

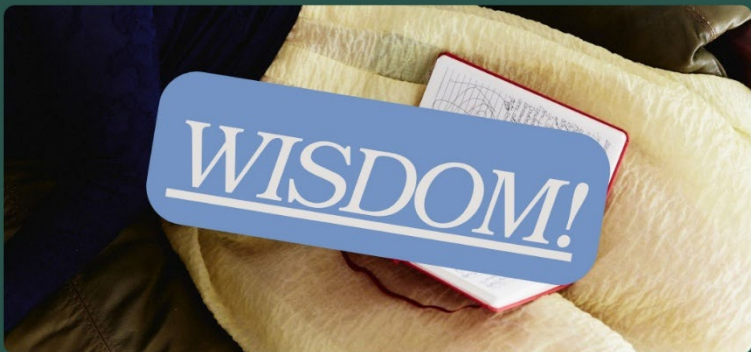
Welcome to worship at  
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 30, 2025

*4th Sunday of Lent*

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

THE  
HARDEST  
PART



The psalm sets the tone this day: “Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!” Happy are those who have “become the righteousness of God” in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has “rolled away . . . the disgrace” of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus’ sake. Rejoice!

**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](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)  
[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

*Get Down*

KFC Praise Band

Lavishly our lives are wasted  
Humbleness is left untasted  
You can't live your life  
To please yourself  
That's a tip from my mistake  
Exactly what it doesn't take  
To win you've gotta come  
In last place  
To live your life  
You've got to lose it  
And all the losers get a crown

*Chorus:*

I get down He lifts me up  
I get down He lifts me up  
I get down He lifts me up  
I get down

All I need's another day  
Where I can't seem to get away  
From the many things

That drag me down  
I'm sure you've had a day like me  
When nothin' seems to set you free  
From burdens you can't carry all alone yeah  
In your weakness, He is stronger  
In your darkness, He shines through  
When you're cryin', He's your comfort  
When you're all alone, He's carryin' you

*Chorus 2x*

*Bridge:*

This valley is so deep  
I can barely see the sun  
I cry out for mercy Lord  
And You lift me up again

*Chorus 2x*

*Interlude:*

I get down I get down  
I get down I get down

*Chorus 2x*

*Ending (spoken):*

Every time I'm down the Lord lifts me up.

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**Call to Worship**

Charlotte Moser

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

**Prayer of the Day**

Ava Hubley

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.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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.*

## 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 Jaxson Cole McKendrick, Nova Rae McKenrick and Paisley Jane McKenrick for baptism.

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

I do.

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

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the

Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children 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 children grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Jaxson, Nova and Paisley McKenrick and pray for them in their 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**

Jaxson Cole McKenrick, Nova Rae McKenrick, Paisley Jane McKenrick, 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 Jaxson, Nova and Paisley 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.

Jaxson, Nova, Paisley, children 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

*Myfanwy*

*See insert*

*Pastor introduces Jaxson, Nova and Paisley while the congregation sings.*

Centering Song

*Trading My Sorrows*

KFC Praise Band

*Verse 1:*

I'm trading my sorrows

I'm trading my shame

I'm laying them down

For the joy of the Lord

*Verse 2:*

I'm trading my sickness

I'm trading my pain

I'm laying them down

For the joy of the Lord

*Chorus:*

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

*Bridge:*

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

*Verse 1*

*Verse 2*

*Chorus 2x*

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message                      Hannah Waltermeyer and Alexa Moser

First Reading                      Ephesians 2:1-10                      Malaina Meeker  
A reading from the book of Ephesians

<sup>1</sup>You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup>But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is

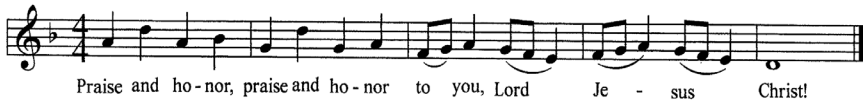


not your own doing; it is the gift of God — <sup>9</sup>not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Lenten Gospel Acclamation*



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**Gospel** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 London Meeker  
The holy gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11b</sup> “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son

said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’<sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.’<sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;<sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.<sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.<sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’<sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.<sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.<sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’<sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.<sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message/Skit** *Back to the Table: A Modern Prodigal Story*

Actors: Madelyn Artim, Genesis Garcia, Madison Hansley  
Miller Quigley, Landon Woods

*The skit, Back To the Table: A Modern Prodigal Story, was generated with the assistance of OpenAI’s language model, ChatGPT, for creative and writing purposes.*

**Message/ Reflection**

Sadie Hubley

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Song of the Day** *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

KFC Praise Band

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*Chorus:*

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

*Chorus 2x*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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**Prayers of Intercession**

Genesis Garcia, Ava Parsia

Madison Hansley, Rae Bechtel, Miller Quigley

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Alexa Moser

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.**

Peace

Landon Woods

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

*Blessed Be Your Name* Kids for Christ Band

Solos: Sadie Hubley, Genesis Garcia, Miller Quigley

Madison Hansley, Malaina Meeker

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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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the treble staves. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and lyrics.

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*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

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Pastor Scott

Blessing

Hannah Waltermyer, Ava Parsia

Blessed are you when the shock subsides,  
 when vaguely, you see a line appear  
 that divides before and after.  
 You didn't draw it,  
 and can barely even make it out.  
 But as surely as minutes add up to hours and  
 days,  
 here you are,  
 forced into a story you never would have  
 written.  
 Blessed are you in the tender place  
 of awe and dread,  
 wondering how to be whole  
 when dreams have disappeared  
 and part of you with them,  
 where mastery, control, determination,  
 bootstrapping, and grit  
 are consigned to the realm of Before  
 (where most of the world lives),  
 in the fever dream that promises infinite

choices,  
unlimited progress, best life now.  
Blessed are we in the After zone, loudly  
shouting:  
Is there anybody here?  
We hear the echo, the shuffle of feet,  
the murmur of others  
asking the same question,  
together in knowledge  
that we are far beyond what we know.  
God, show us a glimmer of possibility  
in this new constraint,  
that small truths will be given back to us.  
We are held  
We are safe.  
We are loved.  
We are loved.  
We are loved.

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Sending Hymn                      Benediction                      KFC Praise Band**

May the Lord who calmed the sea give you His peace.

May He watch over you and me

And may His blessings never cease.

He is Lord of the sea and He is Lord of you and me.

May the Lord who calmed the sea give you His peace, give you  
His peace

*Repeat from the beginning*

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**Dismissal**

**Madelyn Artim**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

**Postlude**

*Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*

**Dan Forrest**

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# Announcements

## Today

**We Welcome** Jaxson, Nova and Paisley McKenrick, children of Darien McKendrick and Kristen Suranofsky, who will be baptized this morning. The children's sponsor is Matt Davis.

**Thank you to the youth** of NHELCC for planning and leading the worship service this morning.

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the praise band by Faye and Steve Weidner.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of all the youth in our church family by Faye and Steve Weidner.

**Today:** Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Charlotte Moser, Rae Bechtel and Ava Hubley, Lector: Malaina Meeker, Children's Sermon: Hannah Waltermeyer and Alexa Moser, Acolyte: London Meeker

**Wednesday:** Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Stacey Rothermel, Acolyte: usher

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Ron Fegley, Usher: Ryan Fegley, Lector: Brenda Hunsberger, Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing, Acolyte: Collins Quigley

**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.

**Today is the deadline to order lilies for Easter.** A suggested donation per plant is \$11.00. Sponsor forms are available in the 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 or in the mail slot at the Fellowship Hall door.

## 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

**Learning Center Board** – Monday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 14

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

**Learning Center – Board** – Tuesday, 6:00 PM, room 15

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

**Book Club** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Peppe's Pizza and Grill

**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

**Property** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 14

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

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

**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 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

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**The NHELK Book Club** is reading *Echo of Old Books* by Barbara Davis. We will be meeting at Pepe’s Pizza and Grill, 2485 Swamp Pike, Gilbertsville on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

**The next God on Tap** is this Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Main St. Pub in Bally at 6:00 PM. The subject will be, “What is our/your legacy? How do you/we want to be remembered?” RSVP to Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 by noon on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to read for this service, sign up on the sheet posted on the desk in the Welcome Center.

## Financial Update

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

## Upcoming Events

**Thank you to everyone who helped in the garden yesterday.**

Join us for planting on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM.

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

**Gathering of Daughters Sunday, May 4, 12:00 noon** In celebration of Mother's Day, daughters of all ages are invited to a Gathering of Daughters featuring a **tea party** themed lunch of assorted tea sandwiches, pastries, and hot and cold teas. Following the tea, will be a **vintage fashion show** featuring New Hanover's models showcasing styles from ? to the 1980s. (You won't want to miss this!) Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

There will be a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center or you may sign up on the Signup Genius. **Reservations are due by Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**. Those attending are asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

The Fellowship Committee is planning this event in conjunction with the 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. If you have any questions, contact Jean Moser at 610-367-0342 or Barbara Eisenhart at 610-316-5909. **Note:** If you have vintage clothing and/or if you would like to be a model, contact Barbara by April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Camp Falckner** will be held July 21-24, 2025 at the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. This year's theme is Faith in Action: Generation to Generation. We'll explore how our faith has shaped the past and how we can carry it forward into the future. Registration is available [online](#), but there are paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

**GriefShare Group** If you or someone you know is dealing with grief due to the loss of a loved one, join the GriefShare group hosted by NHELC. 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 325<sup>th</sup> 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 325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts, hoodies and accessories today.

**Save the date!! The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team has scheduled a virtual Town Hall** on Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!

**The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit Concert Band is hosting a Community Band Extravaganza** on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from noon – 5:00 PM. Featured bands include: Exeter Community Band, Pottsgrove Community Band, Quakertown Band, Red Hill Band and Ringgold New Horizons Band. The concert will be held at the Historic Sunnybrook Ballroom. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets may be purchased through SoulJoels.com or from members of the participating bands. Sunnybrook is located at 50 Sunnybrook Road in Pottstown. Doors open at 11:00 AM.

## 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 325<sup>th</sup> 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. NHELC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

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

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

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

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

## You Can Help

**NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items** throughout the months of April, May and June. Donations will be distributed to local families 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.

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

**You can donate to NHELC ministry electronically.** Simply point your smartphone camera at one of these QR codes and follow the link.

### Tithe.ly QR Code



### Simply Giving QR Code



**Volunteers are needed** to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at [omiweidner@gmail.com](mailto:omiweidner@gmail.com) or

484-929-5958 if you can help.

## Food Ministry

**The Food Ministry is collecting hams for Easter.** Donations may be brought to the kitchen on Wednesdays from 1:00 – 2:00 PM and Sundays from 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

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

## Reconciling in Christ 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, Ginny Specht, Bill Bauer and Victor Battaglia (Kathy Taylor's brother)

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
Sandy Wesner	Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann
Joan Price	Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman
Lucille Powell	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	Penny Garber	Hazel LeVan
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Lynn Amundsen
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Kate Brunick & family	Sue Lowry	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi		

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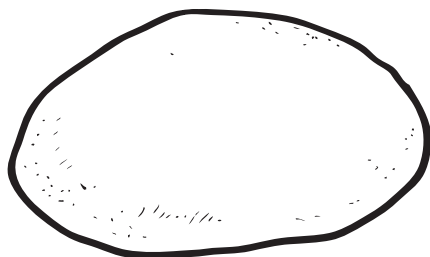
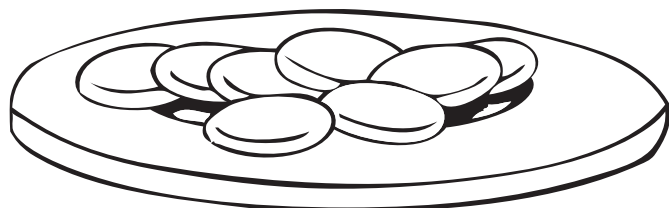


*Still Making History*



Different churches use different kinds of bread during Holy Communion. What kind of bread does *your* church use for Communion?

**Circle the bread that looks like the kind your church uses or draw it yourself.**



# PRE-READER

Lent 4

- Today is the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent is **40 days** long—not counting Sundays!
- The color of Lent is **purple**.

**The cross represents the season of Lent. Find all six crosses in the picture.**

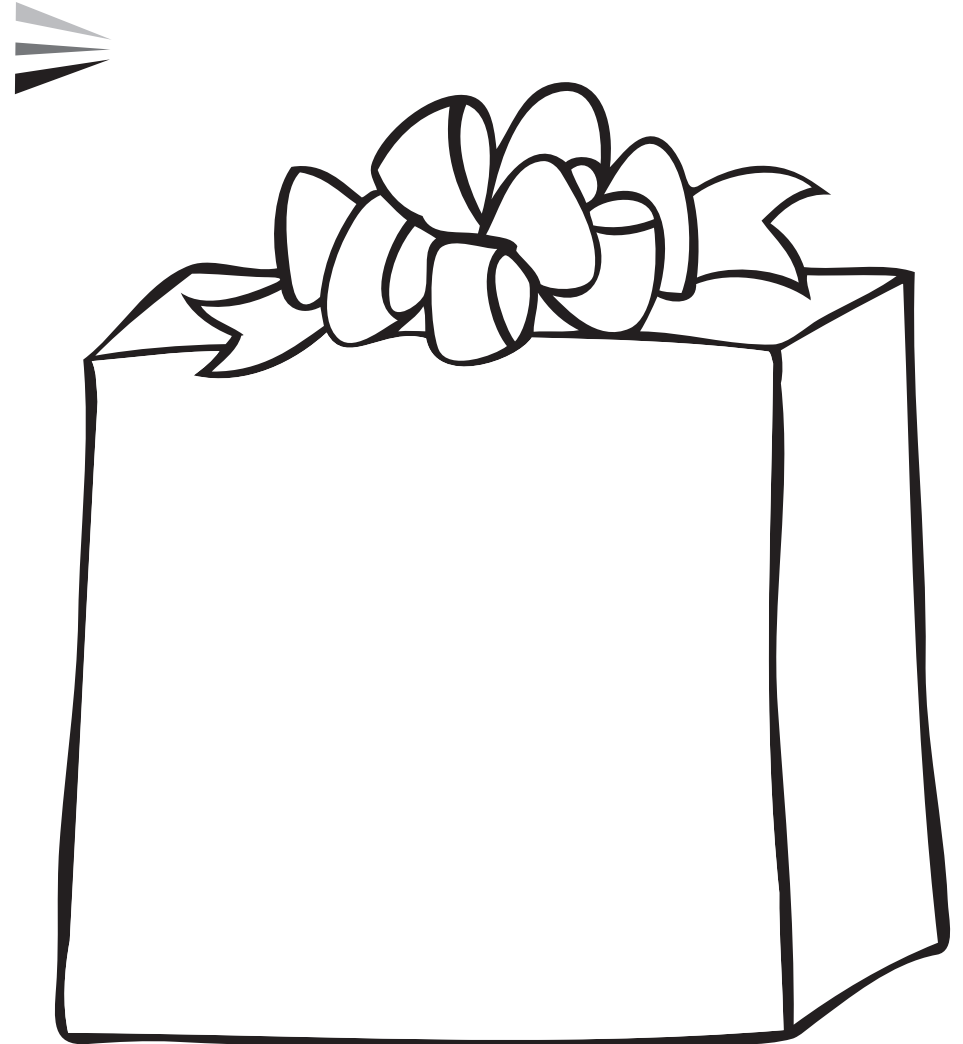




*“What am I thinking,” he said to himself as he fed the pigs. “The men who work for my father have more than enough to eat.”*

When the Prodigal Son came home, his father showed that he was forgiven by giving him fancy gifts: a coat, shoes, and a ring.

**What present would you give someone to show forgiveness?**



# Any Animals?

Do you see any pictures of animals in your worship space? What are they, and what do you think they could represent?

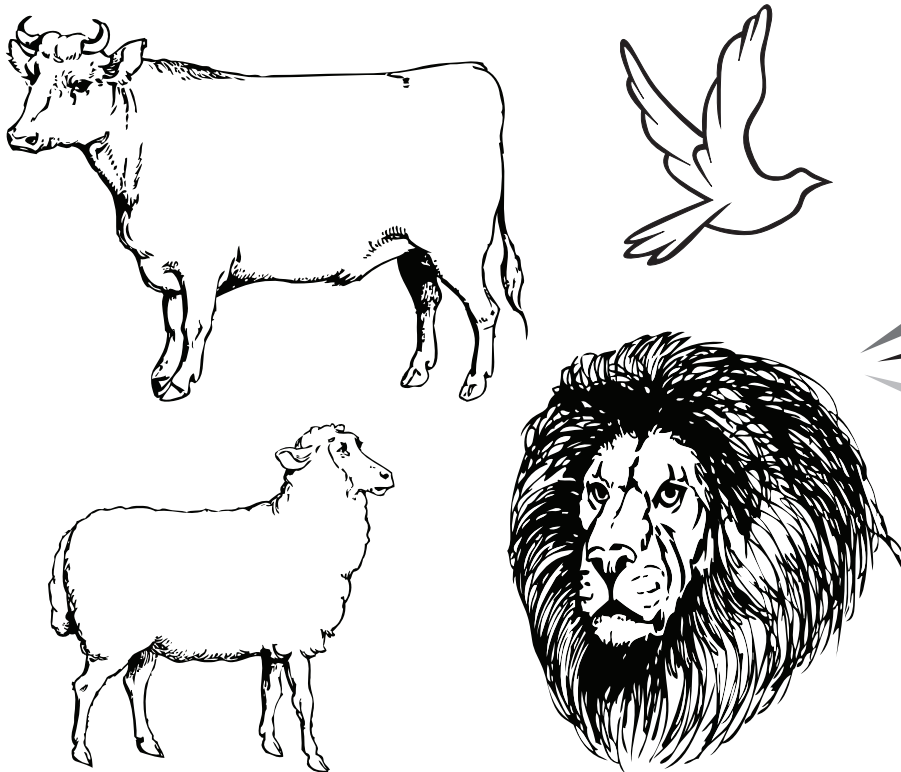
There is a \_\_\_\_\_, which makes me think of \_\_\_\_\_.

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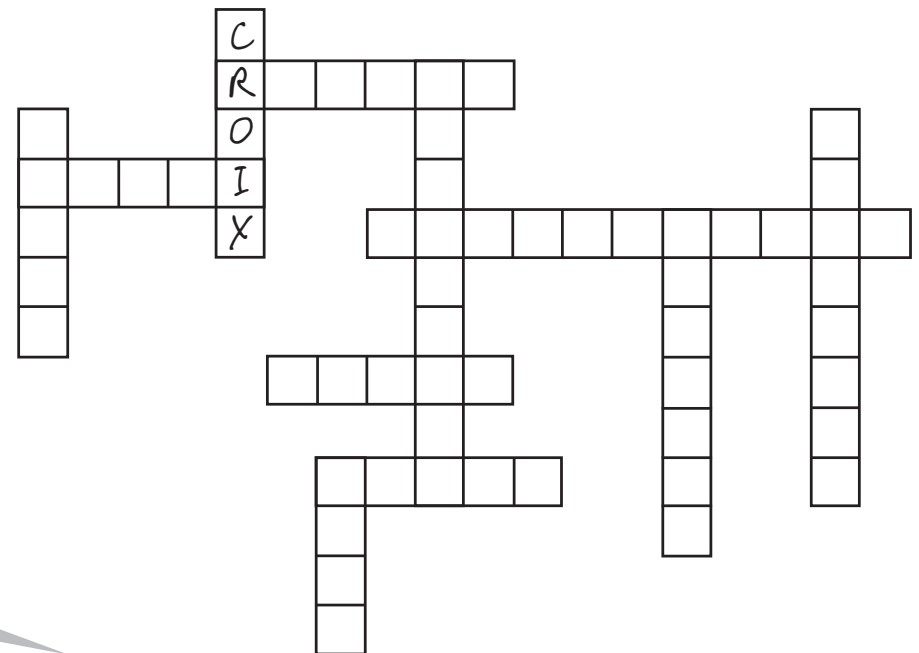
- Today is the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent is a season for **rebirth and renewal**.
- The word *Lent* comes from an Old English word for "**springtime**."

## Cross Words Crossword

The symbol of Lent is the cross. Fit the words for "cross" from these 11 languages into the spaces that will fit their letters.

- In Italian, **croce**.
- In French, **croix**.
- In Spanish, **cruz**.
- In Zulu, **isiphambano**.
- In German, **kreuz**.
- In Dutch, **kruis**.

- In Tagalog, **krusipiho**.
- In Swedish, **lindande**.
- In Swahili, **msalaba**.
- In Maori, **ripeka**.
- In Finnish, **risti**.



We know today's story as the Parable of the Prodigal Son, but what does "prodigal" really mean? Number the first letter of each word of the memory verse, then fill in the numbers to see the definition. The first few letters have been filled in for you.

### Memory Verse



1 2 3  
 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours  
 \_\_\_\_\_<sup>26</sup>  
 was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found. – Luke 15:32

2 15 18 22,  
 w a s \_\_\_\_\_ e f u \_\_\_\_\_

9 7 23 6 6 4,  
 e x \_\_\_\_\_ v \_\_\_\_\_ g \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_

7 5 19  
 \_\_\_\_\_ e \_\_\_\_\_ k \_\_\_\_\_ e s s



### Release Resentment

When the older brother doesn't want to forgive the Prodigal Son, he excludes himself from the celebration! Holding grudges can keep us from having good relationships with our family and friends. What can you do to make sure you're not holding onto any grudges?

I CAN TELL \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN FORGIVE \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN HELP \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN PRAY \_\_\_\_\_

I CAN \_\_\_\_\_

### Picky About Pigs

The Prodigal Son hits rock bottom when finds a job feeding pigs. Jews weren't supposed to eat pigs, let alone live with them! What's the worst animal you can imagine working with? Draw it! Then draw an animal that you would like to work with.

I wouldn't want to work with...

I would want to work with...



### Look It Up!

The Parable of the Prodigal Son is the third of three stories that Jesus tells about things that are lost and found. Check out the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Luke 15:1-7) and the Parable of the Lost Coin (Luke 15:8-10) to learn more about what

Jesus said about repentance and forgiveness!



20 D B5 D5  
 me down. I'm sure you've had a day like me, when noth - in' seems to set you free from

**PRE-CHORUS 2**

23 G5 B5 A5 D E  
 bur - dens you can't car - ry all a - lone, yeah. In your weak - ness, He is strong - er.

27 Gmaj7 D  
 In your dark - ness, He shines through. When you're cry - in',

30 E7 G D  
 He's your com - fort. When you're all a - lone, He's car - ry - in' you. I get

**CHORUS 2**

1, 3

33 % D E7 G  
 down, He lifts me up. I get down, He lifts me up. I get down, He lifts me up. I get

(1, 3) | 2, 4

36 D G D *Fine*  
 down. I get down, He lifts me up. Ev - 'ry time I'm down the Lord lifts me up.

**BRIDGE**

Bm D G D Bm  
 This val - ley is so deep, I can bare - ly see the sun. I cry out

**CHORUS 1**

44 D G B5 A5 D  
 for mer - cy, Lord, and You lift me up a - gain. I get down, He lifts me up. I get

48

E7 G D D

1 2

down, He lifts me up. I get down, He lifts me up. I get down. I get down. I get

**INTERLUDE**

D5 E7 G5 D5 *D.S. al Fine*

down. I get down. I get down. I get down. I get

# Myfanwy - Baptism

Parry-Tonkin

O pre - cious child whom now God bless - es with

The first system of musical notation for the song. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "O pre - cious child whom now God bless - es with".

grace that com-eth from a - bove. The Ho - ly Spi - rit is up - on you, the de -

The second system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "grace that com-eth from a - bove. The Ho - ly Spi - rit is up - on you, the de -".

scen - ding dove that shows God's love. Christ's pre - sence in bap - tis - mal wa - ters now

The third system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "scen - ding dove that shows God's love. Christ's pre - sence in bap - tis - mal wa - ters now".

clean - ses you from all - sin. The sa - ving grace, a - ma - zing grace, God's

The fourth system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "clean - ses you from all - sin. The sa - ving grace, a - ma - zing grace, God's".

gift of new life now be - gins

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the accompaniment continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "gift of new life now be - gins".



# Trading My Sorrows

Words and Music by  
Darrell Evans

## CHORUS

♩ = 116

A D F#m E A D F#m E/G#

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

## VAMP

5

A D F#m E A D F#m E A D

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

10

F#m E A D F#m E/G# A D F#m E

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

## VERSE

15

A D F#m E A D F#m E

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

19

A D F#m E A D

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

22 F#m E A D F#m E

prom - ise will en - dure, that His joy's gon - na be my strength. Though the sor - row may

26 Esus E G D D.C. D A D **CHORUS**

last for the night, His joy comes with the morn - ing. ing. I'm trad - ing my  
I'm trad - ing my

31 F#m E A D F#m E/G# A D

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

**INSTRUMENTAL**

35 F#m E A D F#m E A D F#m E

down for the joy of the Lord.  
down for the joy of the Lord.

**INTERLUDE**

40 A D F#m E/G# A D F#m E A D

Lai, lai,

45 F#m E/G# A D F#m E A D F#m E/G# **1**

lai, lai, lai, lai; Lai, lai,

**2**

50 F#m E/G#

# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

(as published by Worship Together)

Words and Music by  
John Newton, Chris Tomlin  
and Louie Giglio

## VERSE 1 & 2

♩ = 60

F B $\flat$ /F F

1. A maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like  
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re -

4

C/F F F/A B $\flat$  F C/F

me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I  
lieved. How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear, the hour

1

8

F C/F F F/A B $\flat$

see. 2. 'Twas I first be - lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set

12

F/A B $\flat$ /D F/C F/A B $\flat$

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

## VERSE 3

16

F/A Gm7 C7 F F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. 3. The Lord has prom - ised good

20

B $\flat$ /F F C/F F F/A

to me, His word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and por -

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**CHORUS**

24  $B\flat$  F C/F F F/A  $B\flat$

tion be, as long as life en - dures. My chains are gone. I've been set

28 F/A  $B\flat/D$  F/C F/A  $B\flat$

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

32 F/A  $Gm7$  C7 F F/A F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. My chains are

**VERSE 4**

36  $B\flat/F$  F  $B\flat/F$  F

4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine.

40 C/F F F/A  $B\flat$  F C/F

But God, who called me here be - low, will be for - ev - er mine,

44 F C/F F C/F F

will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.

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