

**Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Thanksgiving Eve  
November 27, 2024**

And God is able  
to provide you with  
every blessing in abundance,  
so that by always having  
enough of everything,  
you may share abundantly  
in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8



At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: “You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.” We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God’s creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Nicole Young, seminarian minister  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader  
Steve Eisenhart, accompanist

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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and on YouTube.

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

Prelude

Welcome

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gathering Hymn

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## We Gather Together

Adrianus Valerius, 1626  
trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

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Neder-ländisch Gedenck-Clank, 1626  
harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;  
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;  
and pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
 Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.  
 the Lord was at our side— the glo - ry be Thine!  
 Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

## Hymn of Praise

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good - will to all the earth.  
 2 Glo - ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
 3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Might - y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
 Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
 Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
 on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
 Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.

Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
 Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
 For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Litany of Thanksgiving

For the good gifts of creation we give you thanks.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!**

For minds that can think and explore and grow, for bodies that can sense and leap and rest, for hearts that can share and feel and love, for voices that can encourage and sing and praise,

**We offer up our hearty thanks.**

For the good gift of salvation we give you thanks.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!**

For promises made and promises kept to Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary and Joseph; for that holy birth in Bethlehem's stall; for the life of teaching, preaching and healing; for the death suffered once to conquer death; for the promise of resurrection and life, delivered when Christ rose from death,

**We offer up our hearty thanks.**

For the good gift of your presence among us we give you thanks.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty!**

For the love that fills our hearts and spills out to family and friends; for the fellowship that binds us to our family of faith; for the hope and joy that give our lives meaning and direction; for the simple gifts of smiles and laughs, songs and hugs that add to life the special glimmer of joy,

**We offer up our hearty thanks. 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 our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Carolyn Fleming

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Here ends the reading.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 65

Nikki Young

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;  
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>**To you, the one who answers prayer,  
to you all flesh shall come.**

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are,  
but you blot out our transgressions.

- <sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there!  
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.**
- <sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.
- <sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains by your power;  
you are girded about with might.**
- <sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- <sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
will tremble at your marvelous signs;  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- <sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.  
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- <sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;  
with heavy rain you soften the ground  
and bless its increase.**
- <sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness,  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- <sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,  
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- <sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;  
let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading      2 Corinthians 9:6-15      Carolyn Fleming  
A reading from the book of 2 Corinthians

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said

to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup>Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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.*

Apostles’ Creed

Nikki Young

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried:  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



Prayers of Intercession  
Hear us, O God.  
**Your mercy is great.**

Nikki Young

Lord's Prayer  
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Nikki Young

**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.*

Offertory

Choir Anthem                      *Accept Our Thanks*                      Community Choir  
Steve Eisenhart, piano

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Doxology                      *Create in Me a Clean Heart*                      ELW #186  
*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

Announcements

*Please rise as you are able.*

Sending Hymn    *For the Fruit of All Creation*                      ELW #679

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude     *Postlude on "St. George's Windsor"*     Jason D. Payne  
Patricia Nyce, organ

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## Announcements

### Today

**We welcome choristers** from Grace Lutheran and Emmanuel Lutheran churches this evening to our own Chancel choir to join in singing the choral anthem.

**Serving Today** Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Usher: Yvonne Peto, Lector: Carolyn Fleming, Acolyte: Faye Weidner

**Serving Sunday** Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Ushers: Barbara Repa and Steve Weidner, Lector: Scott Geiser, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Bryce Manthorne, Communion Assistants: Terry Santangelo and Brenda Hunsberger

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

### Upcoming Events

**Flutter is having a Christmas Lock-in** at the church beginning on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM until Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. All youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to attend. Look for an email with more details. Want to be on the email list? Contact Lindsey Waltermeyer to be added: [GoldieLW@gmail.com](mailto:GoldieLW@gmail.com) or 610-772-1915.

**The Angel Tree** in the welcome center is decorated with angels, each with the name of a gift request printed on the back for a special needs child or youth. Select an angel(s) then purchase the gift. Bring the **unwrapped gift** to church by **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, and place it under the Angel Tree. Please note, gifts will be delivered to the Gemme Services for processing. Therefore, gifts must be brought to the church by the deadline. Any questions about the Angel Tree, contact Rosalie Lisa or Marlene Hansley.

**Blue Christmas Service Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Sanctuary** Sometimes the holiday season is just too much joy for how we are feeling. Maybe life is too much, or you are missing a loved one and are not feeling as happy as normal. Maybe you just want to slow down from the hustle of the days leading up to Christmas and reflect. The Blue Christmas Service gives you time to reflect and meditate.

This year's Blue Christmas Service **is held on the Loaves & Fishes dinner night**, so you may come at 5:45 for dinner and fellowship and then come to the service. See Nikki Young with any questions.

**The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit** presents the 20<sup>th</sup> holiday concert on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the MStar Church. Light refreshments will be available following the concert. A free-will offering for Boyertown Area Multi-Service will be received. MStar is located at 100 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville.

**The Director's Big Band Christmas Concert** will be held at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. For more information, go to [stjohnsboyertown.org](http://stjohnsboyertown.org).



## Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Darlene Latshaw, the Rev. George Harpel and Tina Farrell

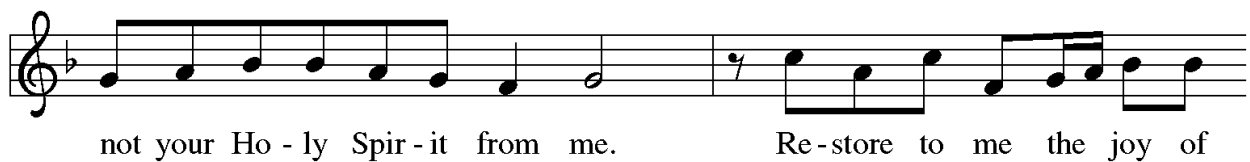
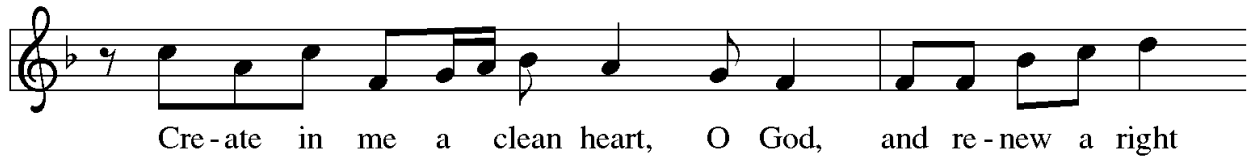
Military: Shawn Dietz, Michael McHugh, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

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 Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## Offering Song



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## For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - pair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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