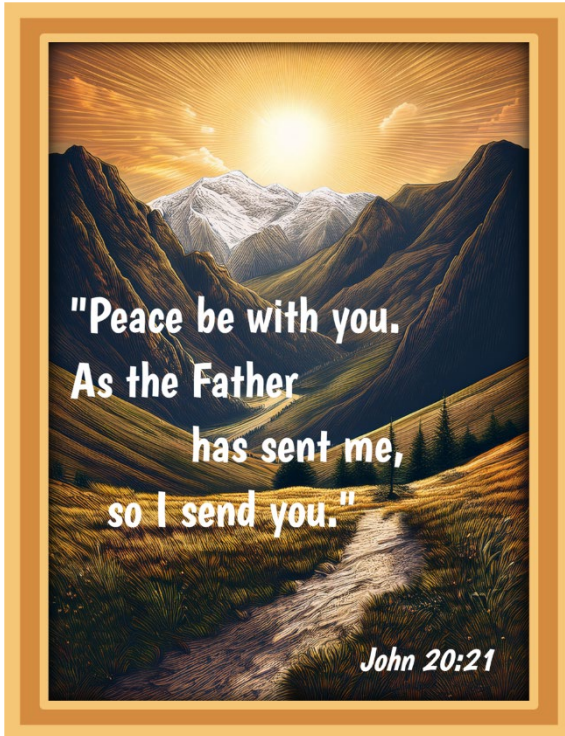


**Welcome to worship at
New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Second Sunday of Easter
Blessing of the Fields
April 27, 2025**



In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

**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!

**All worship can be viewed online at
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

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *God, Whose Word Like Seed Was Planted*

Back of the hymnal

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.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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

King of Kings

Grace Praise Band

In the darkness we were waiting

Without hope, without light

Till from Heaven You came running

There was mercy in Your eyes

To fulfill the law and prophets

To a virgin came the Word

From a throne of endless glory

To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus:

Praise the Father, Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one
God of Glory, Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus, for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel, shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Ending:

Praise forever to the King of kings

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Carolyn Springer

First Reading

Acts 5:27-32

Kayleigh Urbassik

A reading from the book of Acts

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel

John 20:19-31

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If

you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

“Rejoicing Presence”

Pastor Scott

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day

Stronger

Grace Praise Band

There is Love that came for us

Humbled to a sinner’s cross

You broke my shame and sinfulness

You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny

Through the storm and through the fire

There is truth that sets me free

Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus:

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus 2x

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Prayers of Intercession Nikki Young
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.

Anthem

Heart of Jesus, Hear

Carolyn Fleming, soprano; Patricia Nyce, mezzo-soprano

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Offertory Response

Alleluia



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Pastor Scott

Postlude

Congregation assembles out front of the church (weather permitting).

Blessing of the Fields *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,
who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparts,
but what you most would treasure - our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

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Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

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Announcements

General Fund Financial Summary - YTD 2025			
Month	Income	Expense	Difference
January	\$ 27,384.16	\$ 40,870.67	\$ (13,486.51)
February	\$ 30,306.14	\$ 35,170.83	\$ (4,864.69)
March	\$ 23,845.61	\$ 37,159.65	\$ (13,314.04)
Year to date Totals	\$ 81,535.91	\$ 113,201.15	\$ (31,665.24)
	Balance	as of date	
General Fund - Cash on Hand	\$ 52,053.70	3/31/2025	

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Noah's twelfth birthday by Lindsey and Ryan Waltermeyer.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Herbert Burkhart by his wife, Janet.

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: Barbara Repa, Usher: Andy Van Dyke, Lector: Kayleigh Urbassik, Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Charlotte Moser

Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker; Ushers: Brian Flack and Steve Weidner, Lector: Carolyn Fleming, Children's Sermon: Janine Springer, Acolyte: Tom McHugh, Communion Assistants: Carolyn Fleming and Nikki Young

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.

Reservations for Gathering of Daughters is due today. 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>.

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.

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.

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 1

KFC Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 AM

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:15 AM, sanctuary
Picnic Grove Clean Up – Today, Noon – 3:00 PM
Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Lutheran

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 4, 14,
21-24

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

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online
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KFC Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, sanctuary
Gathering of Daughters – Next Sunday, 12:00 – 2:00 PM, rooms
1, 11

Grove Clean-Up - Help wanted – Today from noon – 3:00 PM.
Join the Picnic Grove Committee as they work with Scouts from
Troop 367 to rake and pick up lots of sticks. Snacks will be
provided. Bring your gloves, wheelbarrows, rakes, tarps, brooms,
leaf blowers, your appetite and friendly smiles.
Thank you all, the Picnic Grove Committee

Upcoming Events

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner! Come out to the picnic grove
on Saturday, May 17th, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM for a delicious
chicken dinner. The meal includes grilled church chicken,
homemade potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, beverage and

dessert. \$13 per meal. You can enjoy your meal at the grove or get it to go.

Live music will be provided by Sons of Phelan. Feel free to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. Children are welcome to play on our playground and enjoy the outdoors.

In the event of rain, enjoy your chicken dinner at church in the fellowship hall.

Red Geraniums will decorate the sanctuary for Pentecost on Sunday, June 8th. If you would like to order geraniums, there is an order form included in this bulletin. The cost for one single geranium is \$6.50. The cost for a pot of three geraniums is \$21.00. To order, fill out a form and place it along with your payment in an envelope. The envelope may be placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office by Sunday, May 18th. Geraniums may be picked up after the 9:00 AM service on Pentecost.

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>.

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.

NHELC takes historic road trip. Save the date! Tuesday, July 22, 2025 As part of our 325 Anniversary celebration, we are planning a tour of Historic Trappe. There are three historic properties open for tours. The Center for Pennsylvania German Studies, located in the Dewees Tavern, has five exhibition galleries featuring a wide variety of furniture, fraktur, textiles, and other objects as well as a research library and archives. The Henry Muhlenberg House is a fully furnished museum interpreting the

families of Lutheran pastor Henry Muhlenberg and his son General Peter Muhlenberg. The Speaker's House, home of Frederick Muhlenberg, is an ongoing restoration project and the site of a Pennsylvania German kitchen garden. We are planning to tour all three of these buildings. The cost is \$15 per person.

Also on tour is the "Old Trappe Church" and "The Brick Church." The Reverend Henry Melchior Muhlenberg was pastor of the "Old Trappe Church", which was built in 1743. In 1852, the construction of the current building, "The Brick Church", was begun to accommodate the growth of the congregation.

On July 22nd, participants will meet at NHELHC at 9:00 AM and carpool to Trappe. In the morning, we will tour the three Trappe historic buildings then enjoy lunch at the Trappe Tavern. Touring the historic churches will follow at 1:30 PM. In the afternoon, the campers from Camp Falckner will be joining us for the church tours.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Welcome Center.

The next book club will meet on Tuesday, June 3rd, at 6:30 PM. The book to be discussed is "James" by Percival Everett. We will be meeting at the WQ Diner located at 99 West King Street in Pottstown. Any questions, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

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 NHELHC. The group meets on Thursday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 AM. You may sign up online at <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/259900> or contact Nikki Young.

Frederick Living offers a three-week course on Care Partner Support. Geared for people caring for a loved one with dementia, The course is offered the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Frederick Living Community, 2849 Big Road in Zieglerville.

Schedule of Topics

May 7th - **Care Partner Support**

There's no need to go the care journey alone. Learn about the importance of support.

June 4th – **Challenges to Solutions: Dementia Experience**

This is an interactive session designed to replicate what it is like to have dementia utilizing tools that mimic daily experiences.

July 2nd – **Benefits of Memory Care & When Is It Time?**

Discern when it might be time for your loved-one to begin daily living in Memory Care and the benefits for them and you.

To reserve your seat, contact Lisa McCartin at 610-754-7878 ext. 1001 or email her at lmccartin@frederickliving.org.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out a yellow card, “Your Voice from the Pew”, located in the pew rack and give to Pastor Scott or place the card in the offering plate. Check off “Interest in Church Membership.”

Resources

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

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELCC? Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



Peer Support Information The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer-supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact the church and leave a message for the peer support program or reach out to Pastor Scott.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. 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. A list of the Cluster's most needed items is available in the April issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Donation collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room. 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-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 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 or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHELC'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 Matt Dawson

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 Bingham	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
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Troop 367 & NHBC Youth!
All Pancakes \$6.10

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Car Wash & Flower Sale!



New Hanover Lutheran Church 2491 Lutheran Road, Gilbertsville, PA
Saturday May 10, 2025 from 7:30am to 11:00am

Pancakes & Sausage

| \$10 - 11+ |
| \$8 - 5-10 |
| Free - 4 and under |



Toppings - \$3

| Fresh Fruit |
| Whipped Cream |
| Chocolate Chips |

(Cash Only)

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4:00 – 7:00 PM

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Feel free to bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day. Children are welcome to play on our playground and enjoy the outdoors.

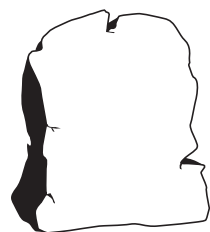
In the event of rain, enjoy your chicken dinner at church in the fellowship hall.

Today's Old Testament reading is from the book of Psalms and says, "The LORD is my strength and my defense." We use many different names for God. Listen during worship for some other names we call God.

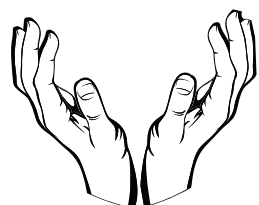
If you hear them, circle them.



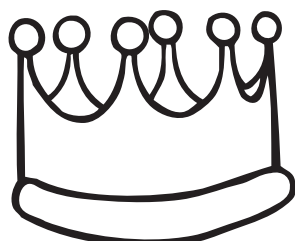
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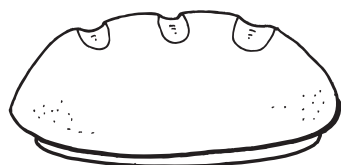
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OTHER NAME: _____



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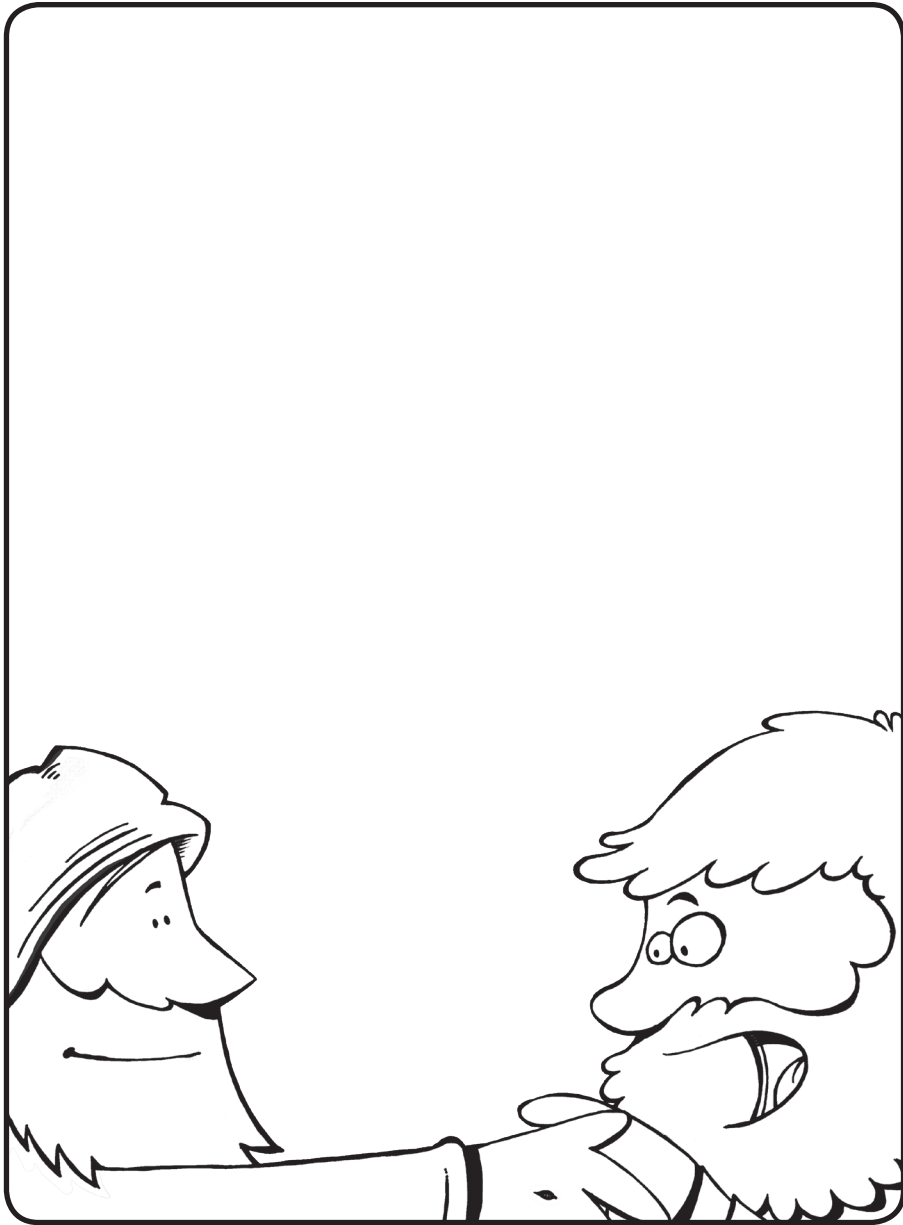
Easter 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** of Easter.
- The color for the season of Easter is **white**.
- The color white helps us remember that God **makes** us new.

Did you go on an Easter egg hunt last week? How many eggs can you find in this picture? Count them and write the number in the box below.



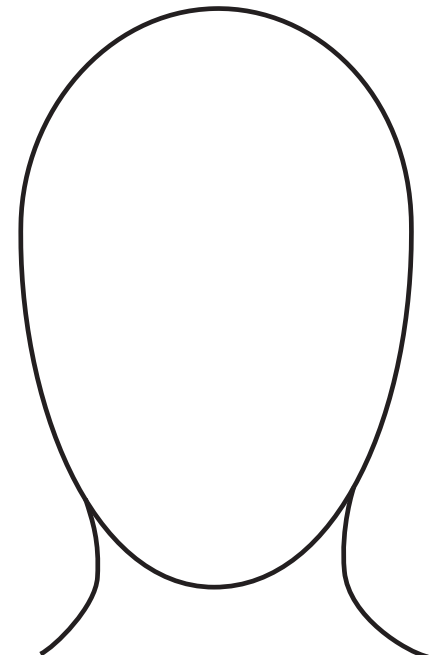
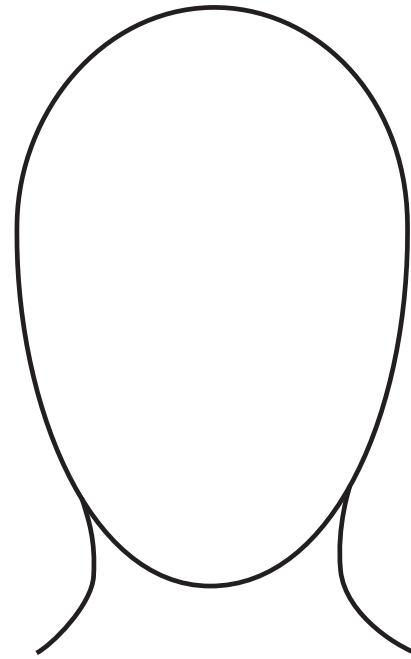
EGGS



You should believe, even when you cannot see it for yourself.

Thomas, one of Jesus' friends, did not believe at first that Jesus had risen. But after Thomas saw Jesus and the holes in his hands, he was amazed and he believed.

On the first face, draw Thomas doubting Jesus. On the second face, draw Thomas shocked and happy to see Jesus.



What Do You Believe?

Today's story is about believing without seeing. A lot of things in our faith we believe, even though we cannot see them or prove them. Listen closely during worship. Write down things you hear that you and your congregation believe. *Hint: Listen especially closely to the Apostle's or Nicene Creed.

I believe _____

I believe _____

I believe _____

I believe _____

I believe _____



READER

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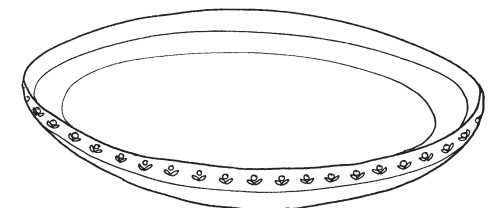
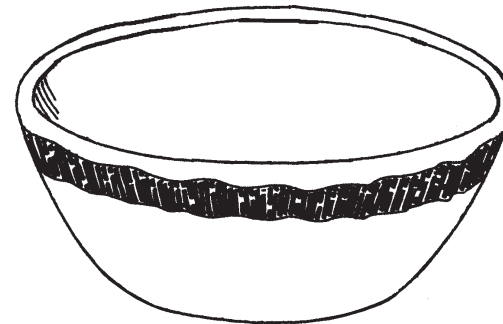
Everything You Need!

Have you ever heard of the phrase *daily bread*? Our daily bread is everything God gives us to help us grow and stay strong in our faith. Let's make some daily bread right now! Check out the ingredients, draw them in the mixing bowl, and then draw some finished daily bread on the plate.

INGREDIENTS

1 CROSS EGG
1/2 CUP MESSIAH MILK
3 CUPS HEARTY FLOUR

A DASH SPIRITUAL SALT
1 PACKAGE YAHWEH YEAST
3/4 CUP LIVING WATER



See if you can figure out today's memory verse using the symbols below.

Memory Verse



KEY:





say/said






see/seen



believe/believed

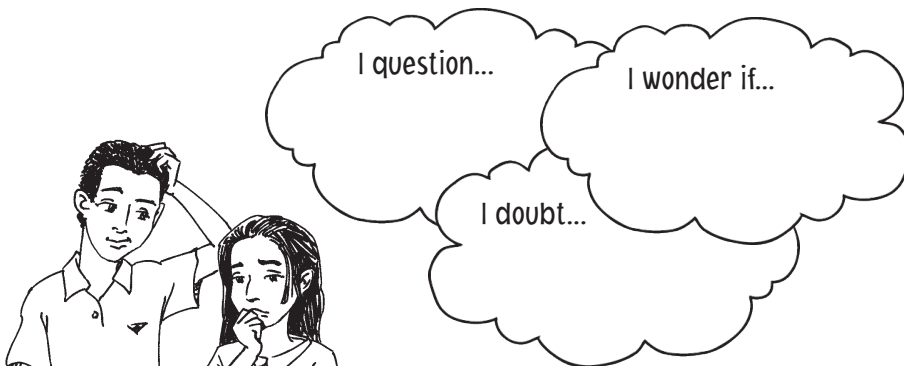
"Jesus  to him, 'Have you  because you have

  me? Blessed are those who have not  

me and yet have come to  .'" -John 20:29

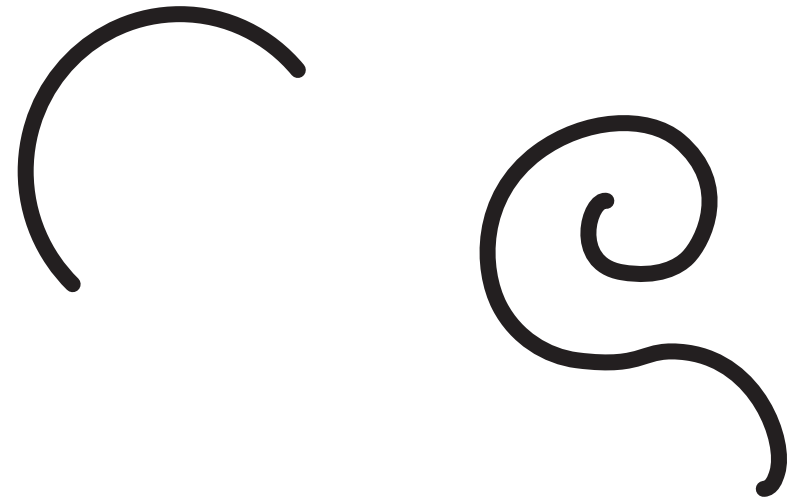
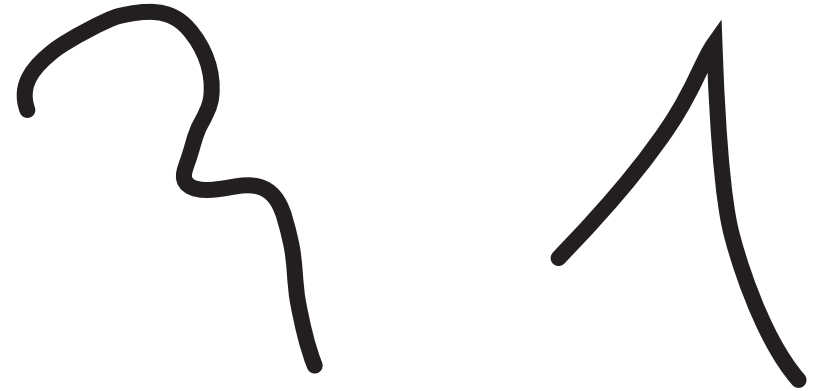
Doubting Thomas

Today's story is about Thomas. He doubts that Jesus really rose from the dead until he sees the wounds on Jesus' body. Sometimes, if we don't have enough evidence, it's easy to doubt ourselves, doubt others, and even doubt our faith. What are some doubts or questions you have?



Seeing the Big Picture

In today's Bible story, Thomas does not believe Jesus came back to life until he sees the holes in Jesus' hands. He cannot see the big picture; he's caught up in the details. Below are four different shapes and lines for you to make into a bigger picture. Use your imagination. Can you see the big picture?



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Paul Bouman



1. God whose Word like seed was—plant-ed by your saints in
2. Praise to you for faith deep-root-ed in this place your
3. Help us in this pre-sent—hour—serve as did your
4. Grant us vi-sion reach-ing—for-ward to a fu-ture
5. Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly—Spir-it, Tri-une God whom



vir-gin soil, now, in this new day we—thank you
Word has blessed. Praise to you for gen-er-a-tions
saints of old, Lov-ing, shar-ing, Christ pro-claim-ing
yet un-clear. Give us strength to match your—call-ing;
we a-dore, May your Word re-new, sus-tain us,



for the har-vest	of their toil.	"Al-le-lu-ia!—
who with joy your	name con-fessed.	"Al-le-lu-ia!—
with a wit-ness	clear and bold.	"Al-le-lu-ia!—
hope that con-quers	doubt and fear.	"Al-le-lu-ia!—
as in ag-es	gone be-fore.	"Al-le-lu-ia!—



Al-le-lu-ia!"— is our song of praise—to you!
Al-le-lu-ia!"— is the song we join—with theirs!
Al-le-lu-ia!"— be the song our lives—lift high!
Al-le-lu-ia!"— be the song that fills—our days!
Al-le-lu-ia!"— be our song for-ev-er-more!

ELLIOTT

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VERSE 1 & 2

♩ = 68

D/F#

G



1. In the dark - ness we were wait - ing, with - out hope,
(2.) the king - dom com - ing and to re -



with - out light, till from Heav - en You came run - ning. There was mer -
con - cile the lost, to re - deem the whole cre - a - tion You did not

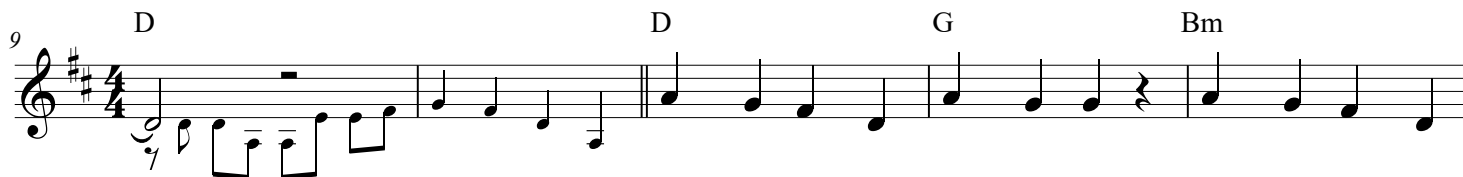


cy in Your eyes. To ful - fil the law and pro - phets, to a vir -
des - pise the cross. For e - ven in Your suf - fring, You saw to



gin came the Word from a throne of end - less glo - ry to a cra - dle in the dirt.
the oth - er side. Know - ing this was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for our sake You died..

CHORUS



Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it,

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14 Asus A D G Bm G A

three in one. God of Glo - ry, maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of

19 D

kings. To re - veal And the morn-

VERSE 3

Bm G A D Bm G

ing that You rose all of heav - en held its breath till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb

25 A D Bm G

had con - quered death. And the dead rose from their tombs, and the an -

27 A D Bm G A D

gels stood in awe, for the souls of all who'd come to the Fa - ther are re - stored. And the Church

VERSE 4

D/F# G A D D/F# G

of Christ was born, then the Spir - it lit the flame. Now this Gos - pel truth of old shall not kneel,

33 A D D/F# G A D

shall not faint. By His blood and in His Name, in His free - dom I am free, for the love

36 D/F# G A D

of Je - sus Christ who has res - ur - rect - ed me.

CHORUS

D G Bm Asus A D

Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

TAG

45 G Bm G A D D/F# G A

maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of kings. Praise for - ev - er to the King of

50 D

kings.

Stronger

Words and Music by
Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

VERSE 1

$\text{♩} = 75$

F G C F G C

1. There is Love, that came for us. Hum - bled to a sin - ner's cross. You broke my

INSTRUMENTAL 1

5 F G Am F G F G C/E C F G

shame, and sin - ful - ness. You rose a - gain, vic - to - ri - ous.

VERSE 2

11 C/E C F G C/E C F G C/E C

2. Faith ful - ness none can de - ny. Through the storm, and through the fire. There is

CHORUS

16 F G Am G F G C C

truth that sets me free. Je - sus Christ who lives in me. You are strong - er. You are

22 G Am F C G

strong - er. Sin is bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus

INSTRUMENTAL 1

27 F G F G C/E C F G C/E C F G

You are Lord of all. 3. No be - gin - ning, and no

33 C F G C F G Am G
 end. You're my hope, and my de - fence. You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it

CHORUS

38 F G C G C G
 all, up - on the cross. You are strong - er. You are strong - er. Sin is

43 Am F C G 2nd time to Coda F G
 bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus You are Lord of

INSTRUMENTAL 2

1

2

F Am G C/E G/B G/B
 all. So let Your Name

BRIDGE 1a

F Am G C G
 be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. So let Your Name

BRIDGE 1b

1

F Am G C/E G/B
 be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. Be lift - ed high - er. So let Your Name

2

61 C/E G/B D.S. al Coda
 Be lift - ed high - er. You are

CHORUS

63 F Coda G C G C
 You are Lord of all. You are strong - er. You are

66 G Am F C G

strong - er. Sin is bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus

71 F G F

You are Lord of all. _____