

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

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
Scout Sunday  
February 2, 2025**



The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

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

**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 *Let All Together Praise Our God* ELW #287

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

Sam Young

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 and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith,  
hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us  
love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Centering Song

*Trading My Sorrows*

Kids for Christ Band

*Verse 1*

I'm trading my sorrows

I'm trading my shame

I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

*Verse 2*

I'm trading my sickness  
I'm trading my pain  
I'm laying them down  
For the joy of the Lord

*Chorus:*

Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord  
Yes Lord yes Lord yes yes Lord Amen

*Bridge:*

I am pressed but not crushed  
Persecuted not abandoned  
Struck down but not destroyed  
I am blessed beyond the curse  
For His promise will endure  
That His joy's gonna be my strength  
Though the sorrow may last for the night  
His joy comes with the morning

*Verse 1*

*Verse 2*

*Chorus 2x*

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Nikki and Sam Young

A Scout Is

The Scout Law

Adrienne Brounce and Emily Maldonado

Leader The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of scouts and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days.  
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
(Exodus 20:16)

Scouts **A Scout is trustworthy.**

Leader He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Scouts **A Scout is loyal.**

Leader You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)  
For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to thy needy and to the poor, in the land.  
(Deuteronomy 15:11)

Scouts **A Scout is helpful.**

Leader Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)  
Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

Scouts **A Scout is friendly.**

**First Reading** A Psalm for Scouts and Scouters Patrick Lawlor  
The Lord God is our Great Scoutmaster  
who provides all our needs.

**He lets us camp in forests tall and meadows green.**

He leads us on trails beside waters deep and still, brooks babbling,  
streams rushing, and rivers raging.

**He restores our bodies, minds and souls,  
even as we observe the eagle soaring  
to greater heights above.**

He encourages the Eagle Scout in their upward climb.

**He teaches Cub Scouts, Scouts, and Venturers  
to live the Scout Oath and Law.**

Even though the trails may lead through dark valleys with towering  
mountains, we are courageous because He leads us onward.

**He continually blesses us with food for mind and body.**

Even when our enemies dislike or distrust us,  
he blesses us with the gifts of love and forgiveness.

**Surely, his goodness and mercy will sustain us all the days of  
our lives.**

And, when we climb the final trail through the awesome pass that leads to the Great Council fire, we shall join those who traveled the trail before us and joyfully live with God forever!

Here ends the reading.

**Second Reading**      Matthew 5:1-2, 7-8      Justin Maldonado  
A reading from the book of Matthew

<sup>1</sup>Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup>and he began to teach them.

He said:

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.”

Here ends the reading.

## The Scout Law Continues

Adrienne Brounce and Emily Maldonado

Leader 1 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Scout      **A Scout is courteous.**

Leader 2 A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

Scouts      **A Scout is kind.**

Leader 1 Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Scouts      **A Scout is obedient.**

Leader 2 A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast. (Proverbs 15:13-15)

Scouts      **A Scout is cheerful.**

## Presentation of God and Me/God and Family Nikki Young

Each year, Pack 367 offers its Scouts an opportunity to earn a Religious Emblem Award as an extension of their Scouting Advancement Program. One of the tenants of the Scout Law is “A Scout is Reverent;” the Religious Emblem Award program reinforces this value. I had the honor to teach this program to these scouts this year.

Today we take time to celebrate those Scouts who have fulfilled the requirements this special program and deserve recognition for their accomplishments. The Bible teaches us in Luke chapter 2 that Jesus “grew and became strong, he was full of wisdom, and God’s Blessings were upon him.” The scouts before you today are following the example set by Jesus by seeking to grow in Christian faith and service. In the God and Me curriculum, we explored our faith together, came to understand that God is active in every part of our lives, helped these scouts know that Jesus is their best friend, and memorized the Lord’s prayer. The following scouts have earned the God and Me award and earned the right and privilege of wearing this emblem in recognition of this accomplishment: **Aiden Foote and Audrey Lowrey.**

God and Family is designed to help youth understand the importance of family and God’s role in a healthy family. The God and Family program provides an opportunity for the Scouts and their families to explore their faith together. The Scouts read about different families in the Bible, which taught them about God’s plan for strengthening families. To remember these lessons, the Scouts compared families and “pizza.” The six steps for making pizza gave students a concrete, “hands-on” model on which to build their understanding of God’s love for their families. They made a pizza as they studied how families can grow together in God’s love. They also memorized the Ten Commandments. The following Scouts have completed the requirements of study and service for the God and Family award program and have earned the right and privilege of wearing this emblem in recognition of their accomplishment: **Ben Cassel, Hunter Houseal, Patrick Lawlor, Jack Lowrey, Elias Melendez, Sam Young.**

Both of these awards feature a four-colored cross. The four colors converge into a point to create an “X” at the center of the cross.

“X” is the first letter in the Greek word for Christ, and it is symbolic of how Christ should be at the center of our lives.

Let us pray: Lord, your Son has called all of us into the adventures of learning and serving. Today we celebrate these Scouts who have answered that call in a special way. We thank you for this moment of joyous celebration. Continue to challenge all of us to grow in Christian service, that your kingdom may become a reality in and through our lives. Amen.

*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

Luke 4:21-30

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup> And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the

time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”<sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage.<sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff.<sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message**

Isaac Fisher

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**

*What a Friend*

Kids for Christ 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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**Prayers of Intercession** Joshua Dawson, Justin Maldonado  
Adrienne Brounce, Mia Calcagni, Abi Dawson, Patrick Altomari

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism, *especially as we honor Black History Month* and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of wisdom, we crave for you to lead us on our journey and path during scouting and for the rest of our life. May we use the lessons learned in scouting to help make ourselves and community a better place. God of grace,  
**Hear our prayer**

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed, as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.  
**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer William Leigh  
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.*

The Scout Law Continues Adrienne Brounce and Emily Maldonado

Leader Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.  
Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest.  
(Proverbs 6:6-8)

Scouts **A Scout is thrifty.**

Leader Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Scouts **A Scout is brave.**

Leader Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from

the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation.  
(Psalm 24:3-5)

Scouts **A Scout is clean.**

Leader And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all  
your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark  
12:30)

Scouts **A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward God. He is  
faithful in his religious duties and respects the  
convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.**

*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.*

Choir Anthem

*Allelu, Sing Praises!*

Chancel Choir

Josh and Sam Young, percussion

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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 *I Love to Tell the Story*

ELW #661

Dismissal

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

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## Announcements

### Today

**We welcome Cub Scout Pack 367 and Scouts BSA Troop 367** who are participating in the worship service this morning.

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter Kiersten's birthday by Pr. Scott and Marsha Staub.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Bill and Lila Steltz by the Tracey family.

**Today:** Head Usher: Barbar Repa, Scout Leaders: Sam Young, Adrienne Brounce, Emily Maldonado, Patrick Lawlor, Justin Maldonado, Isaac Fisher, Joshua Dawson, Justin Maldonado, Mia Calcagni, Abi Dawson, Patrick Altomari and William Leigh

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Jim Gross, Ushers: Doug and Bette Senne, Lector: Nancy Gross, Children's Sermon: Janine Springer, Acolyte: Norm Hunsberger, Communion Assistants: Debbie Solazzo and Brenda Hunsberger

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise.

**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, 11:00 AM, kitchen door

**J.A.M.** – Today, 10:15 AM, rooms 21

**Adult Roundtable Bible Study** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 14

**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, 34

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

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

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Wednesday, 1:00 PM, kitchen door

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

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

**Property** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 24

**God on Tap** – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main St. Pub in Bally

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

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

**Pinewood Derby Setup** – Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, rooms 1, 14

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

**Pinewood Derby** – Saturday, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, rooms 1, 14

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**Confirmation** – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James in Limerick

**The next God on Tap** will be on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM at Main St. Pub in Bally. The discussion topic will be “If Jesus could join us for God on Tap, I’d like to discuss \_\_\_\_\_.” If you would like to attend, text or call Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 by noon on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**2024 Annual Reports are now due.** If you haven’t submitted your report for last year, contact Susan Gutshall.

**NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items** through the end of 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.

**Celebrate Soup-er Bowl!** Mark your calendar and save the date! On **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**, the Picnic Committee wants to help you by providing delicious, homemade soup for you to enjoy before, during and after the Super Bowl! Chicken Pot Pie, Beef Vegetable Soup and Chili will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 AM church service. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment!

**NHELC 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop** will open later this month! We are excited to partner with a local company that will make items such as polos, t-shirts, hoodies and other accessories available for order with our 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary logo. More details coming soon!

**The annual meeting and congregational dinner** will be held following the worship service on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**New Hanover's Got Talent!** Everybody is blessed with a talent. What's yours? On **Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee.

**Save the Date! Camp Falckner**, an overnight camp held in our church's picnic grove, is scheduled for July 21-24, 2025. All youth who will have finished grades 5-12 are invited to attend. More details to come this spring!

## 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 NHELCC?

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](http://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. NHELCC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://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](mailto:Nance2237@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

**You can donate to NHELCC 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](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**More than 200,000 meals have been delivered!** NHELCC’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.

## Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, cards and support to my family and me during our time of sorrow for the loss of my mother. – Susan Gutshall

## Prayer Requests

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

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: family and friends of Lester Renninger, Roberta Gutshall (Susan's mother) and Steven Hammaker

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
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Kate Brunick & family	Pat Green	Paul Knauer
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## Knights of the Round Table

### Sundays at 10:15 AM Starting February 2<sup>nd</sup>

Just a bunch of adults trying the best we can getting through life. Life with kids, life with challenges, just life. Welcome to *Try February!* – with Kate Bowler. Not transforming. Not crushing it. Just ...*trying*. January usually swans in with all its sparkle and self-improvement slogans (new year, new you, yadda yadda), but what if we skipped the makeover? What if the goal wasn't perfection but something much braver: showing up, being real, and finding a little joy in the beautiful, chaotic mess of it all?

- 94% of people will fail their New Year's resolution by this time next year. Isn't that encouraging? You're not defective! No one is a robot! (Okay, 6% of people might be, but the rest of us are real!)
- Today you will try because perfection is impossible. Let it go. Let it go. (Yes, sing the song, but seriously, let it go.)
- Reach for something today, knowing that you are better than perfect: you are real.

Each week we'll try together. Not perfectly, but with heart. We may not always achieve what we want, but even in the smallest moments, there's beauty in embracing the good, the bad, and everything in between. So if you're trying to try, you're in good company. Let's do this together – all the hopes, imperfections, and love we bring to this world.”

We meet at the round table in the Multi-purpose room (14). Not sure where that is – just ask.

Looking for a little more permission to stop chasing perfect? Read [Good Enough – 40 reflections that are like a hug for your soul.](https://katebowler.com/books/goodenough/?mc-cid=d2671168f9&mc_eid=ad830a1088)  
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Many ancient churches were decorated in a similar way. There were drawings of plants and animals by the floor. The sky and angels were in the middle. Jesus was at the very top.

**Finish drawing the Earth and the heavens on this wall.**

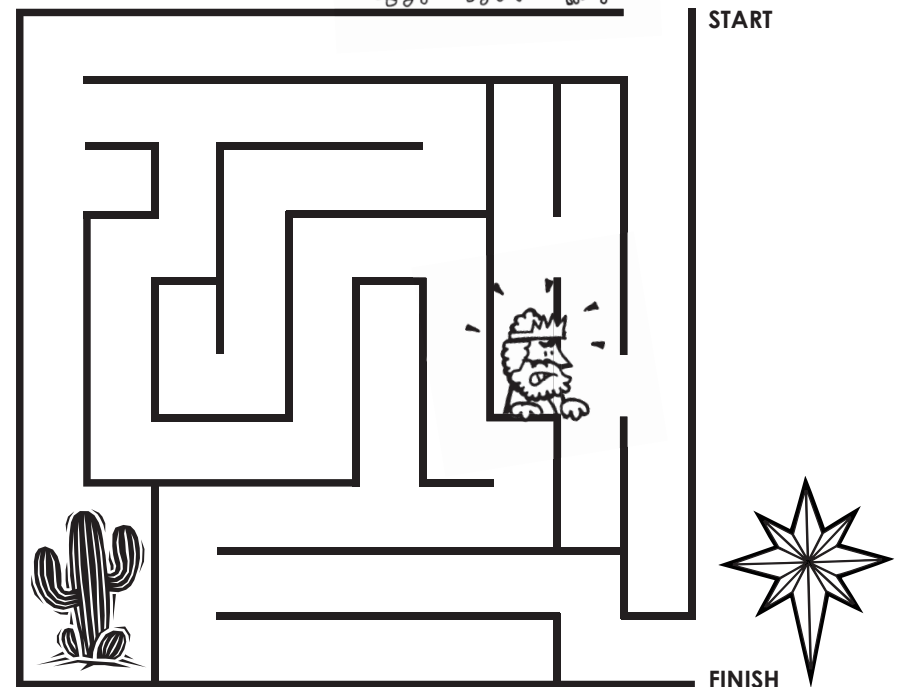


# PRE-READER

Epiphany 4

- Today is the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Epiphany.
- During Epiphany, we remember that Jesus is the **light of the world**.
- The symbol of Epiphany is a **burst of light**.

**The symbol of Epiphany is a star. It reminds us of the star that the Magi followed to find Jesus. Go through the maze to help them reach the star, but don't run into Herod or get lost in the desert!**

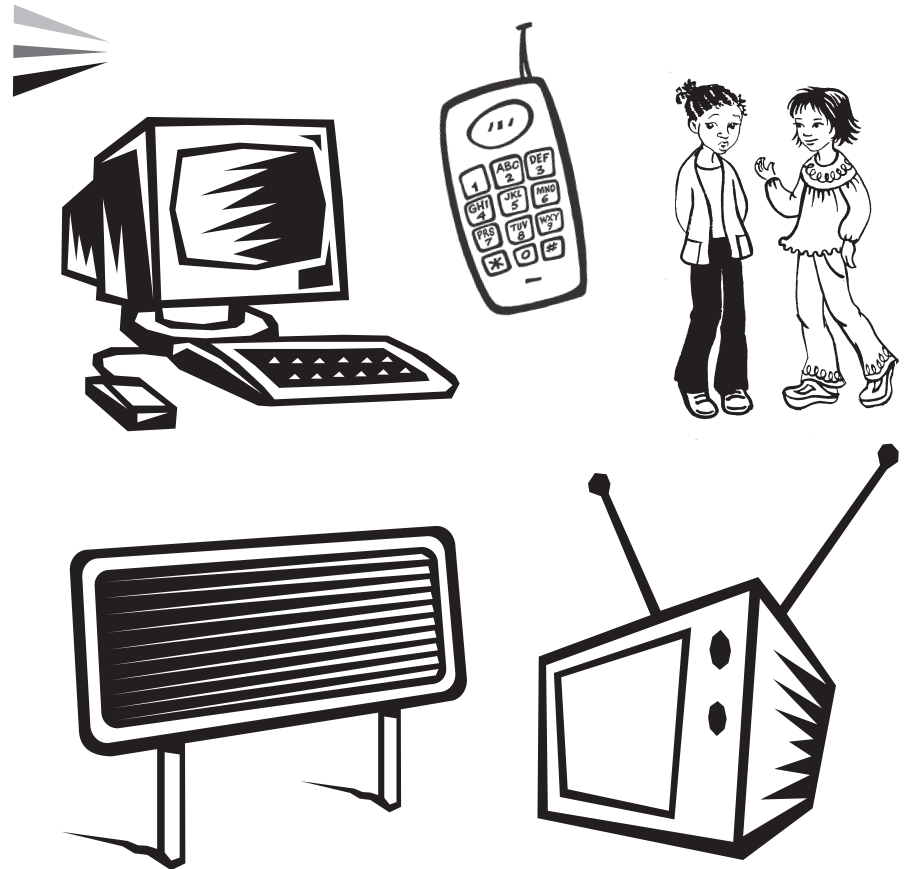




Jeremiah was nervous. "But, God, I'm just a kid! I don't know what to say to grown-ups!"

God tells Jeremiah to "speak" God's word to the nations. How would you spread God's word today?

**Circle the way that you would choose, or draw your own idea.**



MY IDEA

# Translation Decoder

There are many different translations of the Bible. Use the key to fill in the names of some popular translations.

A: ∞	I: =
D: Δ	O: *
E: +	R: ◇
G: #	T: >

NRSV: N+W ◇+V=S+Δ S>∞NΔ∞RΔ V+◇S=\*N

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ESV: +N#L=SH S>∞NΔ∞RΔ V+◇S=\*N

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NIV: N+W =N>+◇N∞>=\*N∞L V+◇S=\*N

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KJV: K=N# J∞M+S V+◇S=\*N

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Which translation of the Bible does your church use? Find out and write the name here:

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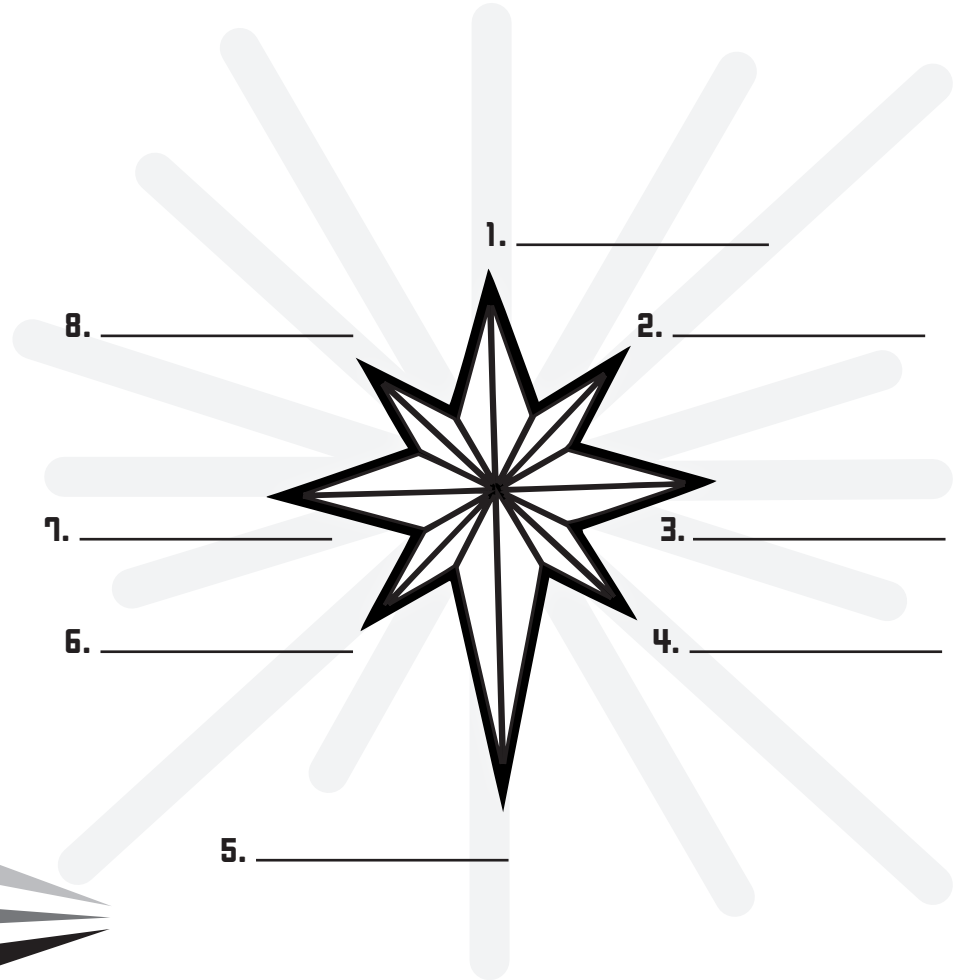
# READER

Epiphany 4

- Today is the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in the season of Epiphany.
- Epiphany is a season of **light in darkness**.
- During Epiphany, we think about **why Jesus came to the world**.

## Light of Life

The symbol of Epiphany is a burst of light. Write something that brings goodness and light to your life at each of the points.



"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." Jeremiah 1:5a

## Memory Verse

You might not be familiar with the word *consecrate* from today's memory verse, but it's very important to the verse's meaning! Look at the chart below. Each word has a number for its column (written at the top) and for its row (written to the left). If the word's column number and row number add up to 6, then that word is a synonym for consecrate. Shade in the right words.

	1	3	4	2	5
5	Dedicate	Ignore	Change	Forget	Name
4	Push	Condemn	Poke	Bless	Hold
1	Await	Hide	Assemble	Take apart	Set apart
2	Imagine	Write	Make holy	Smell	Raise
3	Make secret	Anoint	Hope for	Remember	Juggle



## Look It Up!

The books in the Bible with the most chapters are Psalms, Isaiah, and Jeremiah. Look up how many chapters each one has.

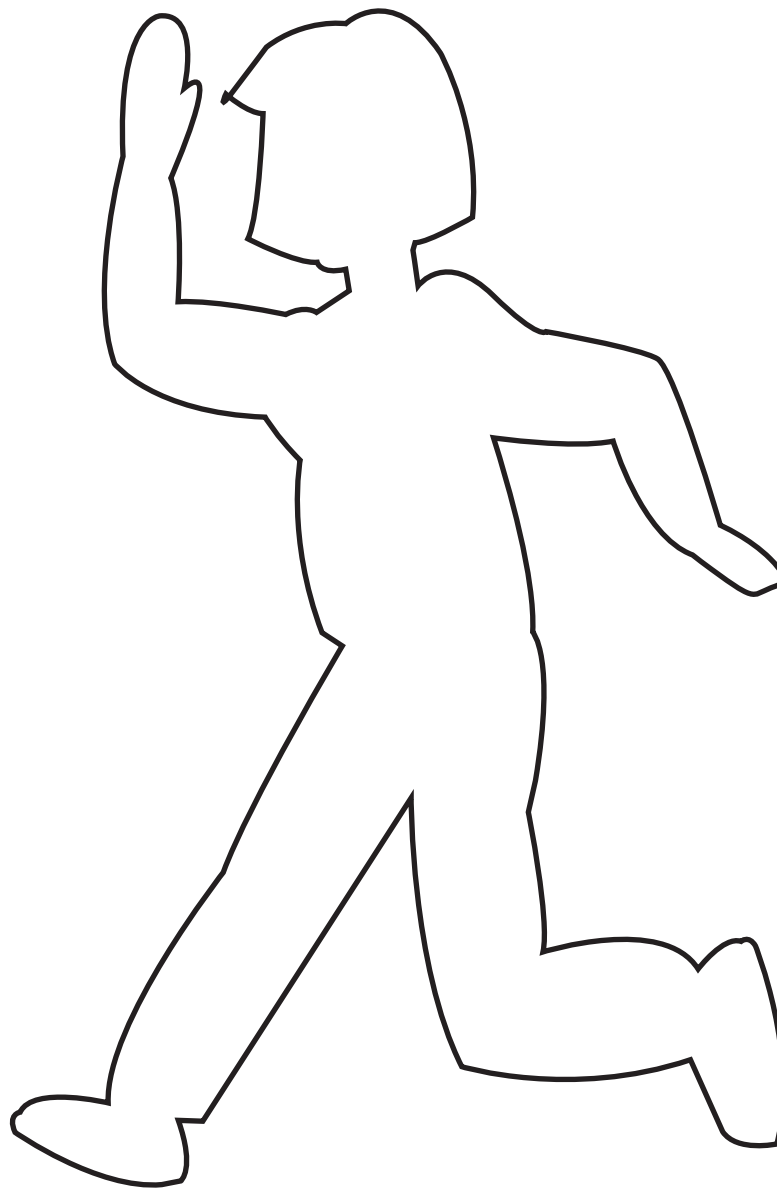
NUMBER OF CHAPTERS IN PSALMS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS IN ISAIAH: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS IN JEREMIAH: \_\_\_\_\_

## Divine Design

Fill in the outline of the person with descriptions or pictures of things that make YOU who you are.





## Let All Together Praise Our God



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the  
2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an  
3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor  
4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and  
in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a  
of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who  
lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.  
man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.  
clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.  
glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

5 A wonderful exchange you make:  
you take our flesh and blood,  
and in return give us to share  
the shining realm of God,  
the shining realm of God.

6 Unlock the door again today  
that leads to paradise;  
the angel bars the way no more.  
To God let praises rise,  
to God let praises rise!

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# Trading My Sorrows

Words and Music by  
Darrell Evans

## CHORUS

♩ = 116

I'm trad - ing my sor - rows, I'm trad - ing my shame,  
I'm trad - ing my sick - ness, I'm trad - ing my pain,

## VAMP

5

I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord,  
I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.

10

yes, yes, Lord; Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord; Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, a - men.

## VERSE

15

I am pressed but not crushed, per - se - cut - ed, not a - ban - doned,

19

struck down, but not de - stroyed; I am blessed be - yond the curse, for His



# What A Friend

(based on the recording by Matt Maher)

Words and Music by  
Matt Maher

**INTRO**

♩ = 110

E C#m A

**VERSE**

E C#m A

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

9 E C#m

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

2nd time to Coda

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

**VERSE**

27 C#m A E  
 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 A E A E C#m B A

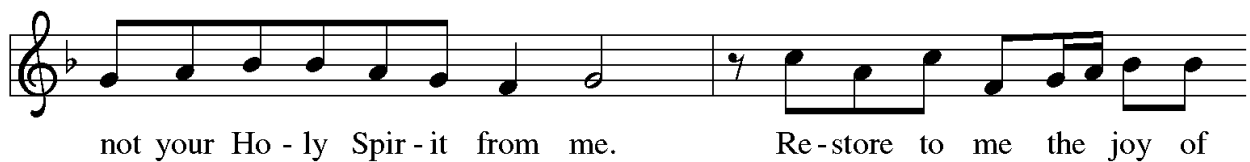
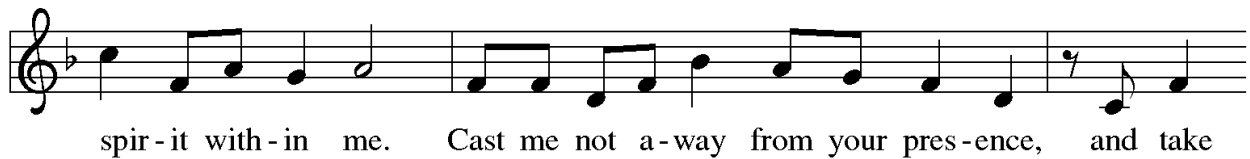
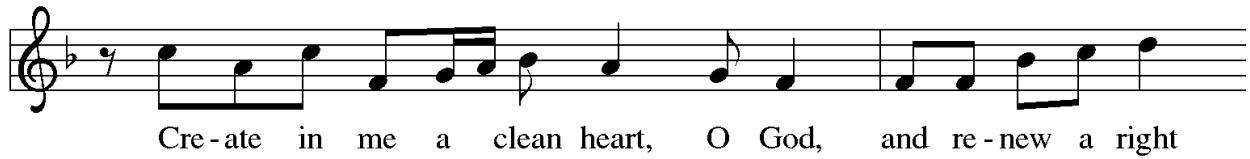
heart is my home. What a heart is my home. For ev - er and ev - 'er His heart is my

72 E

home.

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## Offering Song



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## I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

### Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

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