

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

**Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025**

6th Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

THE
HARDEST
PART



Jesus' procession contained the same elements of a "king's" entrance (crowds, cloaks, hymns of acclamations (Psalm 118:26)), but he was a different kind of king, riding a donkey, wearing ordinary robes, bringing peace and not war (Luke 19:38), refusing power as he did in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13). The disciples cannot be contained, knowing that scripture is being fulfilled as the Kingdom of God, bringing peace on earth (though it might look different than they were imagining at the time). The Pharisees reject his entry into Jerusalem, just as the Samaritans rejected his entry into their villages at the beginning of his travels (Luke 9:52-53). Jesus' procession into Jerusalem is the fulfillment of the prophecies of old, including echoes of proclamations of Jesus at his birth, and prediction of his passions.

**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.**

Welcome

Pastor Scott

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

Please rise as you are able. Please join in singing.

Children and Pastor process into sanctuary.

Processional *The Palms*

O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay

Are strewn this day in festal preparation,

Where Jesus comes, to wipe our tears away;

E'en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

Chorus

Join all and sing, his name declare;

Let ev'ry voice resound with joyous acclamation. Hosanna!

Praise ye the Lord! Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might

Freedom regain once more from degradation;

Humanity doth give to each his right,

While those in darkness are restored to light. *(Chorus)*

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,

Of all thy sons sing the emancipation

Thro' boundless love; the Christ of Bethlehem

Brings faith and hope to thee forever more. *(Chorus)*

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Children and Pastor stay up front.

Confession

Nikki Young

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God,

all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Palms

Nikki Young

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

Please be seated.

Children's Choir

Sing Hosanna

Lindsey Waltermeyer, keyboard

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First Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a

Barbara Noecker

A reading from the book of Isaiah

⁴ The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens—
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

⁷ The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation Lenten Gospel Acclamation

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

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The holy gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁸ After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

²⁹ When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

“Blessed is the king
 who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Peace in heaven,
 and glory in the highest heaven!”

³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

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 *O Come to the Altar* Grace Praise Band

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well

Jesus is calling

Chorus:

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes

Come today there's no reason to wait

Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy

From the ashes a new life is born

Jesus is calling

Chorus 2x

Bridge:

Oh what a Savior

Isn't he wonderful

Oh what a Savior, Christ is greater

Bow down before him

For he is Lord of all

Oh what a Savior, Christ is greater

Chorus

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown

Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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Apostles' Creed

Pastor Scott

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

**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.

**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. Amen.**

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

Pastor Scott

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor Scott

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the
remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for
all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this
for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

Pastor Scott

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

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Please be seated.

Communion

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

Communion Song

Hosanna

Grace Praise Band

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Lead Me to the Cross

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The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion Prayer

Pastor Scott

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

Peace

Pastor Scott

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

Wave the Palms

Chancel Choir

Jim Dugan and Caitlin Braunsberg, trumpet

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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

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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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

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Gigue

Gordon Young

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Announcements

Today

Welcome to Landon Joseph DeLong, son of Dakota and Lauren DeLong, who will be baptized this morning during a private service at 11:30 AM.

Welcome to Scarlet Jane Smale, daughter of Dustin and Lisa Smale, who will be baptized this afternoon during a private service at 12:30 PM.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Hedrick by Betty, Ron and Diane.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their daughter Michelle's birthday by Charlie and Donna Kehs.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of his son who unconditionally loves ALL people, forgives ALL people, and gives grace to ALL through his suffering, death, and resurrection that we may have eternal life by Janet Psota!

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: Marty Hauser, Ushers: Bryce Manthorne and Rick Solazzo, Lector: Barbara Noecker, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Ainsley Lucas, Communion Assistants: Erica Lucas and Nikki Young

Maundy Thursday Head Usher: Scott Geiser, Usher: Faye Weidner, Lector: Maddie Hansley, Acolyte: Landon Woods, Communion Assistant: Barbara Repa

Good Friday Usher: Jim Gross, Usher: George Trowbridge, Acolytes: Ron Fegley and Elsa Lucas

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Bill Allen, Ryan Waltermyer and Zach Quigley, Lector: Scott Geiser, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Hannah Waltermyer, Communion Assistants: Leslie Gates and Donna Kehs

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

Baptisms – Today, 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM, sanctuary, room 1

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, sanctuary and room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Walnut Woods – Tuesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

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

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

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

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

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

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

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

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

Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

Flutter Flashlight Egg Hunt – Thursday, 8:00 PM, picnic grove

Good Friday Service – Friday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

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

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Flutter will be having a flashlight egg hunt in the picnic grove on Thursday, April 17th, beginning at 8:00 PM (after the Maundy Thursday service). Look for an email to RSVP. Don't forget to bring a flashlight!

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday, April 17th Communion service at 7:00 PM

Good Friday, April 18th Service at 7:00 PM

Easter Worship, April 20th Communion service at 9:00 AM

Upcoming Events

April Gathering is Tuesday, April 22nd, 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 for 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 NHELC 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>.

Gathering of Daughters Sunday, May 4th, 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.

A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the Welcome Center or sign up on the Signup Genius at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-56007833-gathering>. **Reservations are due by Sunday, April 27th**. 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 325th 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 **today**.

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 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.

Save the date!! The Reconciling in Christ (RIC) team has scheduled a virtual Town Hall on 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.

Here's how you can participate.

Zoom

Logon 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 or the church office.

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

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 NHELHC? 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

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. 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.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service collection throughout the month of March. A total of 90 lbs. of food and other non-perishable items were received.

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-Tape 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 as soon as possible to be included in the new pictorial directory.

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

Tithe.ly QR Code



Simply Giving QR Code



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

Food Ministry

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

The RIC team presentations, “LGBTQIA+ 101” and “Pronouns - Why They Are Important”, are 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 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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You probably got a palm branch before worship. What does it look like? How many leaves does it have?

Draw a picture of yourself holding it!



I have this many leaves on my palm:

A large rectangular area defined by a thin black border, intended for drawing a person holding a palm branch. A horizontal line is drawn near the top of the area.

PRE-READER

Palm Sunday

- Today is **Palm Sunday**.
- Palm Sunday is the **final Sunday** in Lent.
- Palm Sunday is the **first day of Holy Week**.
- Today we remember how the **people cheered for Jesus**.

People put down palm branches as Jesus came into Jerusalem. Cover the road to the cross with palms.

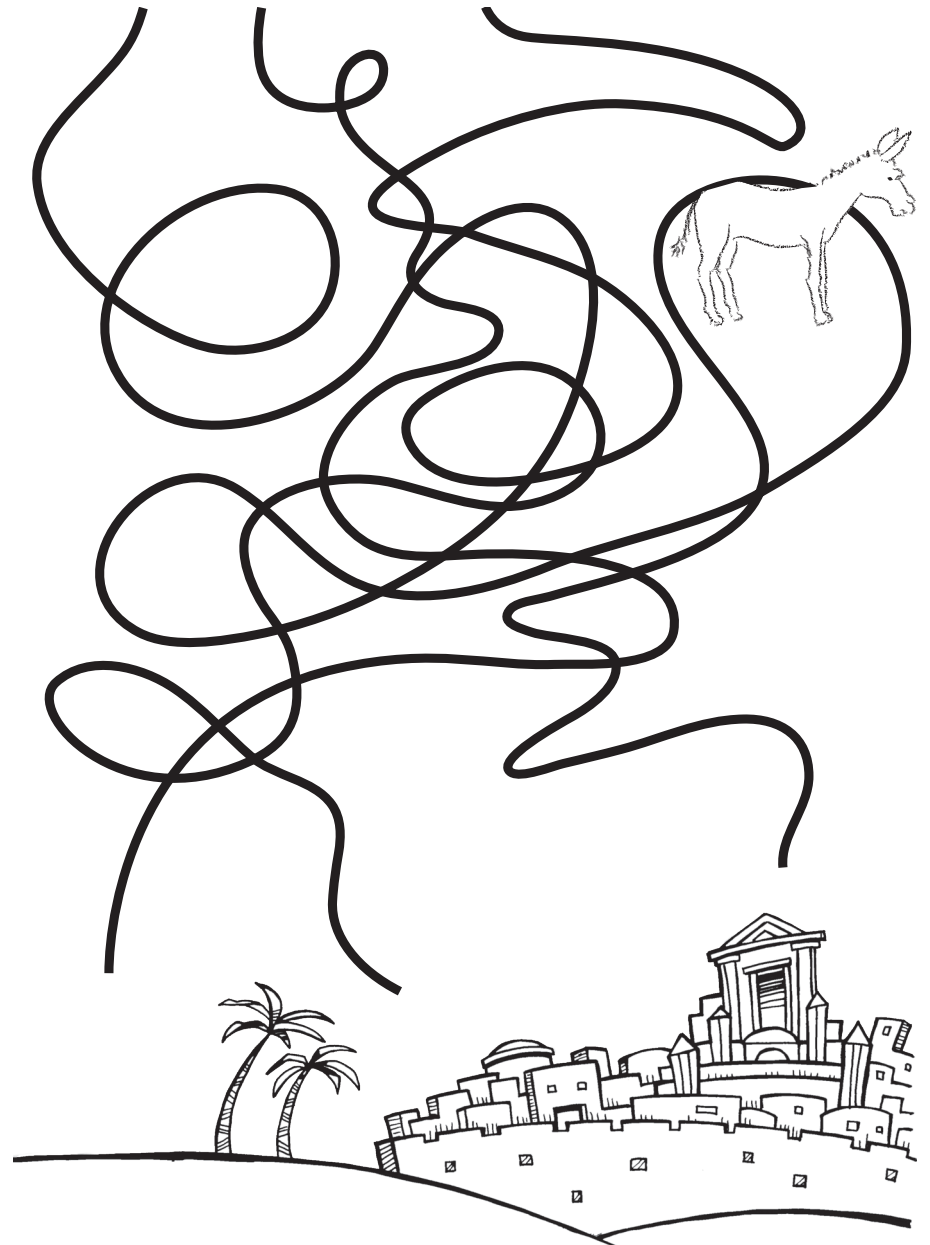




People were singing and shouting, "Here comes God's king! Hosanna! Praise God!"

Jesus had to get a donkey before going to Jerusalem.

Which line passes through the donkey AND leads to the city?



Books of the Bible Word Ladder

Each week in worship, we hear readings from the Bible. Use the hints in the word ladder to make a new word by changing just one letter. Hints in **bold** are books of the Bible.

The second to last book of the Bible	J U D E
_____ box. Insert coins and it plays music.	J U K E
The only Gospel with a sequel	_____
Something you use to catch a fish	_____
To sneak, creep, slink	_____
A bird famous for its singing	_____
The shortest and oldest Gospel	_____
A green place that's good to play in	_____
A piece of a whole	_____
The opposite of future	_____
The opposite of slow	_____
Short word for festival	_____
To relax	_____
Reddish-brown stuff on an old car	_____
To hurry	_____
A book about a woman who was friends with Naomi	R U T H



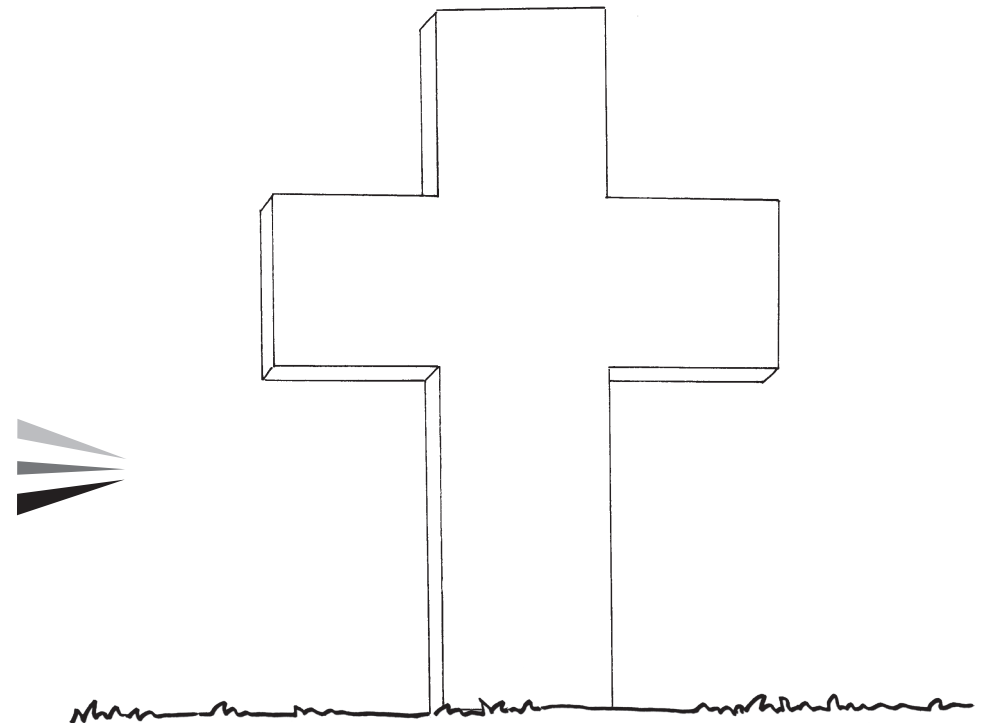
READER

Palm Sunday

- Today is **Palm Sunday**.
- Palm Sunday is the **first day of Holy Week**.
- During Holy Week, we remember what happened during the **last week of Jesus' life**.
- Today, **we sing and cheer for Jesus** – just like the crowd did when he entered Jerusalem!

Palm Sunday to Good Friday

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday in the Lenten season. The symbol of Lent is the cross. Draw cloaks, palm branches, and flowers around the foot of the cross.



Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. – Luke 23:46

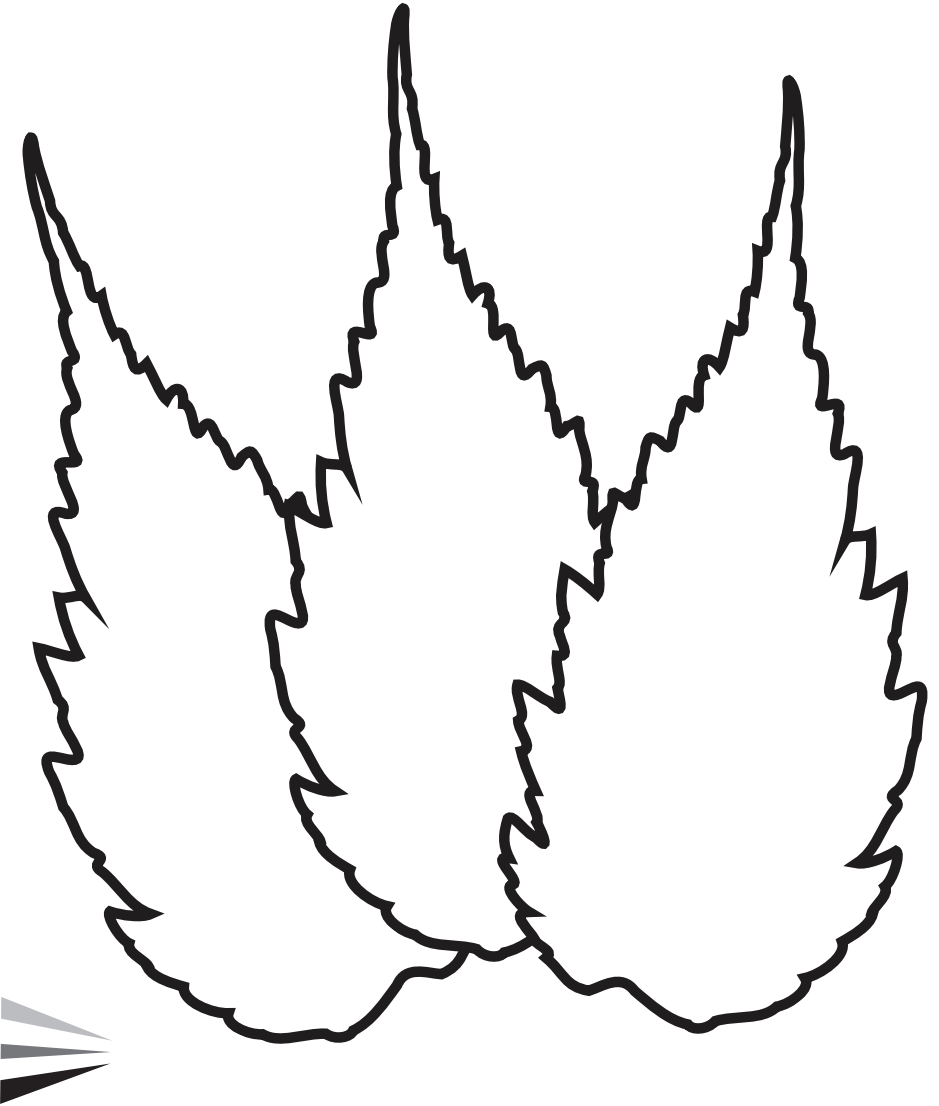
Memory Verse

As Jesus died, he quoted the words of a Psalm. Do the math to learn which verse it comes from.

8	2	4
-7	+1	+6
+4	+4	-7
+1	+2	-2
-3	-8	+4
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PSALM	:	

Palms of Praise

When Jesus came into Jerusalem, the crowds were shouting his praises because they had heard about his miracles (Luke 19:37). What would you praise Jesus for? Write some ideas on the palm leaves.



Look It Up!

Now that you've figured out the verse that Jesus quotes, look it up! (Hint: the second half of the verse says "you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.")

O Come To The Altar

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INTRO **VERSE 1 & 2**

♩ = 140

B E B E B

1. Are you hurt-
2. Leave be - hind

E B E G#m

ing and bro - ken with - in, o - ver - whelmed by the weight of your sin? Je - sus is
your re - grets and mis - takes. Come to - day; there's no rea - son to wait. Je - sus is

10 E B E B

call - ing. Have you come to the end of your - self, do you thirst
call - ing. Bring your sor - rows and trade them for joy; From the ash -

CHORUS

E G#m E 1 B
(1st x only)

for a drink from the well? Je - sus is call - ing. O come to
es a new life is born. Je - sus is call - ing.

19 C#m G#m E B C#m

the al - tar; the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide. For - give - ness was bought with

INSTRUMENTAL 1

24

G#m E B E B E

the pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ.

CHORUS

30

E B C#m G#m E

blood of Je - sus Christ. O come to the al - tar; the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide.

INSTRUMENTAL 2

35

B C#m G#m E B

For - give - ness was bought with the pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ.

BRIDGE

40

G#m E B

Oh, what a Sav - ior, is - n't he

47

G#m E B

won - der - ful; Sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en. Bow down be -

53

G#m E B

fore him, for he is Lord of all; Sing al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en.

CHORUS

60 1 2 B C#m G#m E

Oh, what a O come to the al - tar; the Fa - ther's arms are o - pen wide.

66 B C#m G#m E

For - give - ness was bought with the pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ.

INSTRUMENTAL 3

B C#m G#m E B

VERSE 3

76 B E B

3. Bear your cross as you wait for the crown; Tell the world


ENDING

81 A E/G# B E B E B


of the trea - sure you've found. _____

All Glory, Laud, and Honor


Refrain




All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re-deem-er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

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