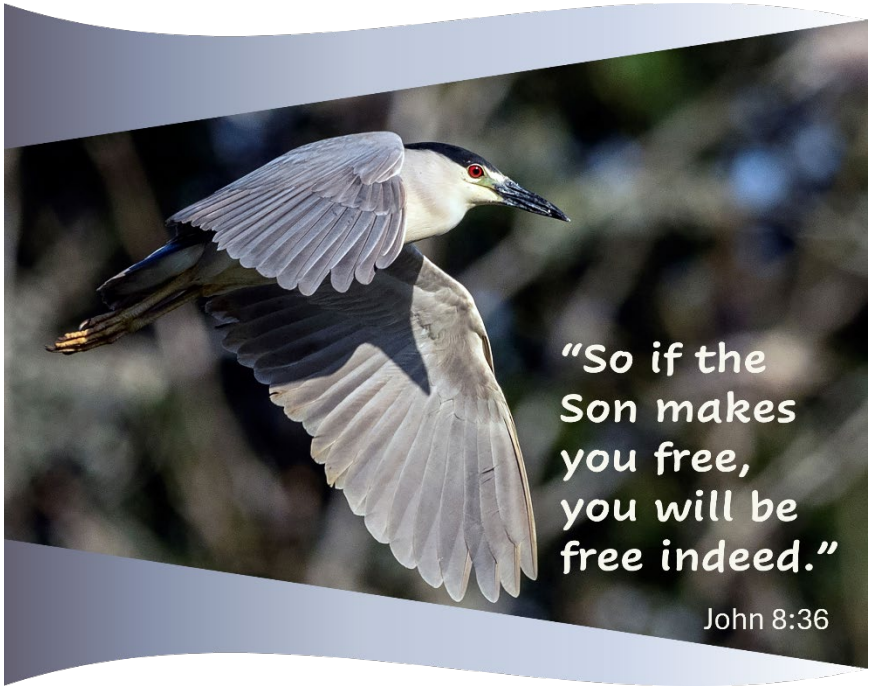


**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Reformation/Holy Sacrament Sunday
October 27, 2024**



*“So if the
Son makes
you free,
you will be
free indeed.”*

John 8:36

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God’s grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

**The Rev. Scott A. Staub, pastor
Nicole Young, seminarian minister
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
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[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

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

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* ELW #654

Call to Worship

Pastor Scott

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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Grace Band

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus 2x

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Please be seated.

Holy Baptism

Pastor Scott

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Richard Achilles Garcia for Baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the
 Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Richard Garcia and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Please rise as you are able.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of

cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Richard Achilles Garcia, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Richard with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Richard, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized and affirmed.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Todd Rothermel

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



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

John 8:31-36

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Scott

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *Myfanwy – Baptism*

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First Communion

Pastor Scott
Nikki Young

Today this community of faith rejoices with the following people who join in sharing the meal of holy communion: Richard Garcia, Jonathan Hauck, Charlotte Moser, Alivia Singley, Kady Singly and Keena Wright.

In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of holy communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God’s faithful people, we are strengthened by God’s word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to holy communion.

Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer *(Sung)*

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.**

Please be seated.

Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone. The usher will direct you when to come forward. Communion glasses are found on the stand at the front of the line to your right. Take an empty glass if you are choosing to commune with wine or a pre-filled glass (with grape juice) if you will be communing with grape juice. Receive your bread from the pastor, gluten-free bread from the plate, and the wine, or blessing over the grape juice from the lay assistant. There are two wine stations, so please, choose the open station. Persons not

communing may receive a personal blessing (simply keep your hands down at your sides or folded across your heart).

Communion Praise *Draw Me Close* Grace Band

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The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion Prayer Nikki Young

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please rise as you are able.

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.

Choir Anthem *God Is Our Refuge* Chancel Choir
Tom McHugh and Jim Dugan, trumpets

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Offertory

Offertory Response *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #186

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

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

Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Trumpet Finale

Tom McHugh and Jim Dugan, trumpet

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Announcements

Today

Congratulations to Richard Garcia, who will be baptized during worship this morning. Richard is the son of Ricardo M. and Ligia B. Garcia. Tom and Katia York are serving as Richard's godparents.

A reception in honor of the first communion class will be held following the worship service this morning in fellowship hall. Stop by for some refreshments and greet the first communion class: Richard Garcia, Jonathan Hauck, Charlotte Moser, Alivia Singley, Kady Singley and Keena Wright.

The bulletin and flowers are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Kay Moyer by Diane Moyer.

The communion is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Kay Moyer by Diane Moyer.

The Word in Season devotion is presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Kay Moyer by Diane Moyer.

Serving Today Head Usher: Barbara Repa, Ushers: Georgann Geiser and Terry Santangelo, Lector: Todd Roethermel, Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing, Acolyte: Genesis Garcia, Communion Assistants: Nikki Young and Carolyn Fleming

Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Ushers: Sharon Tracey and Bill Tracey, Lector: Barbara Noecker, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte, Ainsley Lucas

Altar Guild members serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Brenda Hunsberger.

Children's Bulletins NHELCC is offering two new children's bulletins! Prepared by Spark, the bulletins are available in both the Reader and Pre-Reader versions. Be sure to have your kids check them out. If you cannot locate the bulletins, see one of the ushers.

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

Court of Honor – Today, Noon – 4:00 PM, room 1

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, parking lot

GriefShare – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 33

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

Family Learning Center – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 29

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 – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

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

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

Flutter – Saturday, 9:00 AM - noon

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

Anniversary Activities – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

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

Flutter Youth Group (open to all youth in grades 6-12) will be meeting on Saturday, November 2nd, from 9:00 AM - noon to complete various service projects at the church. Come out to give back to the church family that is always supportive of our youth events! We'll have donuts! See Lindsey Waltermeyer or Hayley Quigley with any questions.

BASH (Boyertown Area Senior High) Show Choir joins NHELCC in worship on All Saints Sunday, November 3rd. Musical selections include: *At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners*, *There Will Be Rest*, *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* and *Dies Irae*.

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday, a day to remember those who we have lost in the past year. If you have a loved one who had passed away since last year's All Saints Day, bring a photo of your loved one to church by Thursday, October 31st. Be sure to include the deceased's name along with your name so the picture will be returned to you.

Upcoming Events

Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner, hosted by the Swamp Picnic Committee is on Saturday, November 9th, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. You will enjoy a delicious meal of roasted pork and sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, applesauce, drink and dessert. You can eat in the Fellowship Hall or get your meal to go. Adults meals are \$16, senior meals are \$14, 6- to 10-year-old meals are \$8, and children 5 and younger eat free.

Calling all bakers! We need your help. Will you make a cake or pie donation for the Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner? Our bakers provided an amazing selection of delicious baked goods for the

Great Swamp Picnic and we would love to be able to offer a yummy selection at this dinner.

Donations can be dropped off in the church kitchen on Friday, November 8th, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon or Saturday, November 9th, any time between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Thank you!

New Yoga Class to begin A fall yoga class is forming based on the theme, “Ordinary Holiness.” Whether you’re a beginner or advanced, join the sessions on **Saturdays, November 9th, 16th and 23rd from 8:30 – 9:30 AM.** Class will focus on breathwork, mindfulness, gentle flow of movement to stretch and strengthen. Participants will journey inward to find holiness in the ordinary, peace through practicing being in the present moment.

Anyone age 13 years and up (13–17-year-olds should be accompanied by an adult) can join. Classes are free-will donation-based. Pay in cash or by check (payable to NHELCC, note: food ministry). For more information and to sign up, contact Leslie Gates.

The next God on Tap will continue last month’s discussion on the acceptance of people who might look, speak or have different ideologies than “me” (“Me” being each and every one of us). Last month’s discussion was very well received. At the November God on Tap, members of the Reconciling in Christ will share what they have learned and what they see for NHELCC’s future. God on Tap will meet on Thursday, November 7th, at 6:00 PM, at Main St, Bally. Contact Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 or rdptw6489@gmail.com with any questions and to sign up.

Kids and youth This year’s Christmas Pageant requires very little rehearsal time! Rehearsals will be held during JAM on Sundays, December 1st and 8th, (10:15-11:15). The pageant will be held on Sunday, December 15th, following worship and in place of JAM. Parents, let Nikki Young know if your child would like to participate. Older kids and youth are needed to read. We have plenty of parts for the younger ones too. The pageant, Scuba Christmas, will feature both music from this year’s Kids Camp program as well as holiday favorites.

We’re planning 325th Anniversary activities. On Sunday, November 3rd, NHELCC is planning special kid’s activities with

some historical significance. Do you have a craft, a game or anything historic that you would like to prepare or teach the kids? We need help! Contact Nikki Young with your ideas and if you can assist.

The NHELK Book Club is reading *All the Colors of Dark* by Chris Witaker. All are welcome to join the Book Club on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 6:30 PM for dinner and book discussion. Readers will meet at Barrel and Ale (**please note the new location**), 961 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. If you have any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Zion Choral performs at 3:00 this afternoon at Good Shepherd UCC. Good Shepherd is located at 35 West Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown. Can't make this performance? Check out the choir's schedule at www.zionchoral.com or follow them on Facebook @ZionChoral.

Resources

Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



Peer Support Information The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

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. National Alliance on Mental Illness (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

NHELHC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items through the end of October. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room.

We collected 91 pounds of food and personal care items this spring that were taken to the Pottstown Cluster for distribution. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

You can donate to NHELHC ministry electronically. Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



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 200,000 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/>.

Thank You Note: NHELHC Food Ministry, Please accept this small donation to help with your Christian example of sharing. And a special blessing for Vicki and Tim Mutter's reliable and cheerful delivery service. John M.

Reconciling in Christ

Do you want 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.

Got a question for the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team about their journey? Jot down your question (paper provided at the desk) and put it in the box on the desk in the Welcome Center. The team will try to answer your question(s). Be sure to provide your preferred contact information.

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, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Katy Mahon-Miller	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	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	Verdie Smith
Mabel Gaugler	Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Betty Seroski
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Virginia Specht
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Ally Musser & family	Rich Freed
Joe	Joe	Casey Flack
Tim Mutter	Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Houck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	Harry White
Darlene Latshaw	David Gottshall	

Prayers of Intercession

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

Lord of all, we give thanks for the whole church throughout the world. Open wide the paths toward unity between denominations so that all followers of Christ may join in shared worship and mission. God of grace, hear my prayer.

Renewing God, as the dying leaves display their beauty, we are reminded that nature's cycle of life includes and requires both life and death. Instill in your people a mission of preservation and appreciation for trees, animals, and waterways threatened by climate collapse. God of grace, hear my prayer.

Gracious God, in the spirit of reformation we pray for all who cry out for relief from systemic oppression. May the hearts of those who occupy seats of power be reformed so that peace becomes the center of our life together. God of grace, hear my prayer.

Comforting God, be with all who are sick, suffering, or grieving in our own community and beyond (*especially*). Surround them with the promise of your love, comfort, and grace that never ends. God of grace, hear my prayer.

Divine Guide, continue to challenge this community to be ever reforming in our ministries and outreach efforts. Inspire creative ideas among us so that the communal, grace-filled word of God remains at the heart of our ministry. God of grace, hear my prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Almighty God, in Christ's resurrection you ensure that though life be wrenched away, death cannot win the day. May the truth of your saving grace through faith sustain our hope for life in you. God of grace, hear my prayer.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. Amen.

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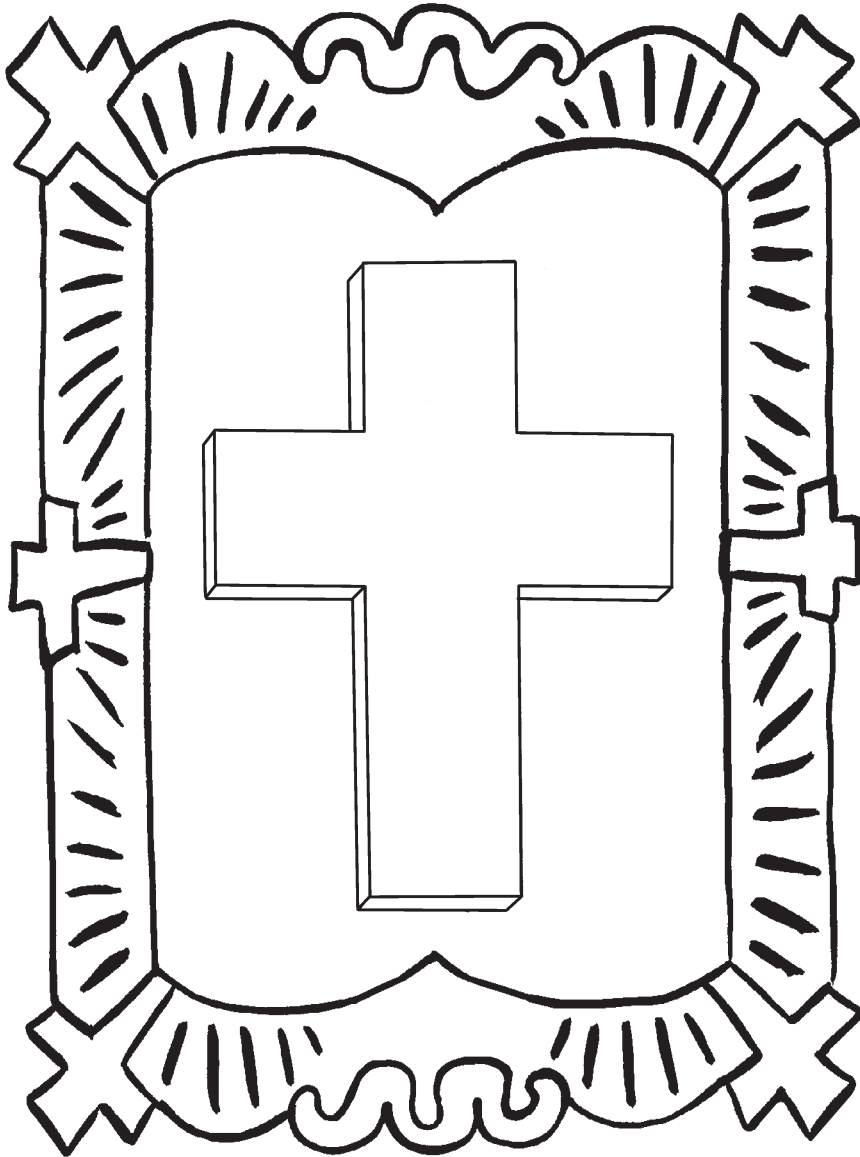
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Find a cross in the sanctuary. Is it fancy? Plain? Something in between?

Color what it looks like, or make up your own cross design.



PRE-READER

Reformation Sunday

- Today is **Reformation Sunday**.
- We celebrate a monk named **Martin Luther** and many others who did **bold things** in the church.
- The word **Lutheran** comes from his name.

This is Martin Luther. Color him!

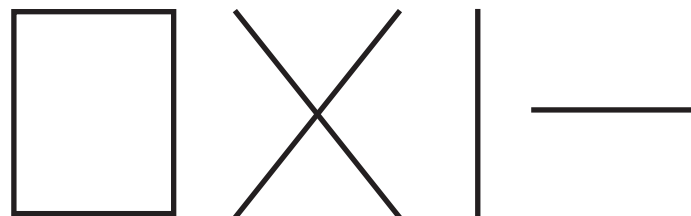
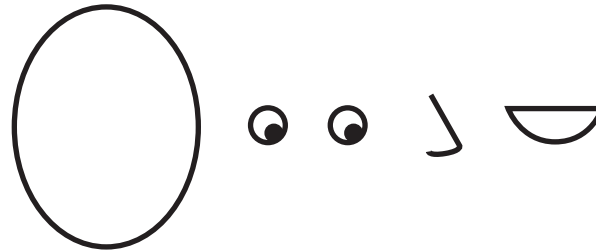




God sent the prophet Jeremiah to the Israelites. Jeremiah told them that God would make a new covenant with his people.

Martin Luther helped the church reform. To *reform* means to "form again." Martin Luther helped make things new for God's people.

Form something new from each row of shapes. The first row has been done for you.



A Mighty Fortress

Martin Luther wrote the words to a well-known hymn called "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Churches around the world still sing it today! You may sing it during worship today. Read the lyrics. Circle words that describe God. Put an exclamation point by action-packed words. Put a question mark by words you do not know. Underline words that are about good and evil.

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe,
Sworn to work us woe,
With dread craft and might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.



READER

Reformation Day

- Today is **Reformation Day**.
- On Reformation Day, we remember the beginnings of the **Protestant church** in **1517**.
- In 1517, a monk named **Martin Luther** protested some of the Catholic Church's activities.
- Lutherans and other denominations like **Presbyterians** and **Methodists** are called **Protestants** because of that protest.

Thinking of Theses

Many people who study history say that the Reformation started when Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on the door of the main church in Wittenberg, Germany. Each Thesis was a statement of something that Luther believed. Color in the picture of Martin Luther. Then write three beliefs that you have on the lines below him. Can you imagine thinking of 95?



1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." – John 8:31-32



In the left column are important words from this verse. In the right column are synonyms (words that mean the same thing) and antonyms (words that mean the opposite thing) for those words. Connect the words to their synonyms in green, and to their antonyms in red.

- | | |
|-----------------|------------------|
| BELIEVE | DENY |
| CONTINUE | CAPTIVE |
| DISCIPLE | TRUST |
| FREE | REMAIN |
| | STOP |
| | LIBERATED |
| | ENEMY |
| | LEAVE |
| | FOLLOWER |
| | FRIEND |
| | BOLIND |

Fortress Word Search

When Martin Luther first protested some of the teachings of the Catholic Church, he wanted to change it. He didn't plan to start a whole new church. However, he soon realized that the old church would never accept his beliefs. Find the key words about the Reformation in the puzzle to the right.

Reformation	Luther	Wittenberg	Calvin
German	Pope	Theses	Catholic
Grace	Protestant	Bible	Faith

Bible Scavenger Hunt

Martin Luther believed that it was very important for people to read the Bible for themselves. Find a NRSV Bible to complete this activity. Look up these verses and write down the first letter of each one. The first verse has already been done as an example.

	Verse	First Letter
1	Luke 4:22	A
2	Micah 6:10	
3	Romans 5:21	
4	1 John 4:12	
5	Genesis 4:3	
6	Revelation 1:12	

Now, fill in the letters above the corresponding number to learn the name of Luther's most important doctrine.

_____ L V _____ O _____
 3 1 1 6 5 4
 BY GR _____ E
 1 2

N	V	N	S	H	G	H	T	L	L	K	E	A	E	M
T	O	V	C	E	G	O	N	F	U	W	P	L	W	K
Y	J	I	R	T	S	R	A	K	B	T	B	Q	Q	X
X	H	M	T	J	W	X	T	D	Q	I	H	U	Y	G
T	A	S	W	A	D	D	S	V	B	B	C	E	R	W
N	P	O	P	E	M	D	E	U	F	Z	T	E	R	N
C	N	Q	B	Y	Q	R	T	N	G	D	B	E	U	Y
A	I	D	O	S	Y	P	O	I	Y	N	X	C	B	J
L	S	E	S	E	H	T	R	F	E	E	R	A	V	Z
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N	J	I	I	K	A	I	C	A	T	H	O	L	I	C
N	G	B	I	A	W	E	T	C	P	M	S	Y	C	C
B	N	U	F	J	F	Z	O	Q	G	H	F	E	G	N
A	J	Z	T	L	F	J	Y	Z	M	G	J	L	Z	H

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. .rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

(as published by Worship Together)

Words and Music by
John Newton, Chris Tomlin
and Louie Giglio

VERSE 1 & 2

♩ = 60

F B \flat /F F

1. A maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re -

4

C/F F F/A B \flat F C/F

me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I
lieved. How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear, the hour

1

8

F C/F F F/A B \flat

see. 2.'Twas I first be - lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set

CHORUS

12

F/A B \flat /D F/C F/A B \flat

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

VERSE 3

16

F/A Gm7 C7 F F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. 3. The Lord has prom - ised good

20

B \flat /F F C/F F F/A

to me, His word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and por -

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CHORUS

24 $B\flat$ F C/F F F/A $B\flat$

tion be, as long as life en - dures. My chains are gone. I've been set

28 F/A $B\flat/D$ F/C F/A $B\flat$

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

32 F/A $Gm7$ C7 F F/A F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. My chains are

1 2

VERSE 4

36 $B\flat/F$ F $B\flat/F$ F

4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine.

40 C/F F F/A $B\flat$ F C/F

But God, who called me here be - low, will be for - ev - er mine,

44 F C/F F C/F F

will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.

49

Myfanwy - Baptism

Parry-Tonkin

O pre - cious child whom now God bless - es with
grace that com-eth from a - bove. The Ho - ly Spi-rit is up on you, the de-
scen - ding dove that shows God's love. Christ's pre - sence in bap-tis-mal wa-ters now
clean - ses you from all - sin. The sa - ving grace, a - ma - zing grace, God's
gift of new life now be - gins

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Draw Me Close

Words and Music by
Kelly Carpenter

VERSE

♩ = 70

B \flat

E \flat /B \flat

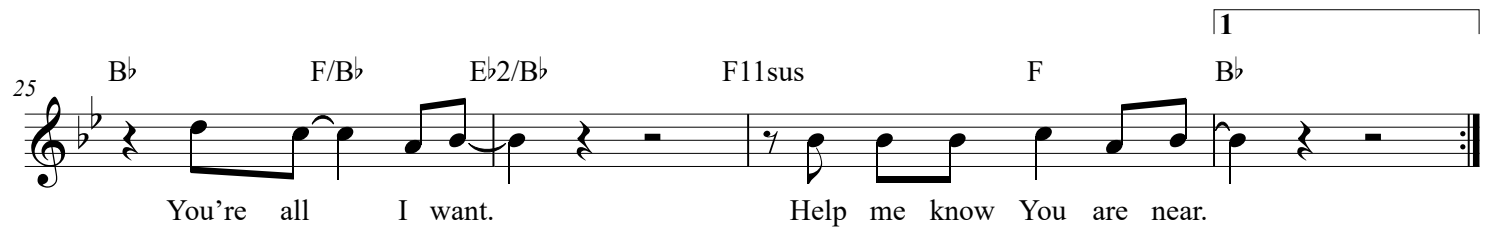
F/B \flat

B \flat



25 1

B \flat F/B \flat E \flat 2/B \flat F11sus F B \flat



You're all I want. Help me know You are near.

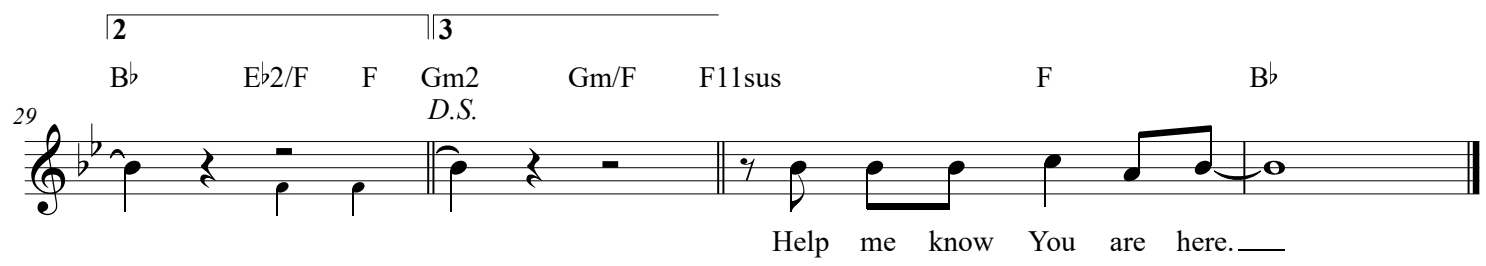
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2 3

B \flat E \flat 2/F F Gm2 Gm/F F11sus F B \flat

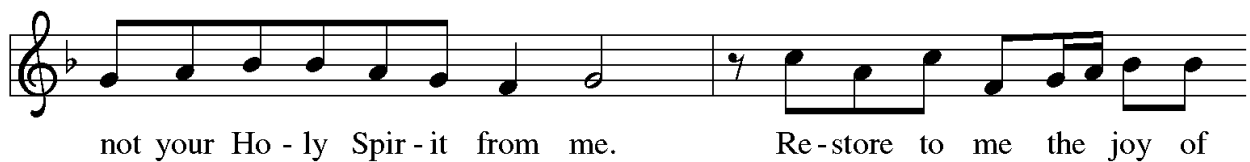
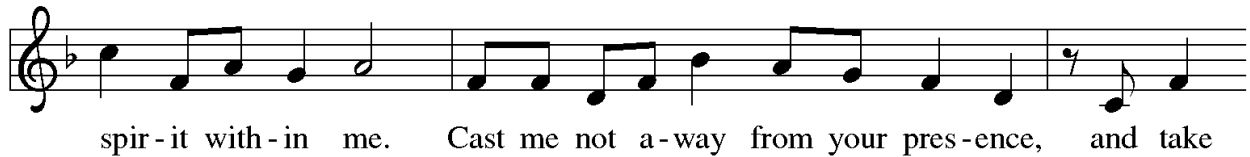
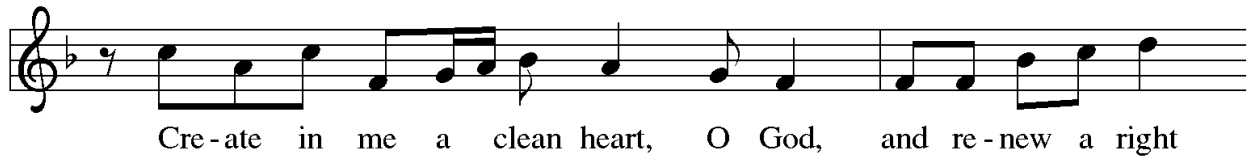
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Help me know You are here.____

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



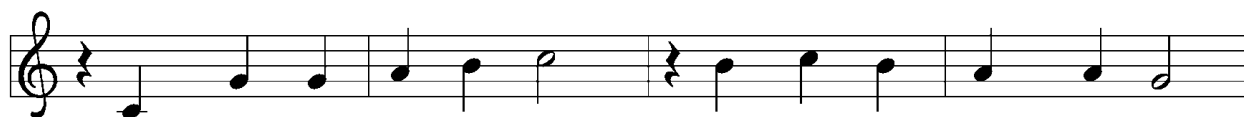
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



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



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



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



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

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