

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

**First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025**

1st Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

THE
HARDEST
PART



These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

**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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newhanoverlutheran.org
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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 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW #325

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 Pastor Scott
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.
O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and
brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that,
following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of
this world toward the life you alone can give, 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

Ariel Hansley

First Reading Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Stacey Rothermel
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Lenten Gospel Acclamation*

Praise and ho-nor, praise and ho-nor to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

¹¹ and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 *Blessed Be Your Name*

Grace Band

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge:

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name

Repeat

Chorus

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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

Nikki Young

God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

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

Nikki Young

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Communion

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

Communion Song *Lead Us to the Cross* **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

God So Loved the World

Chancel Choir

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Offertory Response *A Lenten Doxology*

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir-it who im -

parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *As the Sun with Longer Journey* ELW #329

Blessing Asking God, lead me Pastor Scott

God, go and I will follow.

Because, truly, I cannot lead.

I cannot drag myself forward, chin up and eyes on the horizon,
when all I see is the mud caking around my feet.

God, go and grace will follow.

I've seen it all before. How in the smallest moments, the tiniest
efforts multiply in your wake.

We've seen the sun rise over an empty tomb and life spring up
from nothing but dust, so, all things considered, I suppose I should
finally believe that you could do a lot with this day, my life, and
these weary limbs, and learn to follow the God who goes first.

Dismissal Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude *Voluntary on "Engelberg"* Lloyd Larson

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Announcements

Today

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

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their sons, Tyler and Alexander's birthdays by Joe and Lisa Caputo.

Today: Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Ushers: Sharon and Bill Tracey, Lector: Stacey Rothermel, Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley, Acolyte: Genesis Garcia, Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Nikki Young

Wednesday: Usher: Steve Weidner, Usher: Ron Fegley, Acolyte: usher

Next Sunday Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Brian Flack, Lector: Sam Young, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, and Acolyte: Richard Garcia

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

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, kitchen door

J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

KFC Rehearsal – today, 11:00 AM

Praise Band Rehearsal – today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. Luke, Gilbertsville

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 6:30 – 8:30 PM, 1, 4, 14, 21-24

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

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

325th Anniversary Committee – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 15

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

Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 5:45 – 6:30 PM, rooms 1, 11

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 24

Lenten Service – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, sanctuary

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:00– 8:15 PM, room 15

Food Ministry Committee – 7:15 PM, room 14

Cub Parent Planning – offsite

GriefShare – Thursday, 10:00 – 11:30 AM, welcome center

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

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 24

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 14

Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, 4:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

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

Children’s Day Reception – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

KFC Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM

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.

Spaghetti Dinner is this Saturday, March 15th, 4:00 – 7:00 PM

NHELC’s annual **all-you-can-eat** Spaghetti Dinner will soon be here! Enjoy all the spaghetti with homemade meatballs, homemade sauce, homemade Italian bread, salad and beverage you want. Be sure to save room for ice cream and Pizzelle for dessert.

BYOB

The Spaghetti Dinner is a fundraising event to help maintain the picnic grove and support youth activities. No reservation is required.

Adults - \$16.00

Seniors (65 and older) - \$12.00

Children (7-12) - \$8.00

Children (6 & younger) - free

Lenten Activities

This year's theme is "The Hardest Part – Hurt we carry – Hope we find." Join us on Sunday mornings for worship at 9:00 AM.

Midweek Lenten Dinner and Worship Come join us each Wednesday beginning March 12th at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall for good food and fellowship. A Holden Evening Prayer Worship will begin at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.

Upcoming Events

Children's Day Celebration is March 16th. Since the congregation's forming in 1700, the church has been blessed to have families with children from generation to generation. This year, the 325th Anniversary Committee wants to highlight our children on Children's Day, March 16th. Our younger-aged children will take part in leading the service and provide special music. Parents, bring your children to church on this day to receive a special blessing and so the congregation can give thanks for these young ones who are the future of our church. Following the service, there will be a light reception. This day is in addition to Youth Sunday which is being planned by our older youth on March 30th. Come and celebrate the future leaders of NHELCL!

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 can help with some overnight security as well, reach out to Nikki Young.

The next Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 27th, at noon. Rebecca Chopp, author of *Still Me*, will offer a live-streamed presentation on helping people accept an Alzheimer's

diagnosis. Lunch will be available prior to the presentation. Participants are asked to bring a dessert to share.

Spring is almost here and will soon be time to work in the garden! We are excited with the changes this year and how these changes will help with feeding the hungry. You can help by prepping the garden on Saturday, March 29th, 9:00 AM. All are welcome to join the fun.

Lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter, April 20th. A suggested donation per plant is \$11.00. Sponsor forms are available in the newsletter and Welcome Center. Fill out a form indicating how many plants you wish to sponsor and how they should be acknowledged in the Easter bulletin. Also, indicate if you will be picking up your plant(s) or if you wish for them to be delivered to homebound members. Plants may be picked up **after the 9:00 AM Easter service.** Place the form and your payment (checks payable to NHELCC) in an envelope and then in the offering plate, the mail slot at the Fellowship Hall door, or mail to the church office. Forms and donation are due by **March 30, 2025.**

The NHELCC Book Club is reading *Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis. We will be meeting at Peppe's Pizza and Grill, 2485 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville on Tuesday, April 1st, at 6:30 PM. Join the club for an evening of fellowship and fun! If you have any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELCC 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>.

GriefShare Group 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 NHELCC. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. You may sign up online

<https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

NHELC 325th Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop will soon be open. 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 are coming soon.

Save the date!! The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team has scheduled a virtual Town Hall for Tuesday, April 22nd, at 7:00 PM. There will be a location set aside at the church, for members who don't want to attend virtually. A panel, consisting of four people from Lutheran churches in our area that have gone through the RIC journey, will be telling us about their RIC experiences and you will have the opportunity to ask them questions.

The participants are: Pastor Daniel Eisenberg, Pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church, Mayfair (Philadelphia), Pastor Keith Anderson, Pastor of Upper Dublin Lutheran Church (Ambler), Stephanie Jacob, member of the RIC core team at Upper Dublin Lutheran Church and Lee Shannon, member of the RIC core team at Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown.

More information will be shared soon.

The RIC team is looking forward to this event and hope that you will plan to join them!

Women are invited to celebrate the 526th birthday for Katie Luther, Martin Luther's wife, at the Spring Gathering of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) Upper Montgomery Conference SEPA Synod. This event will be held on Saturday, March 29th, from 9:00 – noon at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Pennsburg. Presenter the Rev. Dr. Martha Kriebel will speak about Katie's life and what makes her a practical and bold woman of faith. You will learn about her life with Martin Luther and the ins and outs of her managing a bustling household that was always ready to welcome guests.

Registration and refreshments begin at 9:00 AM. Participants are asked to bring non-perishable food donations for the Open Link Food Pantry in Pennsburg.

St. Mark's is located at 81 Main Street in Pennsburg. Park near Front Street and enter through the side door on Front Street. For

more information, contact Dale O’Hara at Augustus Lutheran Church (610-489-0417).

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

The 325th Anniversary Committee has made available a coloring book and crayons for “kids from one to ninety-two” who like to color. The book makes a nice keepsake as it contains some historical facts about the church. Also, the committee is providing a wrapper in which you may place your copies of Moments in Time. All of these items are in the Welcome Center on top of the display case near the photo display panels. If you are missing any Moments in Time inserts, you may contact Susan in the church office or see Lee Wesner or Barbara Eisenhart.

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

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text “Helpline” to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

You Can Help

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Non-perishable items donated throughout the month of March will be distributed to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. For donation suggestions, see the article in the winter issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Collection boxes are located in the Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall and Multi-purpose Room.

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

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children’s Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

More than 200,000 meals have been delivered! NHELHC’s Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

The RIC team would like to hear from you! The team asks you to complete the survey that is on the desk in the welcome center. After completion, return it to the basket on desk. We would like the surveys to be returned by today.



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.



Prayer Requests

Long-term: Sarah Bowman, Keeley Staples, Logan Conley

Shut-in: Penny Frymoyer

Grieving: Family and friends of Mabel Gaugler

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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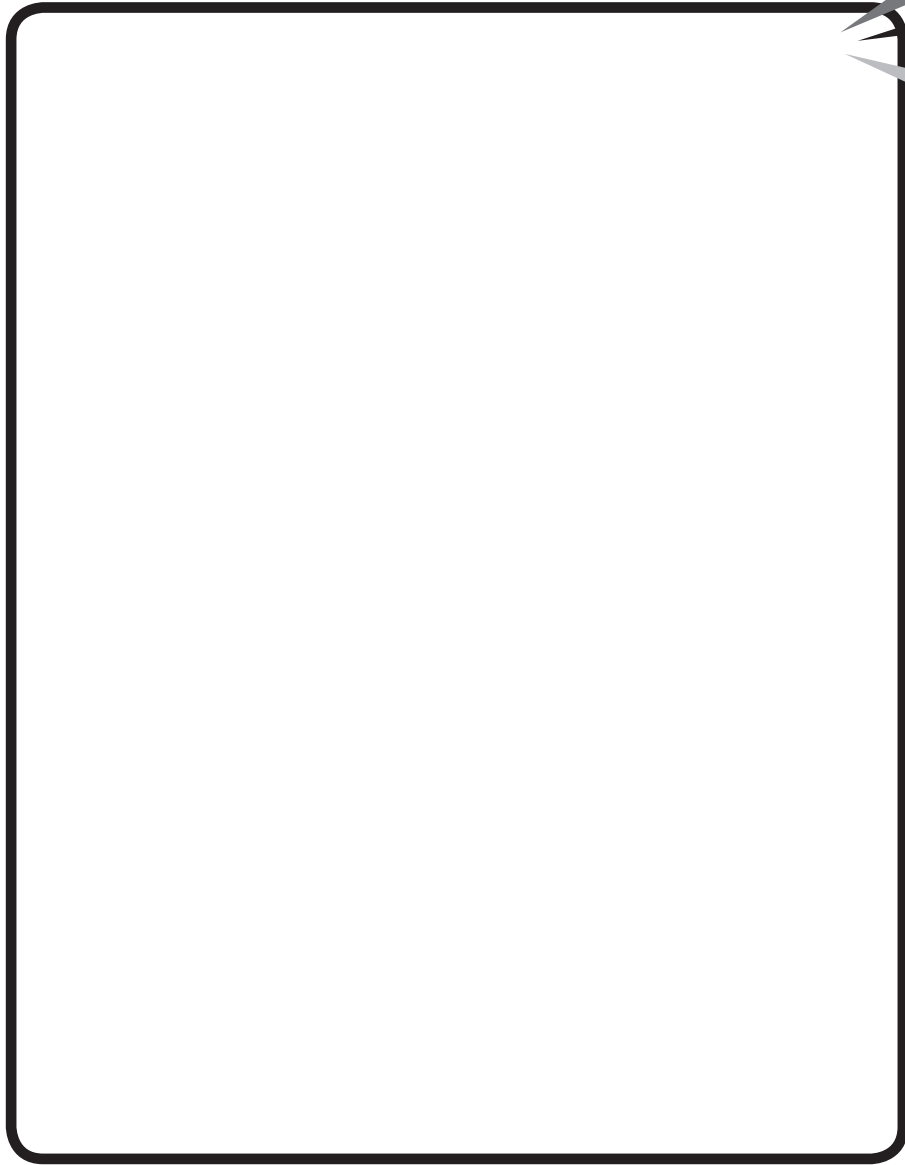
Celebrating 325 Years
1700-2025



Still Making History

On Wednesday, a new church season began. It's called Lent. The colors of your worship space have probably changed!

Draw a picture of all the purple things you see around you.

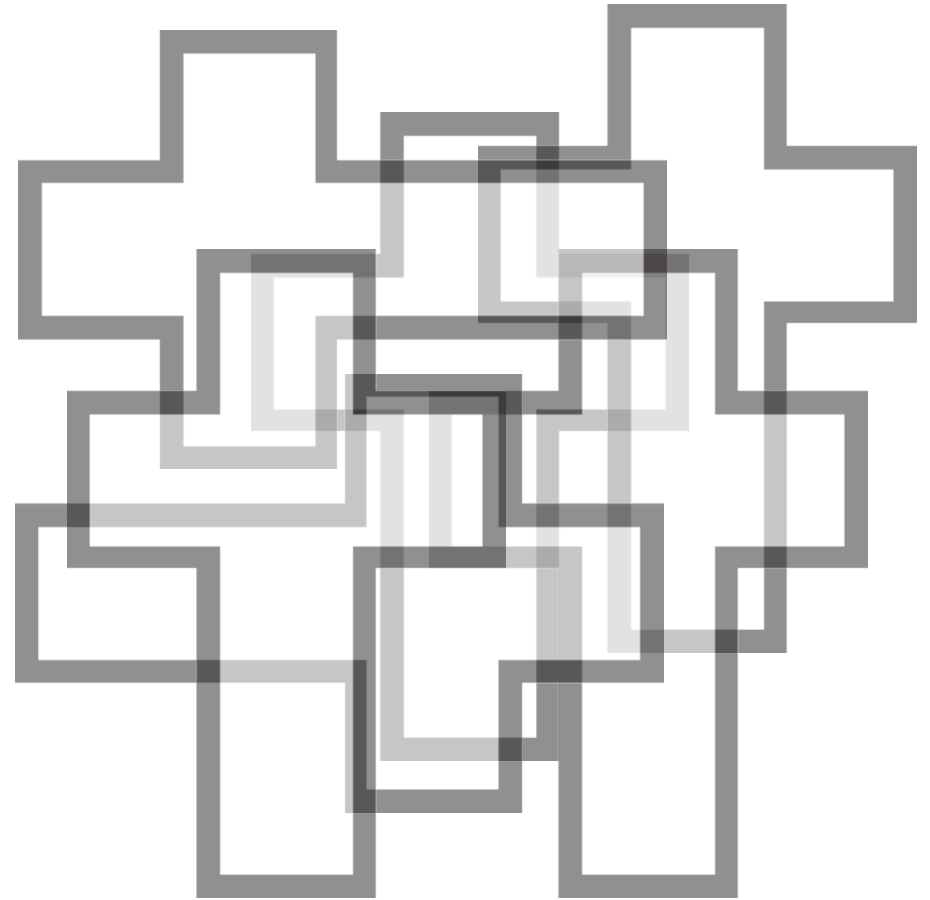


PRE-READER

Lent 1

- Today is the **1st Sunday** in **Lent**.
- Lent is when we **get ready for Easter**.
- The color of Lent is **purple**.

**One symbol of Lent is a cross.
How many crosses can you count?**

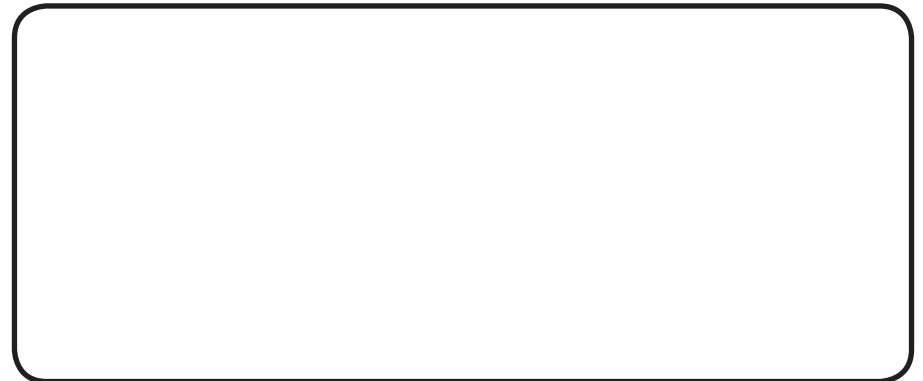




Jesus got very hungry. His stomach was rumbling!

Jesus told the devil, "One does not live by bread alone."

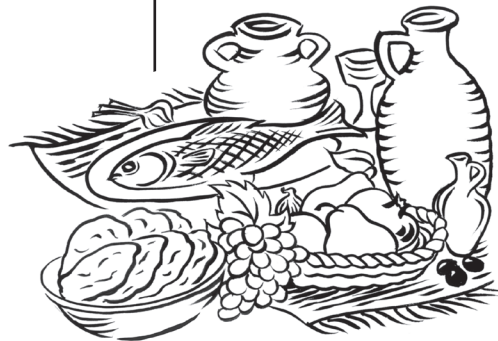
**Circle the things that you need to live.
Then draw your own idea in the space below.**



Food for Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, "One does not live by bread alone." Food is still a very important part of our lives. What are some foods and drinks that make you think of your church? Of your home? Of your school? Write some of them in this chart.

	FOODS	DRINKS
CHURCH		
HOME		
SCHOOL		



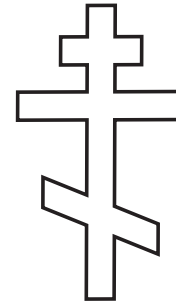
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Lent 1

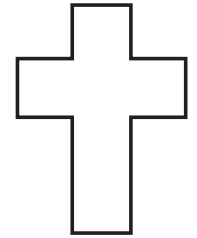
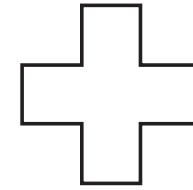
- Today is the **First Sunday in Lent**.
- Lent is a time of **preparation for Easter**.
- The color of Lent is **purple**.

Kinds of Crosses

The symbol of Lent is a cross. Did you know there are many styles of crosses? Check out the key above the words LENT and CROSS. Use the symbols for these letters to discover the names these types of crosses.

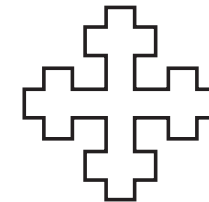


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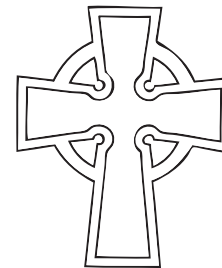


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Say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust." – Psalm 91:2

Memory Verse

The memory verse says that God is like a fortress. A fortress is a safe and secure place. Draw a picture of a place where you always feel safe. Where is God in that place?



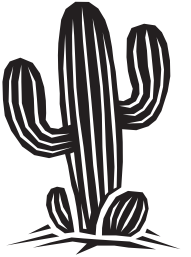
MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS

Yield Not!

In today's Gospel story, Jesus goes to the desert to fast. (That means he didn't have anything to eat.) While he was there, the devil tempted him by offering food and earthly power. What tempting things do you find hard to resist? Remember that emotions and actions can be tempting, not just objects!

Things that tempt me:

What I can do to resist temptation:



The 40s

Jesus spent **40** days alone in the desert. Forty is an important number in the Bible! See if you can fill in these other stories of **40s**.

It _____ for **40** days after _____ built the ark.
(Genesis 7:11-12)

Moses and the _____ spent **40** years in the desert. (Acts 13:17-18)

_____ waited on Mount Sinai for **40** nights before God gave him
_____. (Deuteronomy 9:7-10)

Jonah said that the city of _____ would be destroyed in **40** days.
(Jonah 3:3-4)

_____ ascended to heaven **40** _____ after his
resurrection. (Acts 1:1-3)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me



1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



I want Je - sus to walk with me;
in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,



Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Blessed Be Your Name

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VERSE

$\text{♩} = 116$ B F# G#m7



1. Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -
2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
3. Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down
4. Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -


4 E B F#



ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed
ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed
on me, when the world's "all as it should be." bless - ed
fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed


PRE-CHORUS

7 E 1, 3 2, 4 B F#



be Your name. Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll
be Your name. _____
be Your name. _____
be Your name. _____

12 G#m7 E B F# G#m7



turn back to praise. When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will

CHORUS

17 E B F# G#m7 E

say, "Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the

22 B F# G#m7 F# E *Last time to Coda* Φ *D.C.*

name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name."

BRIDGE

27 *2* B F# G#m7 E

You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My

32 B F# G#m7 E E *D.S. al Coda*

heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless - ed be the

37 Φ E Coda B

As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

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