

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

**Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 2025**

3rd Sunday of Lent
SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

THE
HARDEST
PART



The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

**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 *Jesus and His Love* Handbell Choir

Two familiar tunes are intertwined in this musical selection. The words of “I Love to Tell the Story” and “Jesus Loves Me,” in their simplicity, carry us to the heart of the gospel, the “good news” of the saving grace of Jesus. Katherine Hankey wrote the words to “I Love to Tell the Story” as a poem, in 1866. Her love for her Savior inspired her deep passion for seeing souls saved. Her zeal for telling others about Jesus in word and deed was a driving force in her life. “Jesus Loves Me” was written in 1860 as a poem by Anna B. Warner and included as part of a story meant to comfort the heart of a dying child. The Bible tells us that God loves each and every one of us, despite our sins and faults. This song is meant to comfort and remind us that our Creator is almighty and all-loving, and that He is with us each step of the day and will never leave our side. Both of these songs reflect on the gospel message in all its beauty.

Welcome

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* ELW #756
Handbell Choir accompaniment

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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.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Centering Song

Graves into Gardens

Grace Band

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus:

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Chorus

Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

Chorus

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

Ending:

You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Lindsey Waltermeyer

First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Todd Rothermel

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

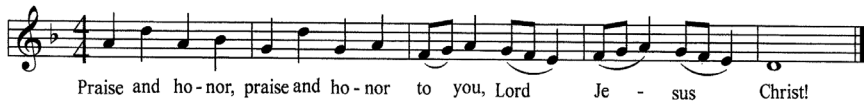
³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

- ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
- ⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
- ⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Lenten Gospel Acclamation*



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Gospel Luke 13:1-9 Pastor Scott
The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

² [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

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 *Hello My Name Is*

Grace Band

Intro (Praise Band only):

Woah woah woah

Woah woah woah

Hello my name is regret
I'm pretty sure we have met
Every single day of your life
I'm the whisper inside
That won't let you forget

Hello my name is defeat
I know you recognize me
Just when you think you can win
I'll drag you right back down again
'Til you've lost all belief

Pre-Chorus:

These are the voices these are the lies
And I have believed them for the very last time

Chorus:

Hello my name is child of the one true King
I've been saved I've been changed
I have been set free

Amazing grace is the song I sing
Hello my name is child of the one true King

Woah woah woah

I am no longer defined
By all the wreckage behind
The one who makes all things new
Has proven it's true
Just take a look at my life

Chorus

Bridge:

What love the Father has lavished
Upon us that we should be called His children
I am a child of the one true King
What love the Father has lavished
Upon us that we should be called His children

Chorus

Ending:

Woah woah woah
Woah woah woah
We all are children of the one true King

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Please be seated.

Holy Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Jackson Frederick Dugan for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the
Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Jackson Dugan and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Please rise as you are able.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Jackson Frederick Dugan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Jackson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Jackson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptism Hymn

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW #595

Pastor introduces Jackson while the congregation sings.

Prayers of Intercession
God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Nikki Young

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

Nikki Young

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

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.

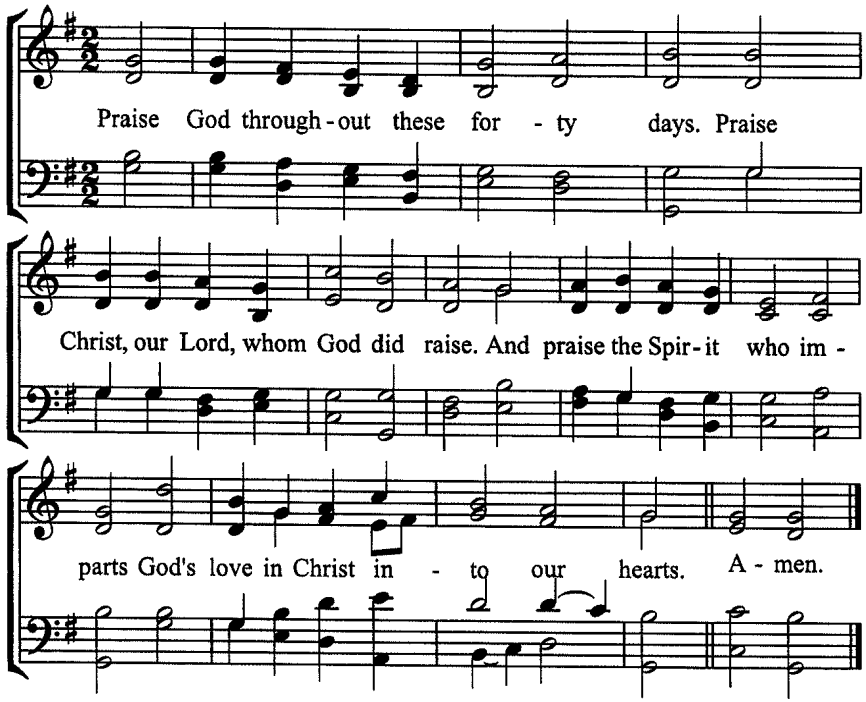
Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Choir Anthem *The Only Road to Easter Morning* 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 *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

ELW #658

Blessing

Pastor Scott

God, my life has too many things.
Awful. Lovely. Full. Shockingly incomplete.
Will you help me learn to live with a greater
capacity for this?
Living in the tension between a life that has
worked out...
and one that has gone to hell in every
handbasket.
Let today be a divine exercise of yes...and.

Yes, I have so much to be thankful for,
and this hasn't turned out like I thought it would.
Yes, I feel moments of joy,
and I have lost more than I could live without.
Yes, I want to make the most of today,
and my body keeps breaking.
Yes, I am hopeful, and this is daunting.
Yes, I am trying to be brave, and I feel so afraid.
So bless me,
trying to live in between those two words:
yes...and.
May I understand this is where
the real work of life is found.
Where it takes courage to live.
Where grief can strip me to the studs
and love can remake me once again.
Where my heart can be both broken
and keep on beating.
Never sorry to have broken at all.
Yes...and.
Make me capable of great joy,
great love,
great risk,
even fear,
as you expand my heart
with this yes...and today.

Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

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Announcements

Today

We Welcome Jackson Frederick Dugan, son of Jim and Danielle Dugan, who will be baptized this morning.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren by Bryce and Jane Manthorne.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Madison Hansley's 13th birthday by Marlene Hansley.

Today: Head Usher: Scott Geiser, Usher: Georgann Geiser, Lector: Todd Rothermel, Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer, Acolyte: Sam Young

Wednesday: Head Usher: Ed Becker, Usher: Monique Becker, Acolyte: usher

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: youth, Lector: youth, Children's Sermon: youth, Acolyte: youth

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, rooms 1, 4, 14, welcome center

Mission Service – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, room 24

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

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

Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 5:30 – 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

Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 24

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

Gathering – Thursday, 12:30 PM, luncheon, 1:30 presentation, room 1

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

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

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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 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.

Nine readers are needed for the Good Friday service on April 18th. If you would like to read for this service, sign up on the sheet posted on the desk in the Welcome Center.

Financial Update

| General Fund Financial Summary - YTD 2025 | | | |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Month | Income | Expense | Difference |
| January | \$ 27,384.16 | \$ 40,870.67 | \$ (13,486.51) |
| February | \$ 30,306.14 | \$ 35,170.83 | \$ (4,864.69) |
| Year to date Totals | \$ 57,690.30 | \$ 76,041.50 | \$ (18,351.20) |
| | Balance | as of date | |
| General Fund - Cash on Hand | \$ 65,367.74 | 2/28/2025 | |

Upcoming Events

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday. The youth of the church have been planning and will lead the service next Sunday. Be sure to come out and support the youth for this annual event.

The next Gathering will be held on Thursday, March 27th, at noon. It is with a heavy heart to learn the news from Dr. Rebecca Chopp that she no longer feels confident about appearing in public due to the increasing effects of her dementia diagnosis. We are fortunate, however to welcome Ralph Patrick, a close friend and colleague of Dr. Chopp to join us in her stead. Ralph Patrick is a beloved child of God and son of Jean and Ralph, both of whom have completed the temporal part of their life journey. He is the father of four wonderful daughters, and grandfather of three. Ralph has travelled extensively to such places as Haiti, Cambodia, and Sierra Leone, and has lived both in Papua New Guinea and Scotland. Ralph's current vocations include pastor, dementia consultant, spiritual director, and inspirational speaker. In addition to spending time with his family, Ralph enjoys hiking and living in the mountains of Colorado, where he is daily reminded of the Presence of God.

You can learn more about him (and preview a copy of his book) at these links: [Cardinal Crossroads Dementia Consulting](#)
Lunch will be available at 12:30 followed by the presentation at 1:30. Participants are asked to bring a dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the welcome center.

Time to get the garden ready! 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 next Sunday, **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.

NHELCC 325th Anniversary Spirit Wear and Accessories Online Shop is now open. Check out the website [New Hanover Lutheran Church 2025 | Nyce Shirt Company](#) | powered by [OrderMyGear](#) to order your 325th Anniversary shirts, hoodies and accessories today.

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

Nearly a quarter million 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

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, Pat Green and Ginny Specht

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

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Still Making History

A worship space can be full of crosses. How many can you see from where you are sitting? Make a tally mark for each one!

I SEE _____ CROSSES.

What do they look like? Draw some of them!



PRE-READER

Lent 3

- Today is the **3rd Sunday** in Lent.
- Many people plan some **quiet time** during Lent.
- Some people **fast** during Lent.

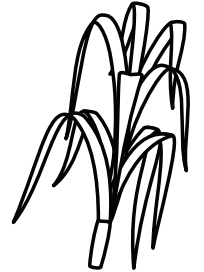
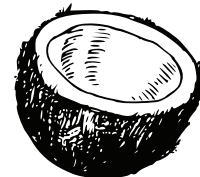
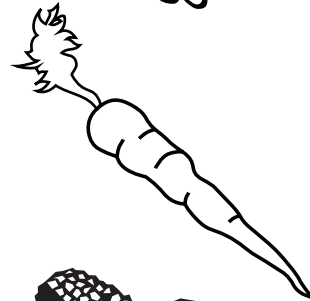
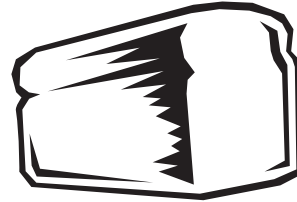
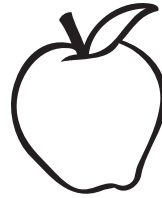
Shade in all the boxes with crosses in them to make a path from **START** to **FINISH**!

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Once there was a man who had a vineyard.
 This man LOVED figs, so he planted a fig
 tree. Mmmmm!

Match the food to where it grows!



What Genre?

There are many different *genres*, or types, of books in the Bible. Books of **narrative** tell a story or history. An **epistle** is a letter. In the Bible, most of the letters were written by the Apostle Paul or one of his followers. Books of **law** tell the rules of ancient Israel. A couple other genres are **poetry** and **prophecy**. Flip through each of these books and circle the right genre to describe what type of book it is.

JUDGES

LAW or NARRATIVE

ACTS

NARRATIVE or POETRY

AMOS

EPISTLE or PROPHECY

PSALMS

POETRY or LAW

What books did you hear in worship today? Write them here. Can you figure out the genre too?

1 THESSALONIANS

EPISTLE or NARRATIVE

LEVITICUS

LAW or PROPHECY

EZEKIEL

NARRATIVE or PROPHECY

PHILEMON

EPISTLE or LAW



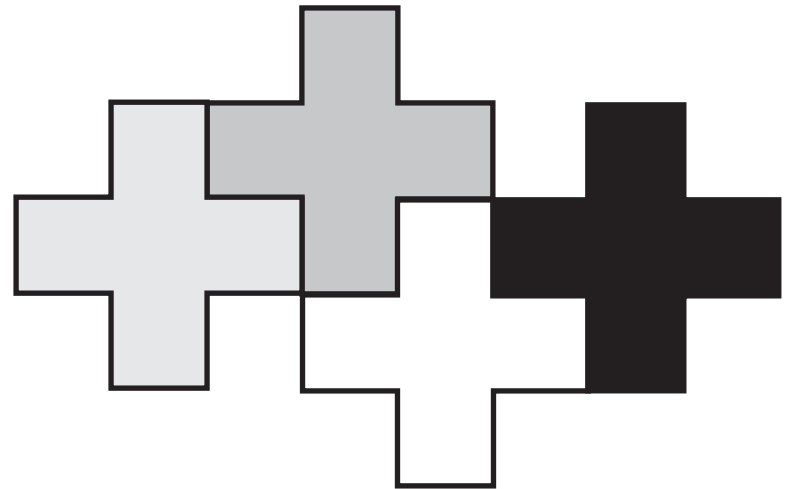
READER

Lent 3

- Today is the **3rd Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent began as a time of **fasting**.
- It is **40 days long** (not counting Sundays!) to remember Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

Criss Cross

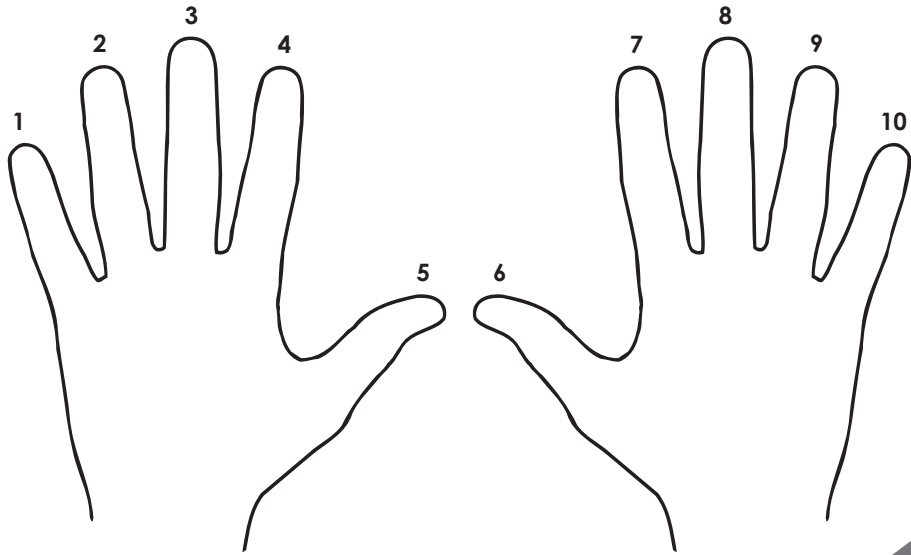
The symbol of Lent is the cross. The pattern you see is called a tessellation. It's like a puzzle made out of just one shape. See if you can find the cross pattern in the tessellation and continue it so it covers the page.



So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
 – Psalm 63:4

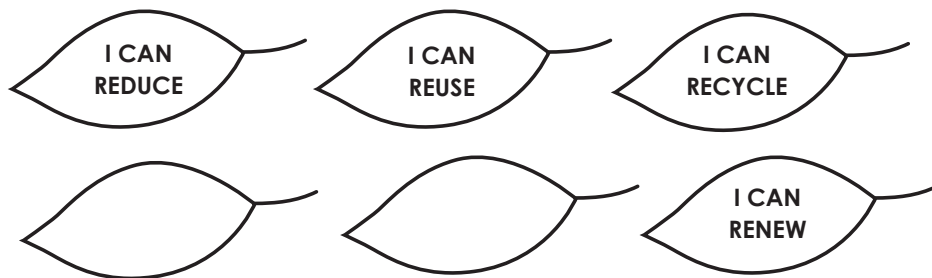


Write ten things you praise God for – one on each finger! Then say a prayer giving thanks for those ten things.



Save the Soil!

The fig tree's owner wanted to cut it down because it was using up the soil's resources without making anything in return. During Bible times, people who lived off the land knew the importance of not being wasteful! What can you do to make sure you treat the earth with care? Fill in the two empty leaves with your ideas.



Jesus had an encounter with a fruitless fig tree in Mark 11:12-14. That tree's time was up!

Finding Fruit

Today's Gospel story is a parable about a fig tree. Find the fruits and nuts mentioned in the Bible in the word search!



- ALMOND
- APPLE
- DATE
- FIG
- GRAPE
- MELON
- OLIVE
- PISTACHIO
- POMEGRANATE
- RAISIN
- SYCAMORE



Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

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Graves Into Gardens

(based on the recording by Elevation Worship | original key: B)

Words and Music by
Brandon Lake, Chris Brown,
Steven Furtick and Tiffany Hammer

VERSE 1

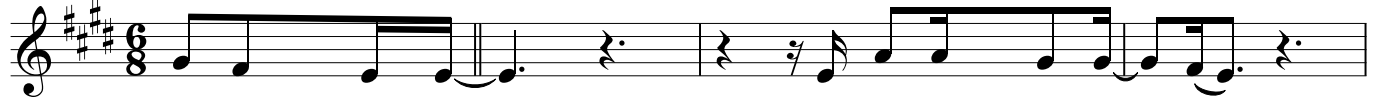
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A
Swing-sixteenths

E

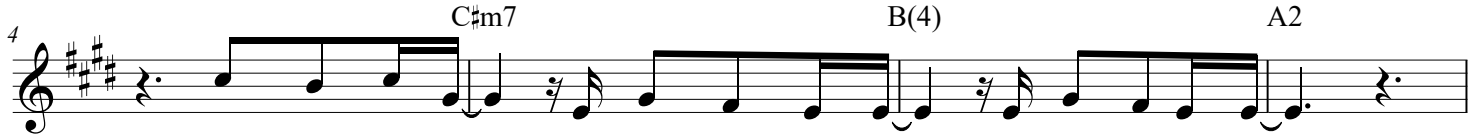
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1. I searched the world,

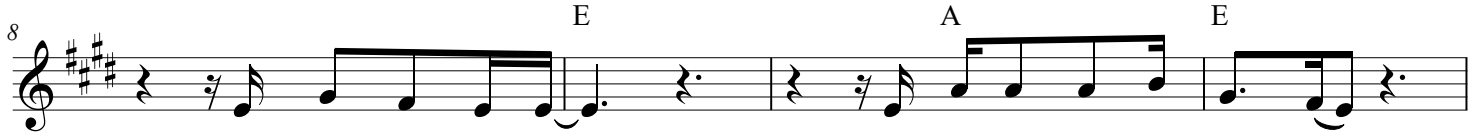
but it could - n't fill me.



Man's emp - ty praise

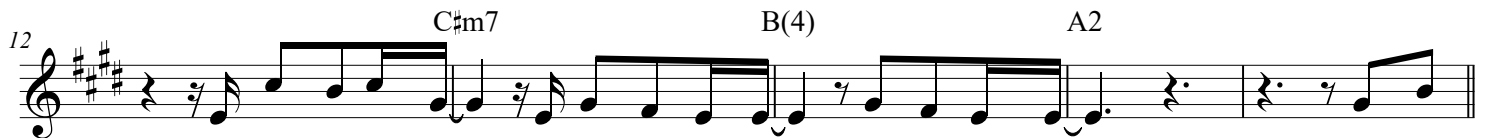
and trea - sures that fade

are nev - er e - nough.



Then You came a - long

and put me back to - geth - er.



And ev - 'ry de - sire

is now sat - is - fied

here in Your love.

Oh, there's

CHORUS

E

C#m7

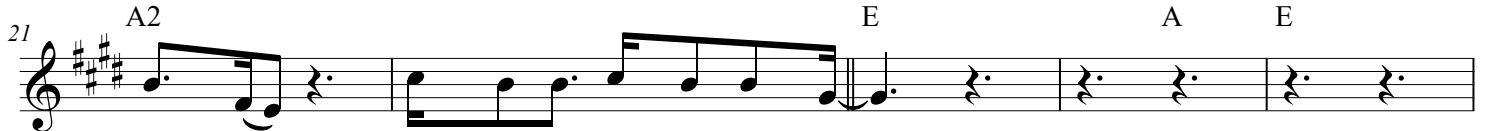


noth - ing

bet - ter than You. There's noth - ing

bet - ter than You. Lord, there's

TURNAROUND



noth - ing,

noth - ing is bet - ter than You.

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VERSE 2

26 A E A E

2. I'm not a - fraid to show You my weak - ness. My fail - ures and flaws,

31 C#m7 B(4) A2

Lord You've seen them all, and You still call me friend. 'Cause the God of the moun

35 E F#m7 E C#m7

tain is the God of the val - ley. There's not a place Your mer - cy and grace

CHORUS

40 B(4) A2 E

won't find me a - gain. Oh, there's noth - ing bet - ter than You. There's

45 C#m7 A2 1, 3

noth - ing bet - ter than You. Lord, there's noth - ing, noth - ing is bet - ter than You.

TURNAROUND

(1, 3) | 2, 4

49 E E A A E A

Oh, there's noth - ing is bet - ter than You. (2nd x jump to Br.)

BRIDGE

54 E A E A E

You turn mourn - ing to danc - ing. You give beau - ty for ash
You turn graves in - to gar - dens. You turn bones in - to ar -

1, 2, 4

59

A E C#m7 A2 E

es. You turn shame in - to glo - ry. You're the on - ly one who can.
 mies. You turn seas in - to high - ways. You're the on - ly one who can.

TAG

64

3, 5 1 2

E C#m7 A2 E D.S. E A E A

You're the on - ly one who can. Oh, there's

70

E

E

Hello My Name Is

Words and Music by
Matthew West

INTRO

♩ = 102

Woah, woah, woah.

VERSE 1

1 | 2

Woah, 1. Hel lo, my name is re - gret. I'm pret - ty sure we have met.

Ev - 'ry sin - gle day of your life, I'm the whis - per in - side that won't let you for - get.

VERSE 2

2. Hel lo, my name is de - feat. I know you rec - og - nize

me. Just when you think you can win, I'll drag you right back down a - gain

PRE-CHORUS

'til you've lost all be - lief. These are the voic - es; These are the lies.

24 E2 C#m7 F#

And I have be - lieved them for the ver - y last time.

CHORUS

29 B

Hel - lo, my name is child of the one true King. I've been saved; I've been

32 E2(no3) C#m7 E2(no3)

changed; I have been set free. A - maz - ing grace is the song I sing. Hel - lo, my name is

INTERLUDE

36 B G#m7 E2(no3) B *2nd time to Coda* ⊕

child of the one true King. Woah, woah, woah.

VERSE 3

41 N.C. B G#m7

3. I am no long - er de - fined by all the wreck - age be - hind.

45 E2 C#m7 B

The one who makes all things new has pro - ven it's true; Just take a look at my life.

49 *D.S. al Coda*

Hel - lo, my name is

BRIDGE

50 ⊕ Coda B G#m7

What love the Fa - ther has lav - ished up - on us that

54

1 | 2

E2 E2

we should be called His chil - dren. I am a child of the one true King. dren.

CHORUS

58

B

Hel - lo, my name is child of the one true King. I've been saved; I've been

61

E2(no3) C#m7 E2(no3)

changed; I have been set free. A - maz - ing grace is the song I sing. Hel - lo, my name is

ENDING

65

B G#m7 E2(no3)

child of the one true King. Woah, woah, woah.

69

B G#m7 E2(no3) B

Woah, woah, woah. _____

I am a child of the one true King.

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

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