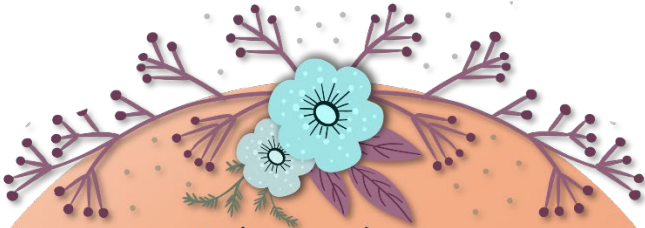


Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025



*"Blessed are
the peacemakers,
for they will be called
children of God.*

*Blessed are
those who are persecuted
because of righteousness,
for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 5:9-10



The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

**The Rev. Scott 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 *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult* ELW #696

Call to Worship

Nikki Young

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Nikki 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.

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Janine Springer

First Reading Matthew 5:1-2, 9-10

Nancy Gross

A reading from the book of Matthew

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

He said:

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

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 Luke 5:1-11

Nikki Young

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds

from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”
⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”
⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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 *I Will Follow*

Grace Band

Where You go, I’ll go;
Where You stay, I’ll stay;
When You move, I’ll move.
I will follow.

All your ways are good,
All your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight,
High above your life;
I will trust in You alone.

Chorus:

Where You go, I’ll go;
Where You stay, I’ll stay;
When You move, I’ll move.

I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose,
I will follow You, yeah,
I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world,
Light into my life,
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone. In you alone.

Chorus

Bridge:

In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy.
And I will follow

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Yeah,
I will follow You, yeah,
I will follow You, yeah,
I will follow You, yeah

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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.

Prayers of Intercession
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nikki Young

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor Scott

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 Scott

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.**

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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 Song

Revelation Song

Grace Band

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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.

Choir Anthem

Amazing Grace

Chancel Choir

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

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Prayer Shawl Blessing

Nikki Young

If there's a shawl in your pew, please place your hands on it.

Oh God of healing and hope, we ask that you bless these prayer shawls and prayer blankets, made faithfully and lovingly by your servants and friends of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. Infuse these items with the power of your presence, so they may serve as a salving relief from suffering and pain. May those who receive them be wrapped in comfort, mercy and peace. May they feel renewed and restored in the warmth of your unceasing love. May those we send out to deliver these gifts be a blessing and a comfort to the recipients. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Announcements

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *In Christ Called to Baptize*

ELW #575

Dismissal

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Festal Postlude

Chester Nordman

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Announcements

Today

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of their parents by Doug and Bette Senne.

Today: 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

Next Sunday Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Usher: Terry Santangelo, Lector: Susan Swartz, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Rae Bechtel

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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry Notice the beautiful prayer shawls in our church today. These shawls were prayerfully knitted and crocheted by members of our congregation to be gifted to console the grieving, comfort the ill and bring hope to those in need. The prayer shawls wrap, enfold, hug, warm, comfort and beautify. Those who knit/crochet and those who receive the prayer shawls are equally blessed.

If you or someone you know would like to knit or crochet a shawl, the kits with yarn and instructions are in the closet in the Nursery. Any questions? Call Rosalie Lisa at 610-416-8194 or email at rosalisa@comcast.net.

If you would like to share a prayer shawl with someone contact the church office.

Celebrate Soup-er Bowl! 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 worship service this morning. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment!

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

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James in Pottstown

Prayer Ministry - Monday, 1:15 PM - sanctuary

Altar Guild – Monday, 3:45 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-25, 33, 34

AARP Board – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, room 14

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 14

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, kitchen door

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 14

Cub Parent Planning – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, offsite

GriefShare – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, room 14

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

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

District Scout Committee – 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 24

Birthday Party – Saturday, 12:00 – 3:30 PM, room 1

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, kitchen door

J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21

Adult Roundtable Bible Study – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 14

Reconciling in Christ Question and Answer Session – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 15

Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

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

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

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.

Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Sandy Wesner at 215-679-9021 or email slwesner@comcast.net by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

Upcoming Events

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 January newsletter.

Box City is Coming This year, we are hosting Box City, a homeless experience and lock-in for our youth and youth within the SEPA Synod. Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up for dinner on Saturday, March 22nd, and to help with a simple continental-type breakfast on Sunday, March 23rd. If you are willing to help with some overnight security as well, reach out to Nikki Young.

Youth Rock Climbing Night Churches in the Upper Montgomery County in the SEPA Synod are hosting a rock-climbing night. This is a rescheduled event that was cancelled due to snow. It will be Sunday, February 16th, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at the Philadelphia Rock Gym in Oaks. The cost is \$26/ person. Contact Lindsey Waltermeyer or Nikki Young if your youth would like to go.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are headed North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELIC True North Kids Camp will be June 16th – June 20th from 9:00 AM – noon. Potty trained preschoolers – Rising 5th Graders are welcome to attend. Youth headed to 6th grade and up are welcome to be junior counselors. Register and/or sign up to volunteer NOW! Go to <https://vbspro.events/p/35b361>.

New GriefShare Group Forming If you or someone you know is dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one, join a new GriefShare group hosted by NHELIC. The group will be meeting on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM, February 13th – May 8th. You may sign up online <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

Do you have questions or would you like additional information about Reconciling in Christ? Then join the RIC core team after worship on February 16th. They will be available to answer your questions. Meet in room 15 (choir room).

NHELIC 325th 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 325th Anniversary logo. More details coming soon!

The annual meeting and potluck congregational dinner will be held following the worship service on Sunday, February 23rd. A presentation on the unique and exciting history of the congregation will be given by the 325th Anniversary Committee.

This year we will honor our church's history at our Congregational Dinner by having a church family potluck. Think of a family recipe that you enjoy, perhaps one that has been passed down through the generations. Sign up to bring it to our potluck. Don't have a family recipe? No problem. Sally Sugita will be in the fellowship hall after church with three church cookbooks. Feel free to stop by, look for a recipe and either take a picture of the recipe or Sally will make a copy for you. If neither of those options sound good, just make your favorite recipe to share.

We are asking people to bring a salad, side dish, main dish or dessert.

Sign up for the Congregational Dinner by filling out the reservation form (found on the desk in the welcome center) or by signing up on the SignupGenius. The fellowship committee will be supplementing our menu with some delicious selections. We hope to see you there!

The next Gathering is Tuesday, February 25th. We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 PM for a luncheon followed by a live-stream presentation by Margaret Renkl, author of *Late Migrations*. A contributing opinion writer for the New York Times, Margaret Renkl provides an unusual, captivating portrait of a family—and of the cycles of joy and grief that inscribe human lives within the natural world. Sign up at the Welcome Center desk to help with planning for this event.

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.

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) 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) 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 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 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/>.

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.

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

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 & family	Pat Green	Paul Knauer
Suzanne Dodge	Bill Bauer	Sue Lowry
Dave Pollock		

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Celebrating 325 Years
1700-2025



Still Making History

Knights of the Round Table Sundays at 10:15 AM

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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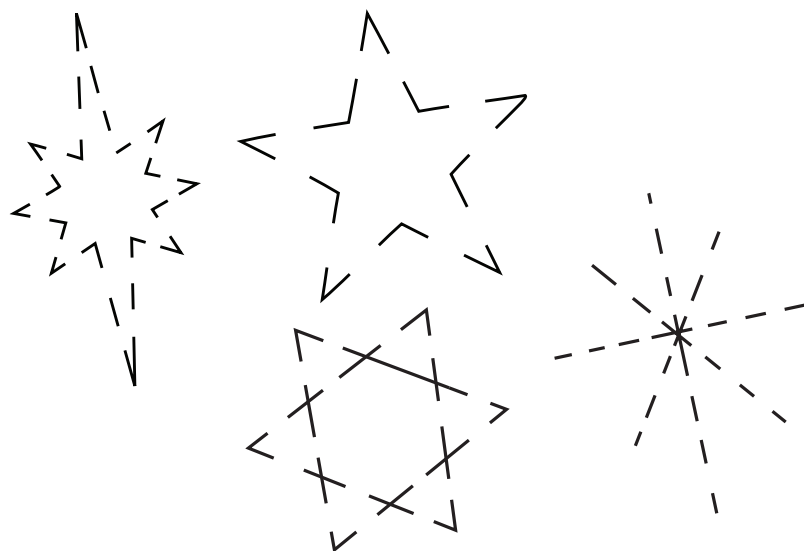
We can see God's love for us in the good things God gives us, like people who love us and a beautiful world to live in.



What are some good things in your life?
Draw them here.



There are many different ways to draw stars. Practice some of them by tracing the dotted lines.

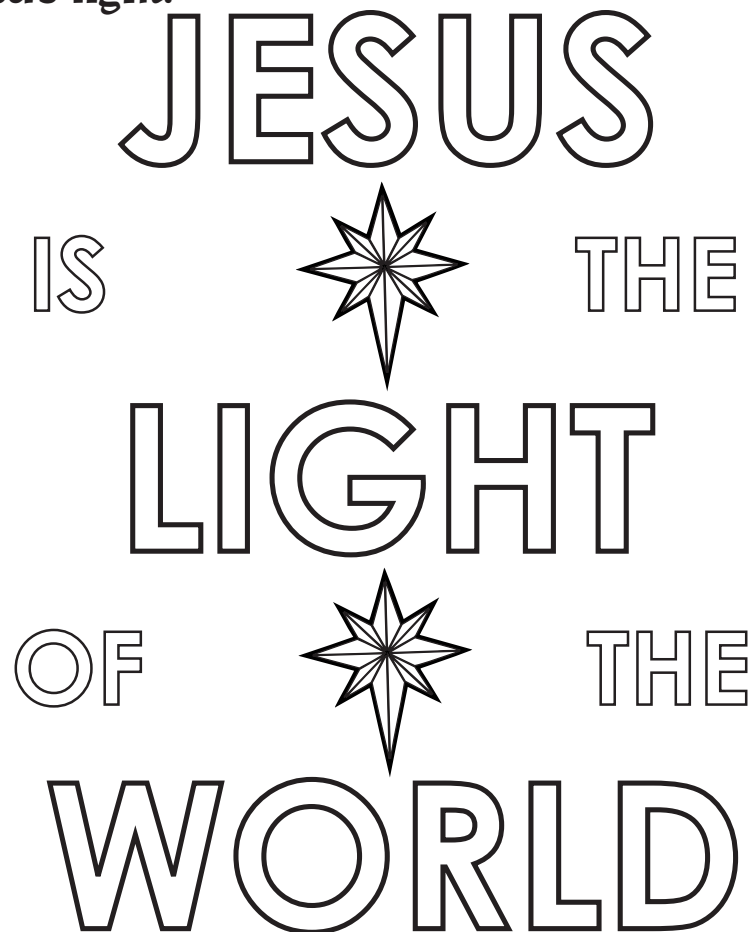


PRE-READER

Epiphany 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** in Epiphany.
- We use the symbol of a star during Epiphany. A star reminds us of **light**.
- **God** shines light on us. We can **shine** light in the world!

Color this picture to remind yourself of God's light.

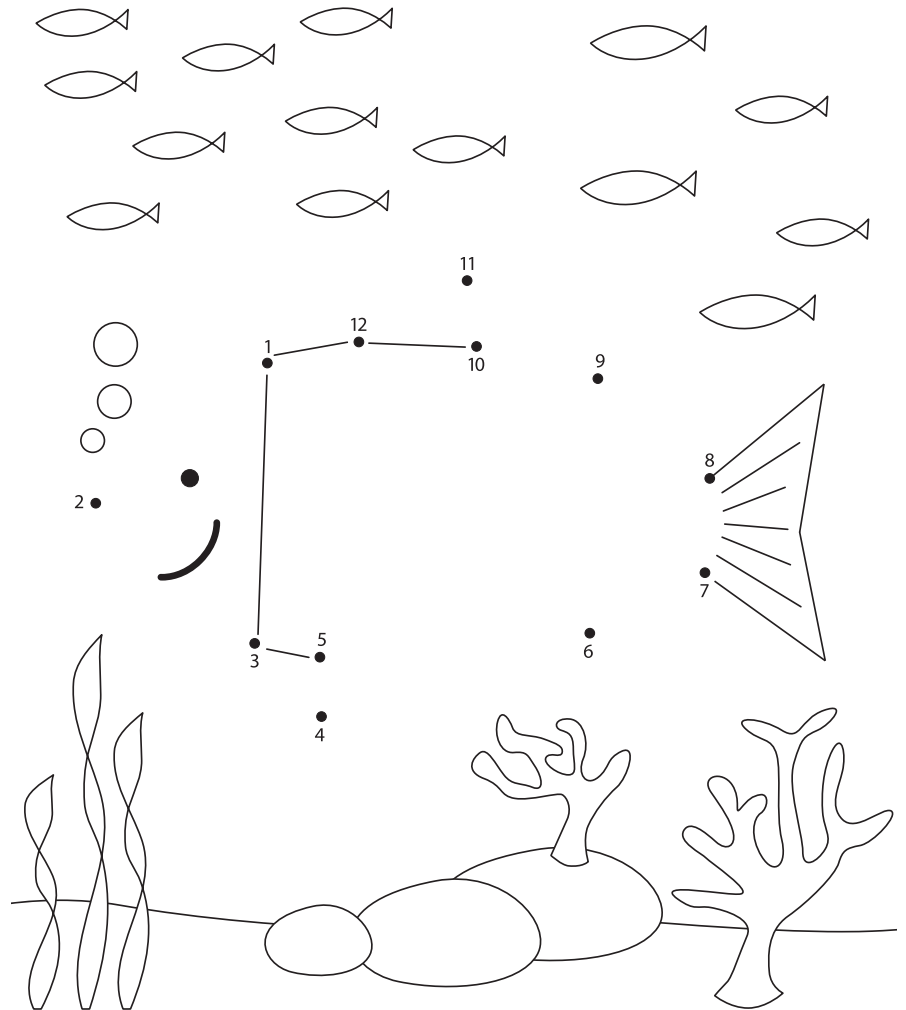




“Come with me and share God’s love!”

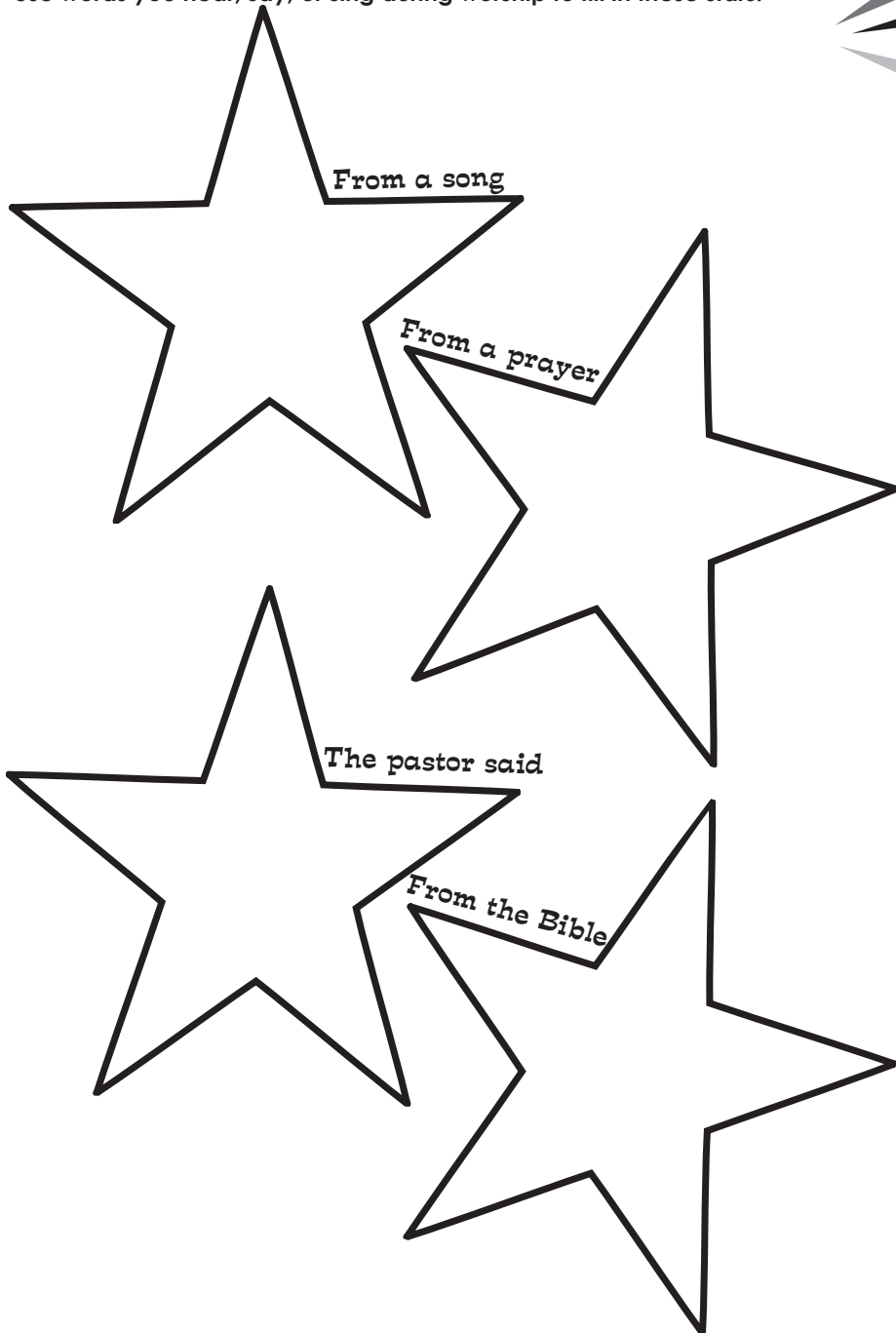
Jesus helped his friends catch more fish than they could imagine! They were amazed and decided to join him in showing God’s love to others.

Connect the dots to see what’s living in the sea.



Written in the Stars

Use words you hear, say, or sing during worship to fill in these stars.



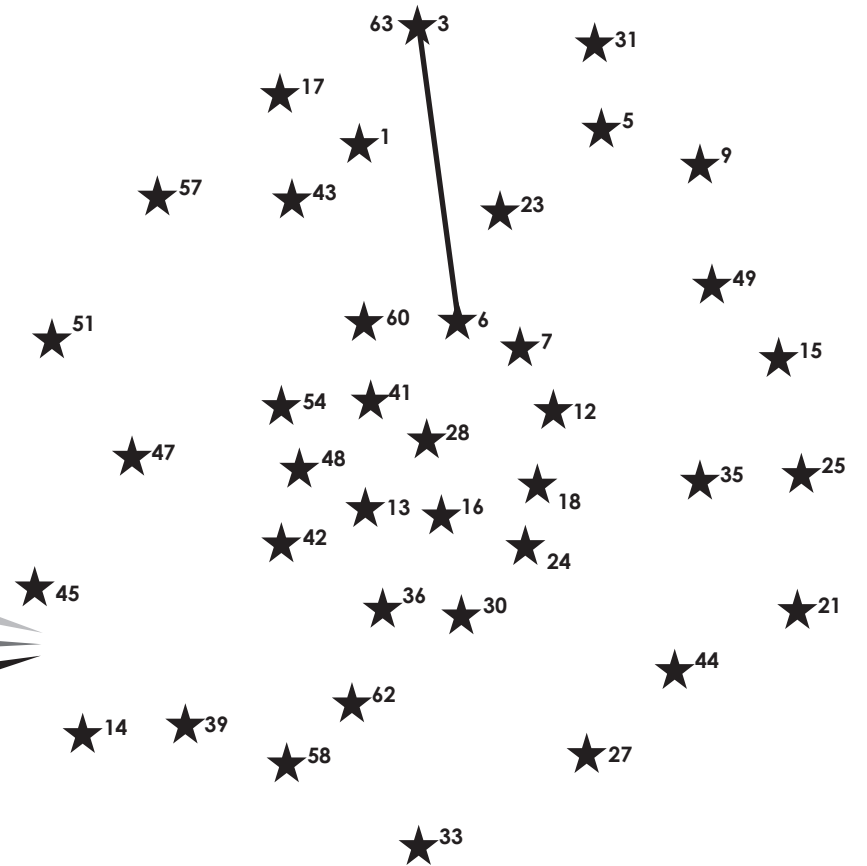
READER

Epiphany 5

- Today is the **fifth Sunday** in **Epiphany**.
- We use the symbol of a **star** during Epiphany because it reminds us of **light**.
- **God** shines light on us. **We** can shine light in the world!

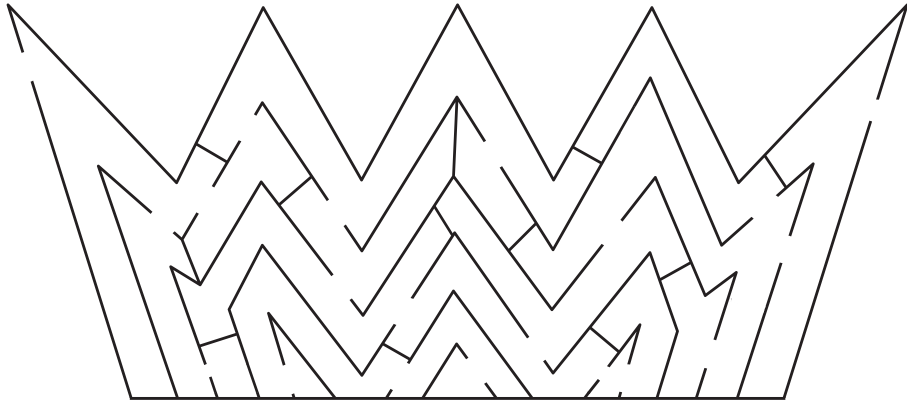
Constellation Station

Connect the stars to make an Epiphany constellation. Start with 3 and move through all the multiples of 3 in order. The first connection is done for you.



Royal Maze

This week's Psalm tells us that all the kings of the earth will praise God. Can you make your way through the crown maze?



Some of Jesus' followers worked in boats and caught fish for a living. In the space below, draw your favorite kind of boat.

Memory Verse

When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:11

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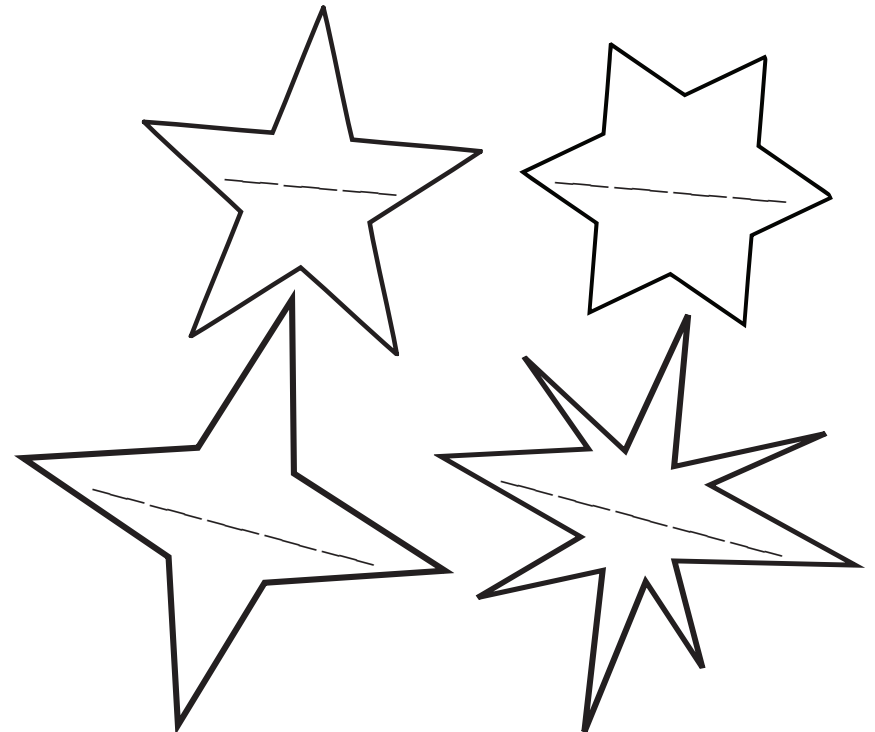
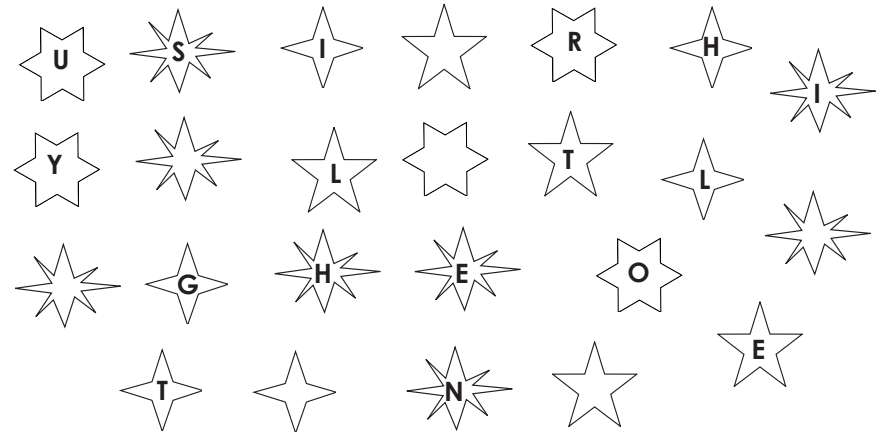
EPIPHANY 5

Look It Up!

Jesus is the light of the world. We can share this light too! Look up John 1:3-5 to read more about Jesus, the light of the world.

Skywriting

Jesus has a message for you. Unscramble the letters inside the different types of stars. Then match them with the spaces below to find out what it is!



Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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I Will Follow

Words and Music by
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INTRO

♩ = 96 Gm Eb/G Bb/F

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move.

4 F Gm7 Eb2 Bb F(4)

I will fol - low. Oh, oh, oh.

VERSE

Eb Gm7 F(4) Bb2 F/A

1. All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You a - lone.
2. Light in - to the world, Light in - to my life— I will live for You a - lone.

13 Eb Gm7 F(4) Bb2 F/A

High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life; I will trust in You a - lone.
You're the One I seek, know - ing I will find all I need in You a - lone..

CHORUS

17 Eb F(4) Gm7 Eb2

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
In You a - lone.

21 B \flat F(4) Gm7

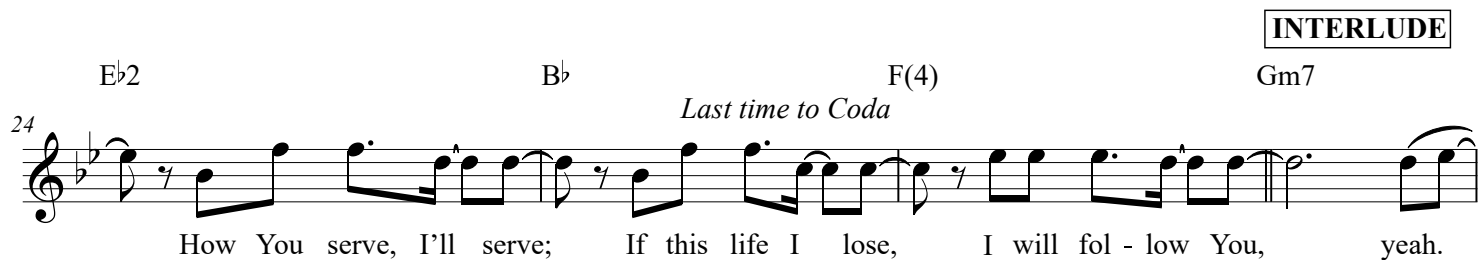


When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

INTERLUDE

24 E \flat 2 B \flat F(4) Gm7

Last time to Coda



How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah.

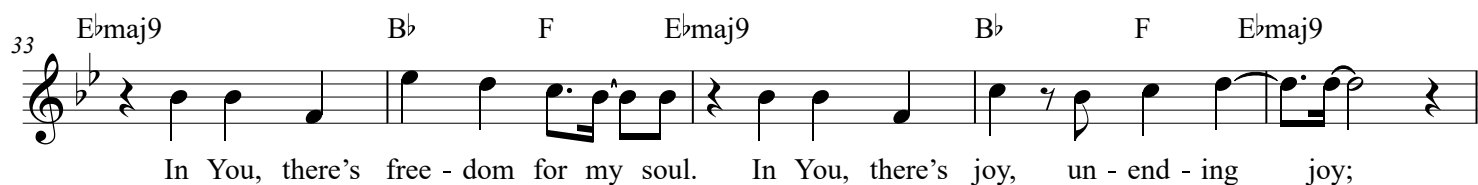
BRIDGE

28 E \flat 2 B \flat F(4) E \flat maj9 B \flat F



I will fol - low You, yeah. In You, there's life ev - er - last - ing.

33 E \flat maj9 B \flat F E \flat maj9 B \flat F E \flat maj9



In You, there's free - dom for my soul. In You, there's joy, un - end - ing joy;

38 B \flat F *D.S. al Coda*

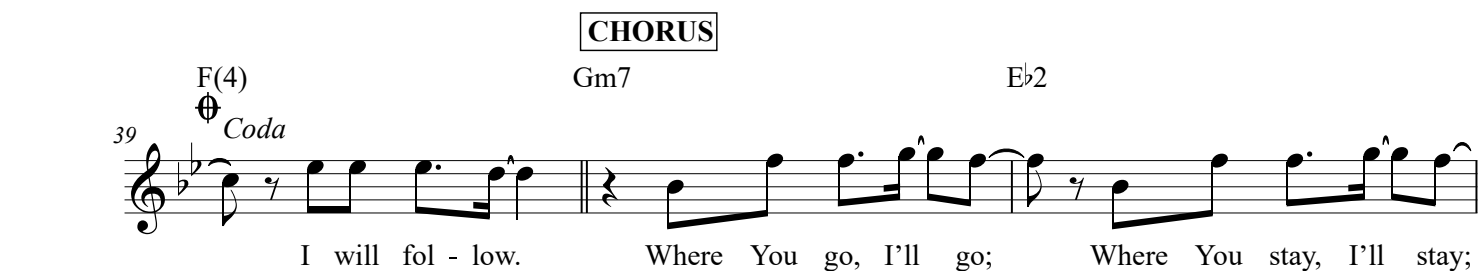


And I will fol - - low.

CHORUS

39 F(4) Gm7 E \flat 2

Coda



I will fol - low. Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;

42 B \flat F(4) Gm7



When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

ENDING

45 Eb2 Bb F(4) Gm7

How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah.

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measures 45 through 48. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). Measure 45 starts with a half note Eb2, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). Measure 46 continues with a quarter note Bb, a dotted quarter note F(4), a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). Measure 47 features a quarter note Bb, a dotted quarter note F(4), a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). Measure 48 concludes with a quarter note Bb, a dotted quarter note F(4), a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). The lyrics are: "How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah."

49 Eb2 Bb F(4) Gm7 Eb2

I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You,

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measures 49 through 53. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). Measure 49 starts with a half note Eb2, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). Measure 50 continues with a quarter note Bb, a dotted quarter note F(4), a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). Measure 51 features a quarter note Bb, a dotted quarter note F(4), a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). Measure 52 concludes with a quarter note Bb, a dotted quarter note F(4), a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). Measure 53 starts with a half note Eb2, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). The lyrics are: "I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You,"

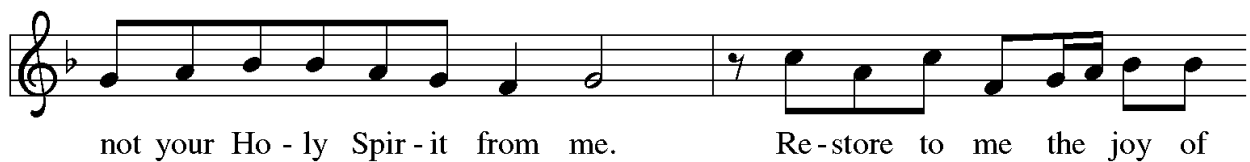
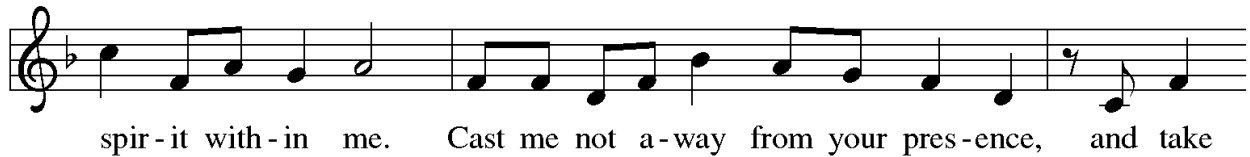
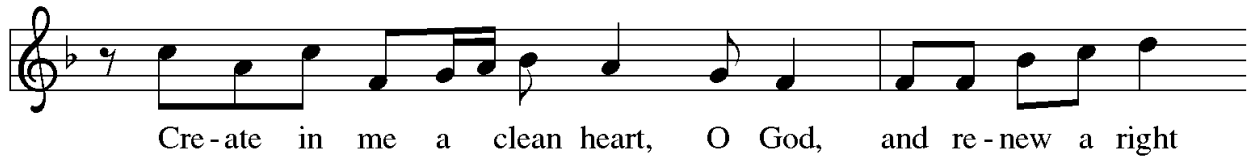
54 Bb F(4)

yeah. _____

Detailed description: This musical staff contains measure 54. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The measure starts with a half note Bb, followed by a quarter rest, then a quarter note Bb, and a dotted quarter note F(4). The lyrics are: "yeah. _____"

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



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In Christ Called to Baptize



1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

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Reconciling in Christ - Question and Answer Sheet

The Reconciling in Christ program equips us with the tools needed to deepen our understanding of inclusion, and welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, as well as individuals across racial and ethnic identities. The Reconciling in Christ process gives us an opportunity to live out the values that Jesus portrayed when he walked and taught this earth.

1. Why do we need to be a part of the RIC to be inclusive?

Earning the RIC designation entitles NHELCC to be put on the Reconciling Works database. People use this database to find an inclusive and welcoming church. Displaying the RIC logo helps remove the guesswork for those seeking a safe and inclusively welcoming congregation. When an LGBTQIA+ or person of color enters a RIC church, they are welcome to be themselves and to fully participate in the life of the church. As Pastor Ric Elliot, a former NHELCC pastor, reminded us in his recent sermon to our congregation, welcoming all to our church is a matter of hospitality.

2. Since we are running a deficit, why do we need to join something that will cost more money?

One of the requirements of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation is to make a meaningful annual contribution to support the National RIC program. Reconciling Works (RW), the National organization, was contacted for clarification. According to RW, this does not need to be a line item in the budget. The RIC core team is planning to place a container in the Welcome Center one month during the year for a free will offering.

3. Why do we need to wear name tags for RIC, and what's the purpose of gender identification?

During a RIC team meeting, it was discussed that wearing name tags would help visitors and new members feel welcome. Name tags help us get to know one another in our community. We have added many new members since the pandemic and name tags help introduce one another. The hope is that most, if not all, members wear name tags during worship and fellowship.

The purpose of using pronouns on our name tags is to create a safer environment for those whose pronouns may not align with how others perceive them. Using pronouns, especially when your pronouns may seem "obvious", sends a powerful message to others who are afraid to show their true identities: This is a place where you are seen, respected and safe to be yourself. This small act of inclusion can give someone the courage to show up fully as themselves in a world that may not always welcome them. When we create a space where everyone feels respected, we live out that love that Jesus modeled for us and calls us to model for others.

4. How many RIC churches are in our area and which are they?

There are 20 Lutheran Churches within 30 miles of our church that have obtained the RIC designation. Some examples are: Advent Lutheran Church of Goschenhoppen in Harleysville, The Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit in Emmaus- this is the church Pastor Ric retired from, Trinity Lutheran in Kutztown, and St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church Mayfair.

5. Will a flag in the sanctuary be replaced with a progress flag (the LGBTQIA flag)?

There is no plan to hang a progress flag in the sanctuary.

6. Welcome statement:

The core team will soon begin writing a "Welcome Statement" that explicitly includes LGBTQIA+ people and people of all races and ethnicities. After the welcome statement is written, it will be submitted to Church Council for their review. It will then be put before the congregation for a vote of approval.

Below is an example of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church's welcome statement:

"We at Saint John's Lutheran church welcome all who seek to follow Jesus wherever they are in their faith journey, regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation or economic circumstance.

We strive to follow Jesus' command to love one another as he has loved us (John 13:34). Led by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to God's liberating word to the world, working for environmental stewardship, racial justice and gender equity. All children of God are welcome to worship, learn, serve, and lead in this church. Jesus never turned anyone away from his table and we're not about to start here."

7. Be open to calling an LGBTQIA+ and/or Person of Color rostered leader.

It has always been possible for our congregation to call an LGBTQIA+ or person of color pastor. Now this will be explicitly stated so that any future candidates can be certain that they will be hired without prejudice. NOTE: There will not be a new position needed if we obtain the RIC designation.

8. Allow LGBTQIA+ weddings be performed in our sanctuary.

A team of members of the congregation was established to research and discuss this in 2009-2010. Their recommendation, to allow LGBTQIA+ weddings in our sanctuary, was presented to Church Council and Council approved their recommendation.

Most of the information the RIC core team has provided to the congregation can be found on the church website under the "get involved" tab. If you would like to know more about Reconciling Works, their website is Reconcilingworks.org.