

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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
Seminarian Sunday  
April 6, 2025**

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SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

THE  
HARDEST  
PART



Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

**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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[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

Nikki Young

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gathering Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table* ELW #522

Call to Worship

Nikki Young

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

Prayer of the Day

Nikki Young

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your  
grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the  
new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the  
extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Centering Song      *The Heart of Worship*      Grace Praise Band

When the music fades, all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart

*Pre-Chorus:*

I'll bring You more than a song,  
For a song in itself  
Is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

*Chorus:*

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You, all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You, all about You Jesus  
King of endless worth, no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours  
Ev'ry single breath

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus 2x*

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Brenda Hunsberger

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
    army and warrior;

they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.

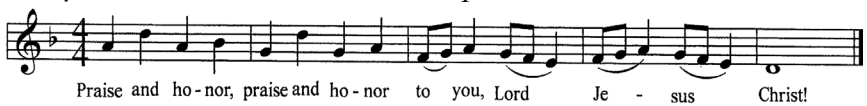
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,

<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Lenten Gospel Acclamation*



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**Gospel** John 12:1-8 Nikki Young  
The holy gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, “Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**Message**

Nikki Young

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**                      *Jesus Messiah*

Grace Praise Band

He became sin who knew no sin  
That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled Himself and carried the cross  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Chorus:*

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names  
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel  
The Rescue for sinners  
The Ransom from heaven  
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

His body the bread, His blood the wine  
Broken and poured out, all for love  
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn  
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Chorus*

*Bridge:*

All our hope is in You  
All our hope is in You  
All the glory to You God  
The Light of the world

*Chorus*

*Ending:*

Jesus Messiah

Lord of all

Lord of all

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Prayers of Intercession

Nikki Young

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

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.**

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     *Think of Me and Remember*     Chancel Choir  
Nancy Mest, flute

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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 Nikki Young

*Please rise as you are able.*

Sending Hymn *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*     ELW #596

Blessing Nikki Young

God, sometimes it feels like a better person wouldn't be like this:  
tethered to so many hopes,  
and fears, and expectations.

Blessed are we pulled between wanting to let go  
—sometimes needing to let go—and also needing to hold on.

Blessed are we when we yearn  
for connection and love and touch.  
Blessed are we when we hunger  
for the beauty of life itself and the people to fill it.  
Blessed are we when we are unable to say,  
“I’m letting it go.”  
Because we feel like we will be washed away into an ocean of  
nothingness.  
Teach us to cling to the truths  
that enliven our spirits,  
and loosen our grip on the painful untruths:  
like the one that says we are alone, or unlovable.  
Or that desire itself is the enemy.  
Teach us to hunger for what is good, and be filled.  
There will be no easy addition and subtraction.  
We will lose and we will gain,  
and almost none of it will make much sense at the time,  
and it will force our hands open.  
In the ebb and flow of wins and losses, comings and goings,  
may we look for the divine in the mystery of it all,  
the stubbornness of flowers that still smile at us at the grocery  
store, and the need for endless small reminders  
that the pain of it all, the comedy of it all,  
will point us back to love.

Dismissal

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get’em!!!

Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in F*

Anna Laura Page

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# Announcements

## Today

**The bulletin and flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Vicki and Randy Dotterer.

**The Word in Season** devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

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

**Wednesday:** Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Usher: Faye Weidner, Acolyte: usher

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Ushers: Bryce Manthorne and Rick Solazzo, Lector: Barbara Noecker, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Ainsley Lucas, Communion Assistants: Erica Lucas and Terry Santangelo

**Altar Guild** members serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan.

**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** – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 4, 14,  
21-24

**Fashion Show Fitting** – Monday, 6:30 PM, sanctuary

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

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

**Finance** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

**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, 5:30 – 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

**Food Ministry Board** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 14

**Cub Parents Planning** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, 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

**Scout District Roundtable** – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

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

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday, 10:30 AM

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

**Food Drop Off** – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

**Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

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

**KFC Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM

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

**Baptisms** – Next Sunday, 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM, sanctuary and  
room 1

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

**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 3:00 – 4:30 PM, sanctuary and  
room 1

**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](mailto:slwesner@comcast.net) by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

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

## **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. Continue on with this series for an Adult Discussion Forum at 10:15. Meet at the roundtable in the Multi-purpose room.

**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.

**Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.** Due to the construction, we will host two hunts based on the age of the child. First grade and younger will hunt at 10:30 and second grade and older at 11:00. Following the two hunts a light lunch consisting of hot dogs, chips and cake will be provided. Please help us out with planning by letting us know how many will be joining us. If you have kids in both age groups or one time works better than another, feel free to attend what works best for your family. We are just trying to have smaller groups in case of rain. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-55954940-easter>.

Youth, who would like to help with this event, should contact Nikki Young at [nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org](mailto:nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org)

### **Holy Week Worship Schedule**

Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – Communion service at 9:00 AM

Maundy Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Communion service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Worship, April 20<sup>th</sup> – Communion service at 9:00 AM

**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.

## Upcoming Events

**April Gathering** is Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at noon. The Aging Grace-Fully series continues with a live-stream presentation by Missy Buchanan, author of *From Dry Bones to Living Hope*. In this book, the author opens with an intimate, prayerful lament to God from the perspective of the older adult, who longs for spiritual renewal and purpose, and then guides the reader to God's perspective on aging and specific actions to take to leading to hope and joy.

Lunch will be available prior to the presentation. Participants are encouraged to bring a desert to share. Look for a sign-up sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center.

**Kids Camp Registration is NOW OPEN!** We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHELCC 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<sup>th</sup>, at 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 at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-56007833-gathering>. **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 closes after today.** 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.

## **Here's how you can participate.**

### **Zoom**

Log on to <https://zoom.us>. Meeting ID is 84524154363 and the Password is 123456.

If you join from a mobile device, you will need to install (or already have) the Zoom app to join. If you join from a desktop/laptop, you can join without installing the app. Anyone joining Zoom can live chat or ask a voice question.

### **YouTube**

Use the QR code below or use the link

<https://youtube.com/live/WpsUQSaQUBI>.



### **Live at Church**

Meet in the sanctuary. The doors to the Welcome Center will open at 6:45. We will start promptly at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com) or the church office.

The RIC team is looking forward to this event and hope you will 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](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on

Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELHC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

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

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

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

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

## You Can Help

**NHELHC 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. A list of the Cluster’s most needed items is available in the April issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. 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.

**Spring Planting at Garden of Hope** is Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 AM. Come join in the fun!

### Help the Ronald McDonald House

Dear Congregants,

We’re thrilled to reintroduce a small act of kindness that can make a big difference! The Ronald McDonald House supports families in need, offering them rest and nourishment during challenging times. One simple way we can contribute to their incredible mission is by saving aluminum can tabs.

These tiny can tabs may seem insignificant, but they add up quickly. By collecting them, we can help the Ronald McDonald House raise funds to continue their vital work.

We invite you to join in on this effort. Save your tabs and simply drop them into the aquarium in the Fellowship Hall (under the coat rack). Together we can make an impact—one tab at a time.

Thank you for your support and kindness.

The Mission Services/Social Ministry Committee



**You can help support our church with Redner's Save-a-Tape program.** Here's how it works.

1. Visit the Customer Service Desk at any Redner's Warehouse Market to obtain a Save-A-Tape card.
2. Use this card every time you shop at Redner's. Your receipts will be marked as Save-A-Tap receipts.
3. Bring your collected receipts to the church. We'll total them up and submit them to Redner's for a 1% rebate on the total amount (excluding sales tax, milk and tobacco products).

Thank you to all who have saved and turned in their Redner's receipts! The Redner's Save-a-Tape program is an easy way to help us raise funds for the Mission Services/Social Ministry team.

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

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

**Tithe.ly QR Code**



**Simply Giving QR Code**



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

## **Food Ministry**

**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 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

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*Still Making History*

Today's story tells about a sweet perfume that Jesus' friend Mary gave to him. What things can you smell in your worship space? Candles? Flowers? Perfumes?

**Draw them!**



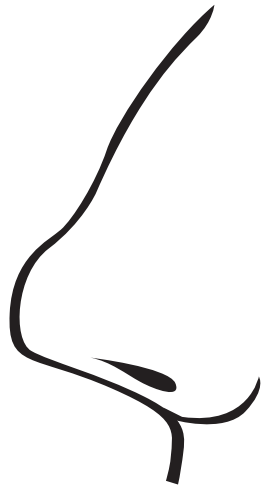
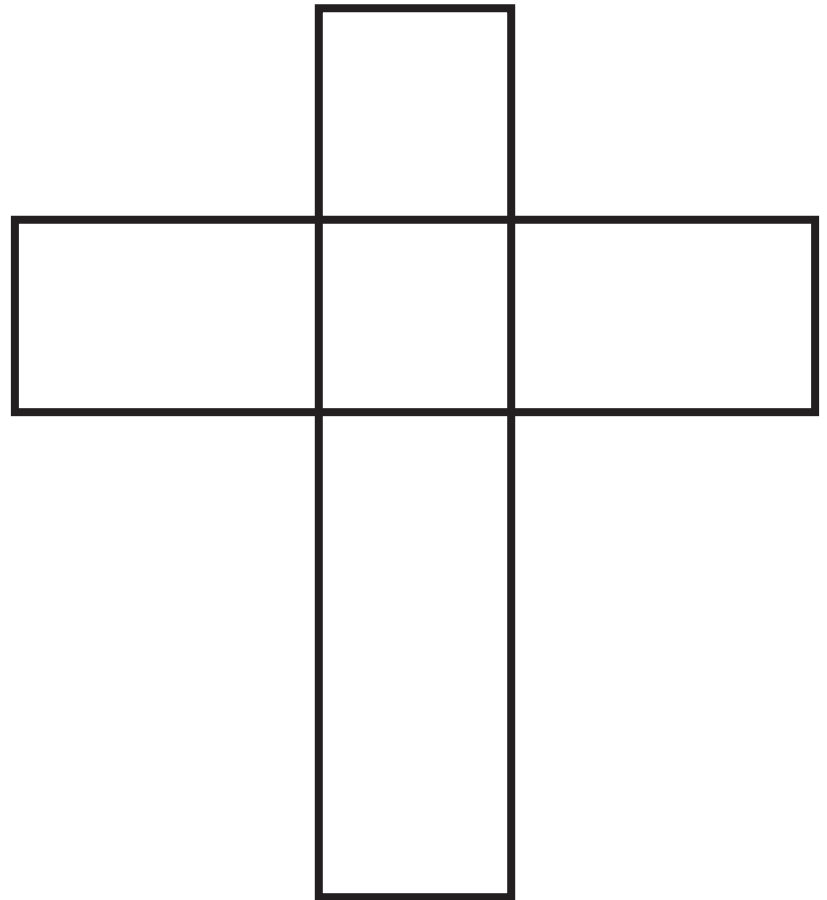
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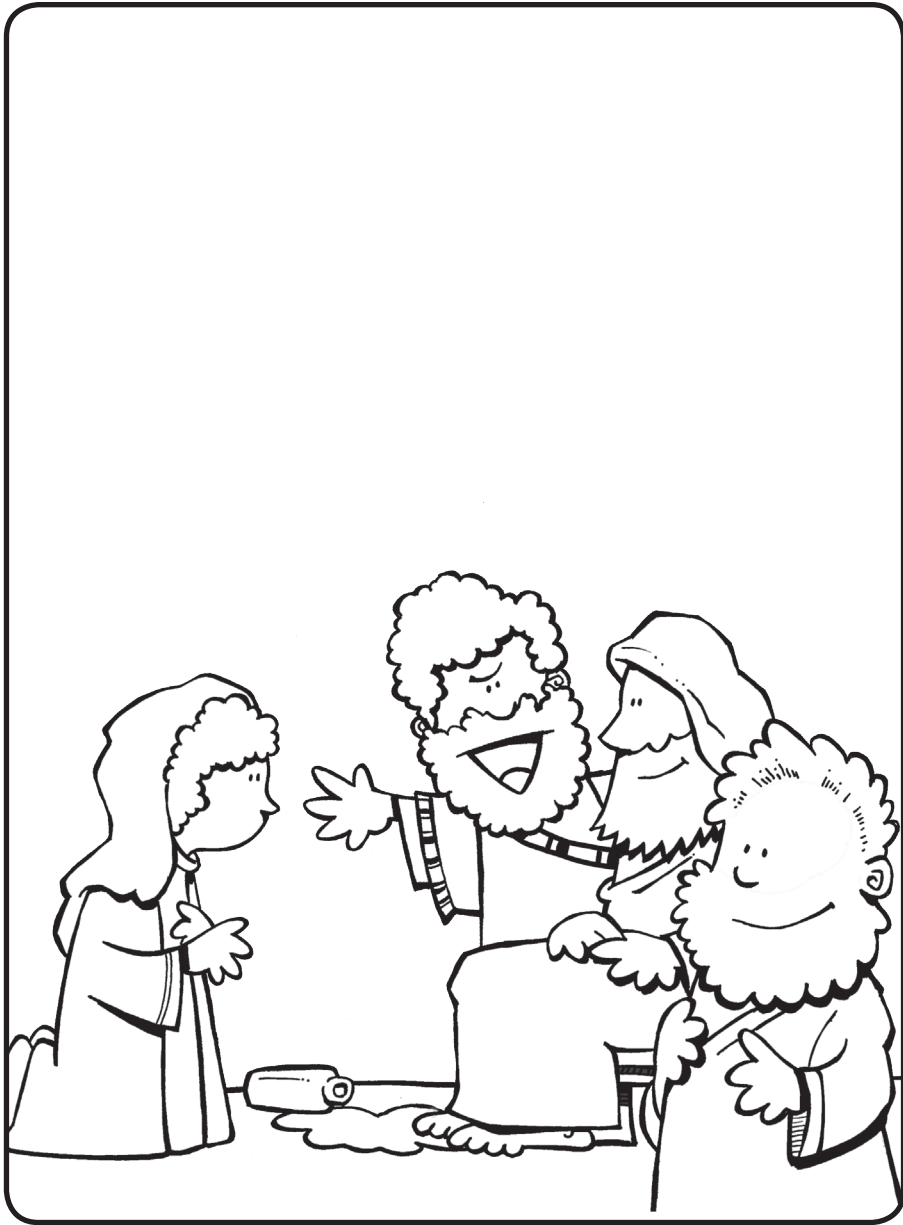
Lent 5

- Today is the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent is the time **before Easter**.
- It is a season when we **remember our baptism**.

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**The symbol of Lent is a cross. Fill in each part of the cross with a picture of something you're thankful for.**

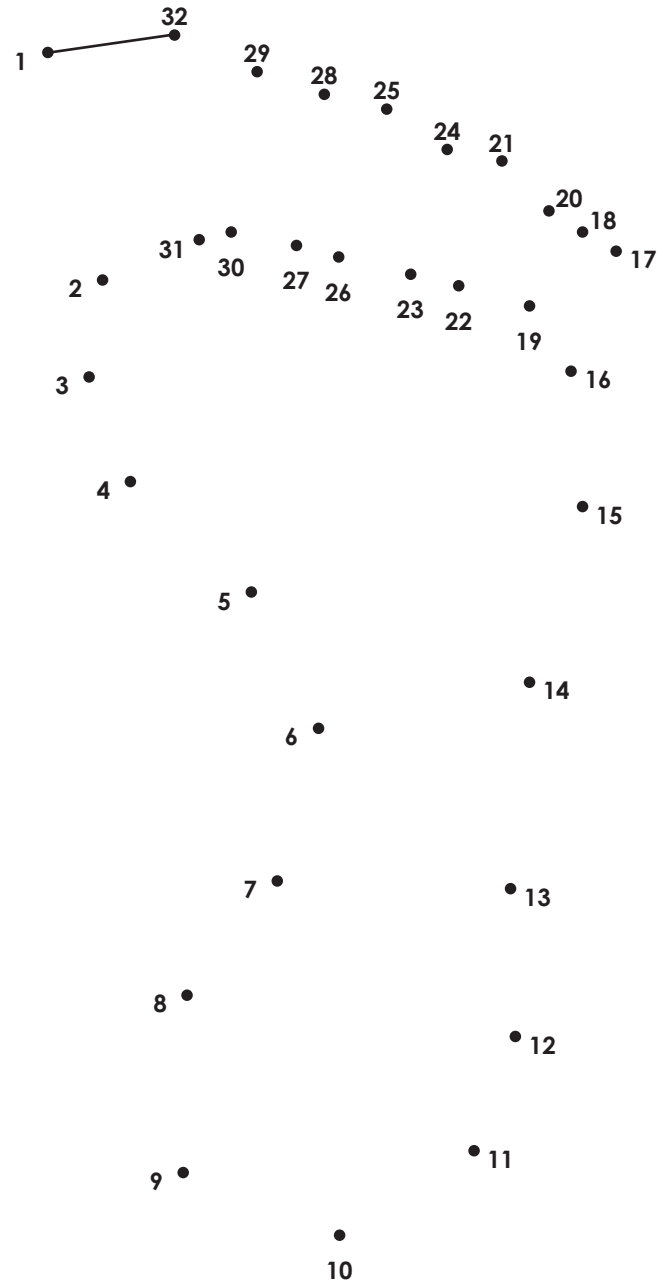




**The house smelled of the perfume for a long time. It was a reminder of Jesus' lesson of God's overflowing love.**

What part of Jesus' body did Mary cover with perfume?

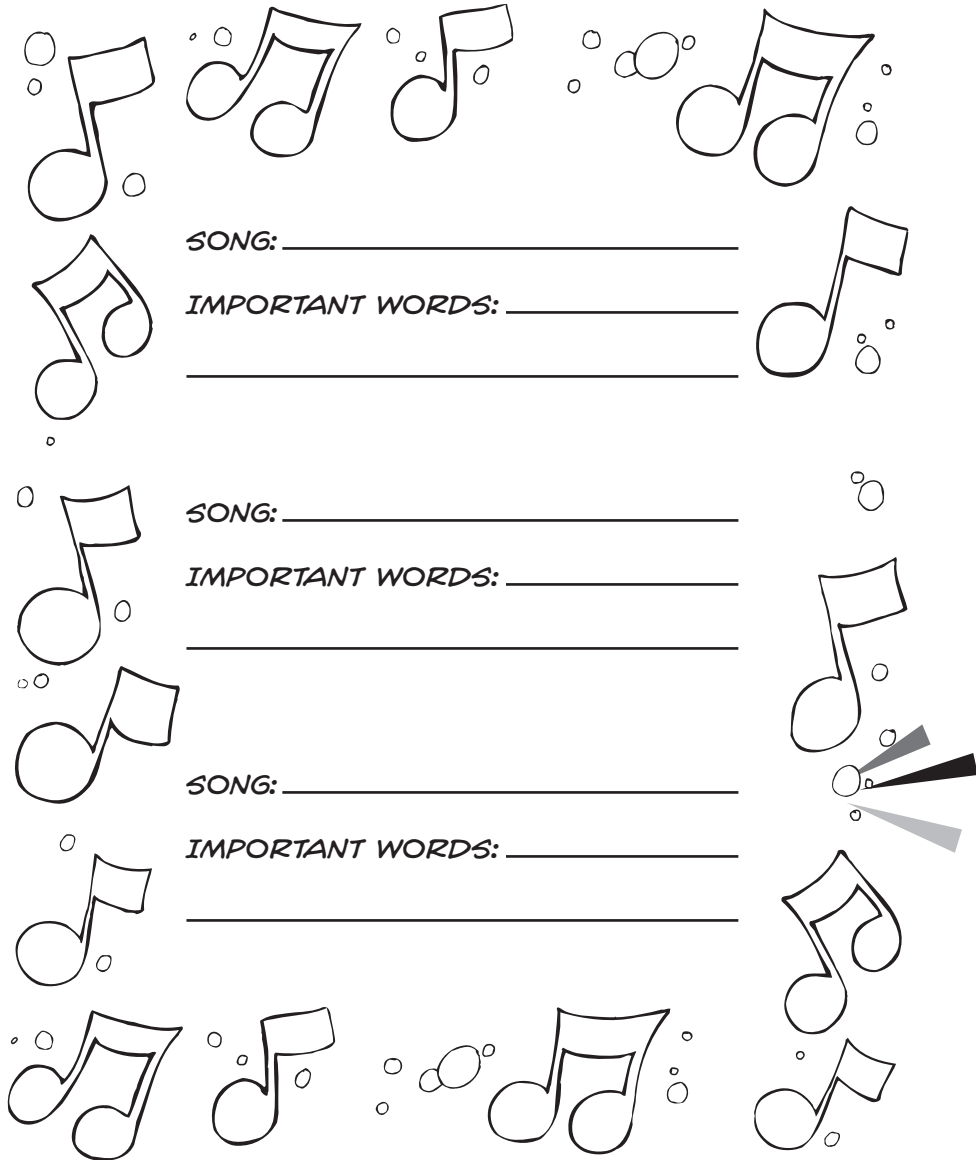
**Connect the dots!**



# Not So Joyful

Did you know that many congregations don't say or sing the word *Alleluia* during Lent? The word is considered too joyful for this solemn season.

What songs did you sing in worship today? What were some of the important words in each song?



SONG: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT WORDS: \_\_\_\_\_

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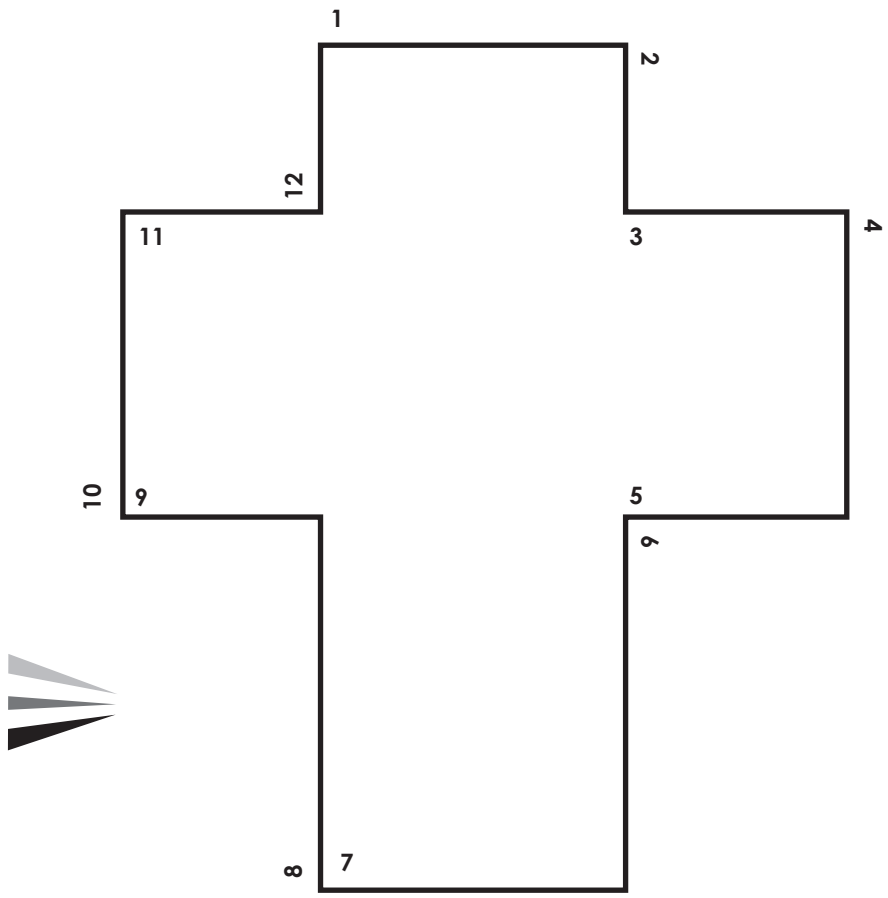
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- Today is the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent is a season of **preparation for Easter**.
- Lent is a **serious time** of the church year.

## A Lenten Prayer

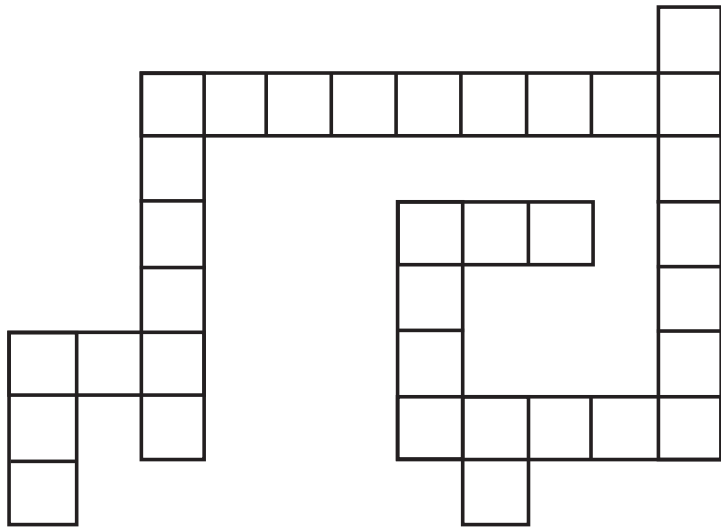
The symbol of Lent is a cross. Try to think of a prayer with 12 words in it. Write one word on each side of the cross.



The house was filled with the fragrance of perfume. – John 12:3



Fill the words of the memory verse into the blank crossword puzzle.



### Mystery Smell

What was the name of the perfume that Mary used on Jesus? Fill in the missing letters in the names of the Disciples to figure it out. (Need help? Look up Mark 3:13-19 to see the full list of Disciples.)

**S I M O** ○  
**T H O M** ○ **S**  
**B A** ○ **T H O L O M E W**  
**A N** ○ **R E W**



When you read a Bible verse, you can read a few of the verses before and after it to understand the verse's context! Be a detective and try to figure out these questions:

- Who is talking?
- Who are they talking to?
- What are they saying?



### Add It Up

That perfume was worth about 300 denarii, which was a lot of money! How long would it pay for an average worker's wages? Shade in every box with a number 9 or any two boxes next to each other (but not diagonal) with numbers that add up to 9.

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Now that you know the name of the perfume, look up some other places it appears in the Bible! Check out Mark 14:3 and Song of Solomon 4:14.



## As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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**CHORUS**

D2 A2/C# Em7 D/F#

I'm com - ing back to the heart of wor - ship, and it's all a - bout You,

20 G A7sus D2 A2/C#

all a - bout You, Je - sus. I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's

23 Em7 D/F# G A7sus D

all a - bout You, all a - bout You, Je - sus. —

# Jesus Messiah

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## VERSE

♩ = 86

B C#m7 B/D#

1. He be - came sin, who knew no sin; that we might be - come His  
(2.) bod y the bread, His blood the wine bro - ken and poured out,

E2(no3) B C#m7

right - eous - ness; He hum - bled Him - self, and car - ried the cross.  
all for love. The whole earth trem - bled, and the veil was torn.

B/F# E2(no3) B/F# E2(no3)

Love so a - maz - ing, Love so a - maz - ing. Je - sus, Mes - si -  
Love so a - maz - ing, Love so a - maz - ing.

## CHORUS

B  
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E2(no3)

ah; Name a - bove all names; Bless - ed Re - deem -

B F#sus B

er; Em - man - u - el. The Res - cue for sin - ners,

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21 E2(no3) B/D# F#sus

the Ran - som from heav - en; Je - sus, Mes - si - ah, Lord of all.

**BRIDGE**

26 B C#m11 B/D#

*Last time to Coda*  $\text{\textcircled{C}}$  1 2

2. His All our hope is in You, all our hope

31 E2(no3) F#sus C#m11 B/D# E2(no3)

is in You; all the glo - ry to You, God, the Light of the

36 F#sus D.S. al Coda

world. Je - sus, Mes - si

**ENDING**

38 Coda B/G# B/F# F#sus

Je - sus, Mes - si - - ah, Lord of all.

41 E2(no3) F#7/E E2 E2(no3) F#7/E E2 F#7/E E2(no3)

The Lord of all! The Lord of all. \_\_\_\_\_

47 B

## My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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