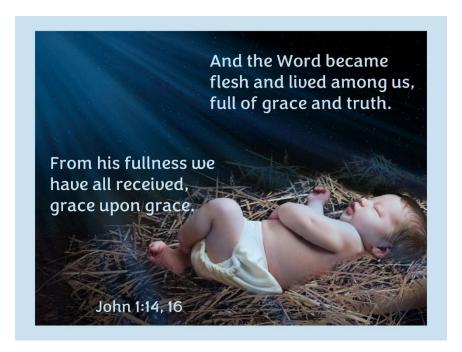
Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Christmas January 5, 2025



Within the gospel reading's profound words lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas is that the Word continues to dwell among us. Christ comes among us in the gathered assembly, the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.

The Rev. Wayne Moritz, supply 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 newhanoverlutheran.org facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch and on YouTube.

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

Prelude

Welcome

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn Love Has Come

ELW #292

Call to Worship

Pastor Wayne

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Pastor Wayne

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, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated. Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵ He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace 8 that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹ he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. 11 In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

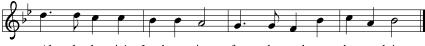




Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



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 1:10-18 Pastor Wayne

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day God with Us Grace Band Oh You've come to bring peace, to be Love,

Pastor Wayne

To be nearer to us

Oh You've come to bring life, to be Light,

To shine brighter in us

Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus:

Our Deliverer, You are Savior In Your presence we find our strength Over ev'rything our Redemption God with us You are God with us Oh You've come to be Hope, to this world, For Your honor and name
Oh You've come to take sin, to bear shame,
And to conquer the grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):
You are here
You are holy
We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

Chorus 2x

Ending:
Oh God with us
You are God with us

Confession and Forgiveness

Nikki Young

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

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Nikki Young

Prayers of Intercession God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor Wayne

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)

Pastor Wayne

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

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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 Hymns Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

ELW #490

What Feast of Love

ELW #487

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

Communion Prayer

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 Nikki Young

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

The offering will be taken at this time.

Special Music To Follow the Star Franklin Ritter

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Offertory Response Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW #186

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn Emmanuel God with Us

Grace Band

Go tell it on the mountain

The one that we've been waiting for

The King of our salvation

Born on this day our Savior Christ the Lord

Go tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere

That we can be forgiven

The weight of all our sin He came to bear

Chorus

Emmanuel God with us

Emmanuel King Jesus

The Savior of the world is born

Emmanuel God with us

Emmanuel King Jesus

The Savior of the world is born

Go tell it on the mountain

Humbly in a manger lay

Mercy sent from heaven

Angels fill the sky with highest praise

Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain
This baby born of virgin birth
The ruler of all nations
The glory of our God has come to earth

Chorus

Ending

The Savior of the world is born The Savior of the world is born

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

Postlude The Lord Reigns, Alleluia!

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Pr. Wayne Moritz, who is serving as the supply pastor this morning.

The Word in Season devotional is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Henrietta Stauffer, and grandmother, Amanda Buchert, by Janet Psota.

Today Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Rick Solazzo and Brian Flack, Lector: Harry White, Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing, Acolyte: Tom McHugh, Communion Assistants: Donna Kehs and Leslie Gates

Next Sunday Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Usher: Bryce Manthorne, Lector: Nance White, Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer, Acolyte: Sam Young

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

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship 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 Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary **Cub Scout Pack 367** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-25, 33

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

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, kitchen **Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, portico

Cemetery – Wednesday, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, room 4, welcome center

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33

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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, room 34 **HOA** – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, room 1

Cub Parents Planning – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 21

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 33 **Handbell Choir** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15 **District Scout Committee** – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 34

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant, Pottstown

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Upcoming Events

Attention Committee and Board Chair: 2024 reports are due in the church office by Monday, January 6, 2025.

God on Tap Has been moved to Thursday, January 9th, at 6:00 PM at the Main Street Pub in Bally. We've all been waiting for the return of Jesus. Wouldn't that be amazing? But, what would that look like? How would modern society deal with it? How would they justify it? How would it be authenticated? Join this discussion at the next God on Tap. For more information and to sign up, contact Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 or rdptw6489@gmail.com.

"Cheers to Us" The New Hanover Lutheran congregation is the only German Lutheran congregation in America to have 325 years of continuous ministry, and the 325th Anniversary Committee is planning a fun event to celebrate! Fun entertainment! A juggler with a Christian message. Fun food! Assorted wraps, chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, veggie tray, chips, and for dessert...cookies and an ice cream bar! Fun fellowship! Bring your family and friends to the celebration!

This event will be held on Sunday, January 26th, at 10:15 AM following the worship service in fellowship hall.

Reservations are needed for the luncheon. Fill out the form found in this bulletin and return it by Sunday, January 19th. Additional copies are located on the desk in the welcome center. Or go to newhanoverlutheran.org and use SignUpGenius. A freewill offering will be received.

NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items throughout the months of January and February. Donations will be distributed through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room for the donations. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need. Look for the list of items that are currently needed at the Cluster in the newsletter.

New Hanover's Got Talent! Everybody is blessed with a talent. What's yours? On Sunday, March 2nd, you will have an opportunity to showcase your talent at the Fastnacht Social and

Talent Show. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include fastnachts!

Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Patricia Nyce or Jayne McHugh to sign up to showcase your talent. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

This event is being planned by the 325th Anniversary Committee.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, "Your Voice from the Pew", located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off "Interest in Church Membership."

Resources

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELC? Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.

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

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 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

Pictorial Directory Send pictures of members, classes and group activities to Nance White at Nance2237@yahoo.com as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

You can donate to NHELC 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! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your

donation on Wednesdays between 1-2 PM and Sundays between 9-10 AM. Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs. 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/.

Reconciling in Christ

Recently the RIC team arranged for two presentations. The presentations, "LGBTQIA+ 101" and "Pronouns-Why They Are Important", are now on the church website under the Reconciling In Christ Journey page. In case you missed the presentations or would like to watch them again, you will find them by entering this link in your web browser: https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/ or connect using this QR Code.

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.

"Taking a closer look: What the Bible does and doesn't say about homosexuality" January 12th at 10:15 AM in Fellowship Hall

The Bible is often used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people to prove that they are condemned by God, and sometimes to justify discrimination and even violence against them. Most often people point to a few verses scattered throughout scripture to justify this. In this workshop we will examine some of these texts, and explore

how to respond when the Bible is used against 2sLGBTQIA+ people. The Rev. Bruce Davidson, a retired pastor in the ELCA, will be leading the presentation. At the end of his presentation questions will be received. We will meet in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service. Drinks and snacks will be available.

"Allyship" January 19th Allyship is an action verb defining the lifelong process of building relationships based on trust, consistency, and accountability with minoritized individuals and/or groups of people with the strategic intentions to become collaborators to promote equity.

We welcome Dr. Dee Singley, (she/they), Director for Disability Services and 504 Coordinator Institute for Student Success at Ursinus College for a Temple Talk during worship on January 19th. Afterwards, during the adult Sunday School hour, Dr. Singley and members of the RIC team will be available for questions and further discussion in room 33 of the Christian Education Wing.

Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley, 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 Hauck	Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz	
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick Penny Garber			
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall	
Kate Brunick and family			

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Look around your worship space.

Can you find all of these people?

- ☐ Someone wearing blue
- ☐ Someone holding a baby
- ☐ Someone with glasses
- ☐ Someone who is smiling
- ☐ Someone with white hair
- ☐ Someone who is wearing a sweater
- ☐ Someone who is reading the Bible







Christmas 2

- Today is the **second Sunday** after **Christmas**.
- Jesus is sometimes called the Word.
- Jesus shared **God's word of love** with others!

In today's lesson, Jesus is called the Word. Trace the word below. What's the word?

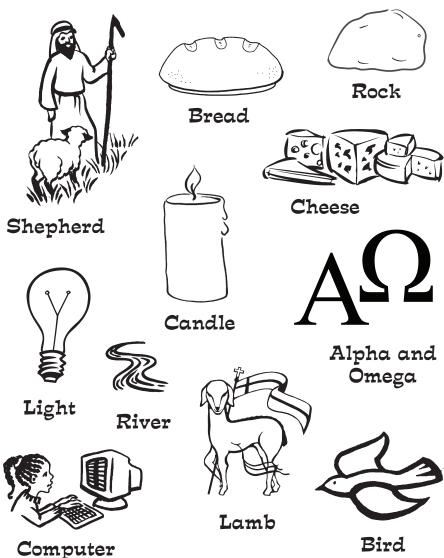




John told the people, "This is Jesus, the man I've been talking about! And God sent Jesus to teach us—hooray!"

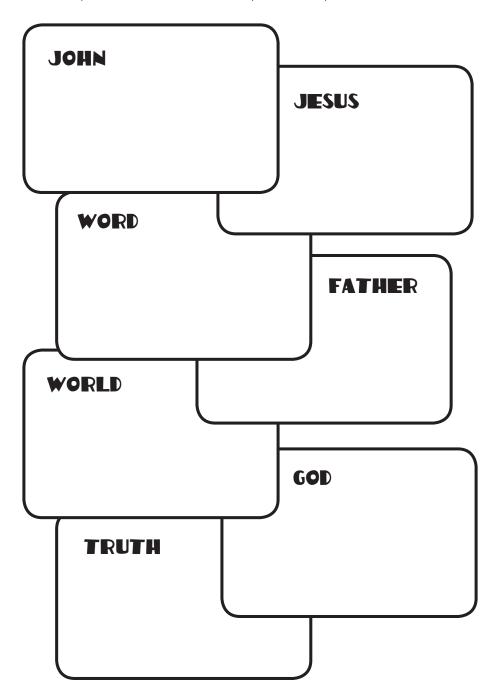
Jesus is called a lot of different names in the Bible. In today's lesson he's called the Word. Below are different names for Jesus—some are right and some are wrong.

Circle the ones that you've heard or that you know from the Bible.



Listening for the Words

Jesus was called the Word. During today's Bible readings and sermon, listen for these special words and make a tally each time you hear them used.







Christmas 2

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It's All Relative!

Today's Bible story is about John the Baptist talking about Jesus. In the first space, draw a picture of John and Jesus. Who is one of your cousins? In the second space, draw a picture of you and your cousin. (If you don't have a cousin, draw a picture of a kid who is like family to you.)

Jehn and Jesus

MY Cousin and Me

Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues below. Once the puzzle is complete, fill in the missing words from the memory verse using the words from the crossword.



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- 2. Opposite of empty
- 3. Another name for skin or meat
- 5. You and me
- The word for God loving us no matter what; also a girl's name

- 1. Opposite of falsity
- 3. Another name for dad
- Boy version of daughter
- 5. Certain letters put together create this

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Today's lesson is about John the Baptist and
Jesus. Did you know they were cousins? Write
in the relationship between these other biblical
characters.

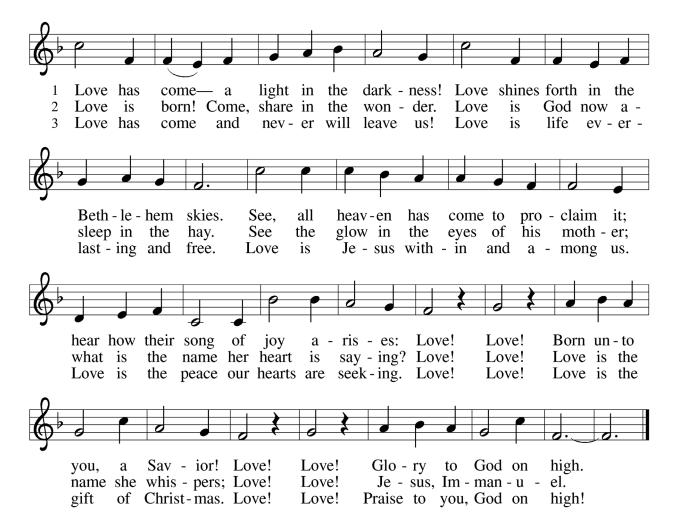
CAIN AND ABEL:	(GENESIS 4:2)
MARY AND MARTHA:	(LUKE 10:38-42
ISAAC AND REBEKAH:	(GENESIS 24)
JAMES AND JOHN	(ILIKE 5:9-11)

"And the	became			and lived	
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among us, and _	5 across	have s	een his glory,	the glory as of a	l
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3 down		4 down		6 across	
	" –John 1:	14			
1 down					

What's in a Name? In today's lesson, Jesus is called the Word. The Bible uses lots of names for Jesus. Make a list of names for Jesus. Then think about names people call you. Leader? Friend? Artist? Athlete? List those names below, too.

NAMES FOR JESUS	NAMES FOR ME

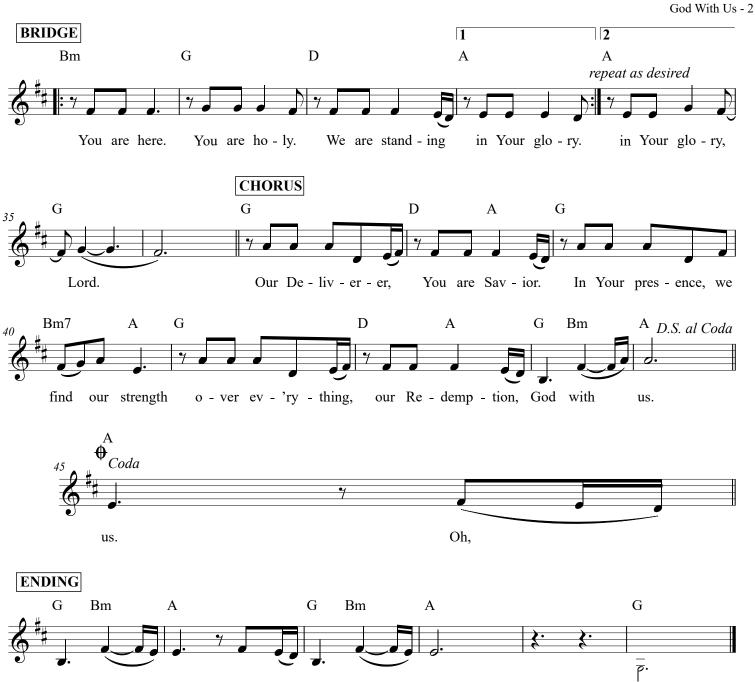
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God With Us





You are God

with

us.

God

with

us.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



- 1 Let all mor tal flesh keep si lence, and with fear and trem bling stand;
- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, as of old on earth he stood,
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heav-en spreads its van-guard on the way;
- 4 At his feet the six winged ser aph, cher u bim with sleep less eye,



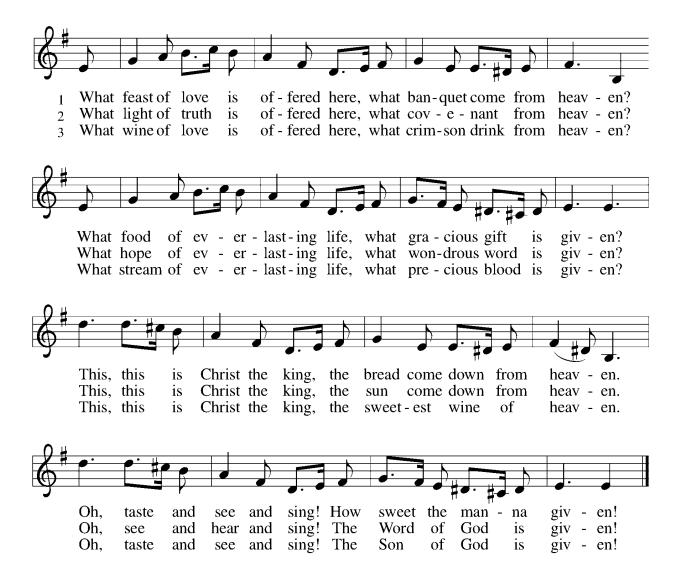
pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture, in the bod - y and the blood, the realms of end - less day, the Light of light, de - scend-ing from veil their fac - es to the pres-ence, as with cease-less voice they cry:



Christ our God to earth de-scend - ing comes full hom-age to de - mand. he will give to all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n-ly food. comes, the pow'rs of hell to van - quish, as the dark-ness clears a - way. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

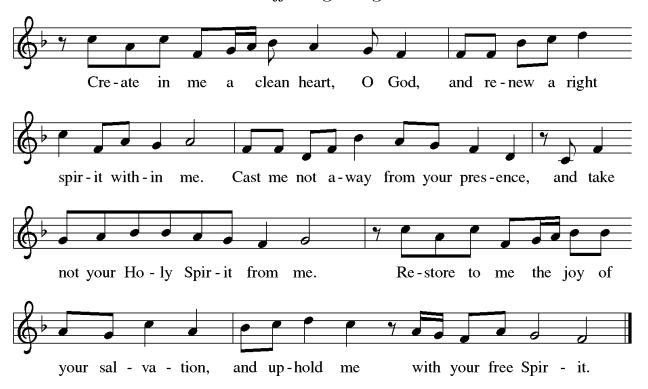
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Emmanuel God With Us

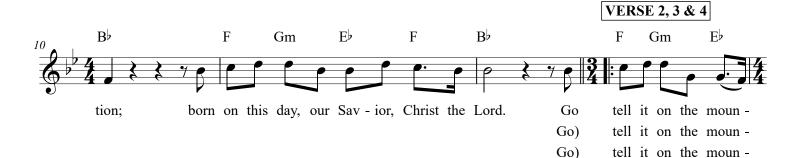
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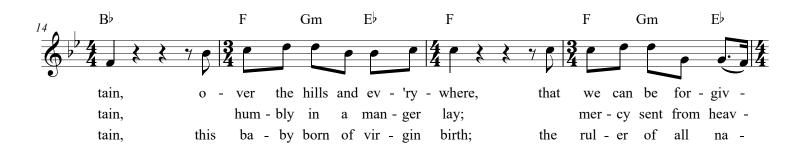
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Go tell it on the moun -









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man - u - el, God with us. Em - man - u - el, King Je - sus. The Sav - ior of the world is

