Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2025



Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination. The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor The Rev. Kevin Tracey, supply pastor Nicole Young, seminarian minister Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

All worship can be viewed online at newhanoverlutheran.org facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch and on YouTube.

May your worship experience strengthen you with God's love and grace.

Welcome

Prelude

Battle Hymn Tribute

Handbell Choir

Nikki Young

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On this Memorial Day weekend, let us remember those who gave their all in the fight for our freedom.

Please rise as you are able. Gathering Hymn Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW #834 Organ and Handbells

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" handbell arr. by L. Larson.

Prayer of the DayPastor Kevin TraceyThe 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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** Centering SongHoly SpiritGrace Praise BandThere's nothing worth more that will ever come closeNo thing can compare You're our living hopeYour Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord Your Presence Lord

Repeat from beginning

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord Your Presence Your Presence Lord

Let us become more aware of Your Presence Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord) *Repeat*

Holy Spirit You are welcome here Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere Your glory God is what our hearts long for To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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Please be seated. Children's Message

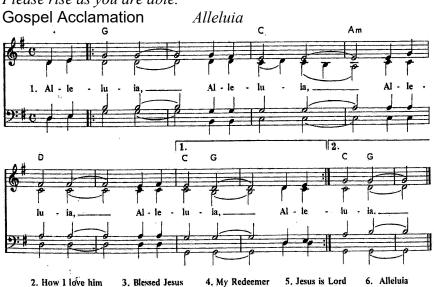
Hayley Quigley

First Reading Acts 16:9-15 A reading from the book of Acts Miller Quigley

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Here ends the reading.



Please rise as you are able.

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GospelJohn 14:23-29The holy gospel according to JohnGlory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

| Please be seated. | |
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| Message | Pastor Kevin Tracey |
| A moment of silence for reflection | |

Please rise as you are able.God with UsGrace Praise BandSong of the DayGod with UsGrace Praise BandOh You've come to bring peace, to be Love,
To be nearer to usGrace Praise BandOh You've come to bring life, to be Light,
To shine brighter in usOh Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus: Our Deliverer, You are Savior In Your presence we find our strength Over ev'rything our Redemption God with us You are God with us

Oh You've come to be Hope, to this world, For Your honor and name Oh You've come to take sin, to bear shame, And to conquer the grave Oh Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus

Bridge (sing 3x): You are here You are holy We are standing in Your glory (Lord)

Chorus 2x

Ending: Oh God with us You are God with us

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Apostles' Creed

Pastor Kevin Tracey

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 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.

Offertory Anthem Battle Hymn of the Republic Chancel Choir Congregation sings the first verse. ELW # 890 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" Words by Julia Ward Howe. Arr. by Howard E. Akers. © 1959 Carl Fischer, Inc. All rights reserved. Streamed with permission under One License #A-701229.

Offertory Response Create in Me a Clean Heart ELW #186

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Please rise as you are able.Sending HymnThis Is My Song

Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Go get'em!!!

PostludeFanfare of PraiseJason W. KrugFrom Sundays and Seasons.com.Copyright 2025 Augsburg Fortress. All rights
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Announcements

We welcome home the Rev. Kevin Tracey, who is leading the worship service this morning as part of NHELC's 325th anniversary celebration. A fellowship hour honoring Pr. Kevin Tracey will follow the service this morning in Fellowship Hall. Be sure to stop by and grab a snack and chat with Pr. Kevin Tracey. Also, we welcome Steve Eisenhart, who is serving as the supply organist this morning.

Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending, necessary space and equipment, of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the office manager (only). Providing an

Nikki Young

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announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

There is a Facility Use policy, and fees do apply in some cases. In no case will fees be waived. Deposits are required to hold the space, date and time. If the meeting or event is not posted on the church calendar or you do not place a deposit if necessary, you do not have permission to use the space. Contact Susan Gutshall, church office manager at (610) 326-1335, or email her at <u>susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org</u> for requests or information.

Pastor's Personal Meeting Schedule The pastor is available for personal meetings Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM by appointment only. Please make an appointment by calling (610) 326-1335 or email at <u>psstaub@gmail.com</u>. Given prior commitments and events, some appointment times are not available.

As we are doing currently, all funeral notices, death or personal crisis emergencies will be handled as soon as possible. The pastor's voice mail at (610) 326-1335 goes directly to his email address and is accessible to the pastor and checked. Friday and Saturday are the pastor's days off, and pastor appreciates your respect in not contacting him for non-emergency requests. Sunday is a day of worship, fellowship, visitation and teaching for the pastor. Please respect the pastor's preparation and dedication to addressing the spiritual needs of the community and individuals and do not initiate any non-emergency discussion with the Pastor prior to the worship service and/or during an educational class. Any discussions or questions about all non-emergency issues should be made by appointment during the ascribed appointment times above.

Today

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of her parents' birthdays by Corrine Bartholomew.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Ralph and Ruth Wirt by their children and families.

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: George Trowbridge, Usher: Zach Quigley, Lector: Miller Quigley, Children's Sermon: Hayley Quigley, Acolyte: Collins Quigley

Next Sunday Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Ushers: Dee and Kyle Singley, Lector: Harry White, Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley, Acolyte: Rae Bechtel

Altar Guild members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt and Yvonne Peto.

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.

This Week

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online Food Drop Off – Today, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen Reception – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1 Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, picnic grove Mission Service – Tuesday, 6:30 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 1 Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 14

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 1

Confirmation Dinner – Saturday, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, rooms 1, 11

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen **Food Delivery Pickup** – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door **Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

The church office is closed on Monday for the holiday.

Upcoming Events

There's still time to register for Camp Falckner! Camp will be held July 21-24, 2025 in the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. Registration can be completed <u>online</u>, but there are also paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to <u>Lindsey</u> <u>Waltermyer</u> with any questions.

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

325 Year Anniversary Committee Preaching Series Schedule This year we have invited individuals who have served or were sponsored by NHELC as pastors or pastoral students to preach. We are happy to announce the following schedule:

The Rev. David Plieger – August 24th – Past member, current ELCA pastor, 1st Troop 367 Eagle Scout – 60-year Ordination celebration date

The Rev. Bishop Bryan Penman – November 2nd – Current ELCA SEPA Bishop - 325 Yr. Celebration Worship & Reception Guest

The Rev. Thomas Lang – November 30th – Past NHELC pastor (2006 – 2016) and retired ELCA pastor

The Rev. Rebecca Knox – December 7^{th} – NHELC Vicar and currently serving ELCA Pastor/Chaplain – 20-year Ordination date Look for more updates coming soon on other events and guest preachers. Please welcome our guests and join in the fellowship following the services.

NHELC takes historic road trip. Save the date! Tuesday, July 22, 2025 As part of our 325th 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 NHELC 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.

Vincent Ryan, minister of music at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville, will provide an organ concert at Falkner Swamp UCC on Saturday, May 31st, at 4:00 PM. Mr. Ryan performed as a soloist and accompanist in the US, Germany, Sweden and Kenya. He has composed or arranged over 300 works and is published by Lorenz, Hal Leonard and others. In addition to playing the organ, Mr. Ryan will invite participants to assemble a real, portable pipe organ. A punch and cookie reception will follow. A freewill donation will be received to help support the church's 300th anniversary celebration.

Help Needed

Are you creative? Are you curious to learn how our online worship is produced? The video team is seeking two additional volunteers to help support our online worship services. We are looking to add an additional person to work the cameras and monitor the streaming feeds during Sunday services. (It isn't difficult - and training will be provided). A second person is also needed for video preparation a few days prior to the Sunday service. This prep activity will include setup of the streaming software and publishing the YouTube and Facebook events which can be done remotely using your own computer. This setup takes about one hour and can be completed at your convenience anytime three days prior to the service. A step-by-step setup document and training will be provided. For both positions you'll have the chance to add your own creative touches and ideas to produce memorable experiences for New Hanover's online viewers. See Rick Hausch, or email the team at <u>video@newhanoverlutheran.org</u> to help out or for more information.

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

325th Anniversary Key Chains and Magnets: The 325th Anniversary Committee has provided three more anniversary souvenirs for all members. Check out the basket on top of the display case in the Welcome Center near the photo display panels for magnets and two kinds of key chains. The anniversary pens and coloring books are there also in addition to a wrapper for the Moments in Time inserts.

Want to keep up with all the latest news from NHELC? 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 <u>playlist</u> 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 through the end of 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 May 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.

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 <u>Nance2237@yahoo.com</u> 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.





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: <u>https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/</u> 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 Frank Santangelo (Terry's husband) and Jim Boyer

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 | | | |
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| William Trotter | Kathy Kane | Maxwell Girard | | | |
| Pat Fryer | Jean Renninger | Pr. Kork Moyer | | | |
| Betty Lou Shadle | Julia Hauck | Tony Mancini | | | |
| Raul Castro | Amy LeVan | Jeffrey Kunsch | | | |
| Wilma Lahr | Melissa | Mary Lou | | | |
| Doug Weaver | Joan Wagner | Robert Ganovsky | | | |
| Dorothy Bingaman | Emily Ocelus | Eric & Wendy Hess | | | |
| Sue Care | Deb Matthews | Marceline | | | |
| Anne Eshleman | Daniel Johnson | Chris Fatzinger | | | |
| Hank Droneberg | Pena family | Kim Frain | | | |
| Jen Perez | Frank D. | Pam Helfrich | | | |
| Barb & Tom Faust | Andy Van Dyke | Janet | | | |
| Pam Abbott | Holli Muffler | Louise Karns | | | |
| Pr. Jennifer Phelps | Jessica Trout | Verdie Smith | | | |
| Sandy Wesner | Helen Foulke | Carla Hausmann | | | |
| Joan Price | Betty Seroski | Ralph Borneman | | | |
| Lucille Powell | Jeffrey Weems | Joan Scheffey | | | |
| Arnold Amundsen | Chuck Beck | Ally Musser & family | | | |
| Rich Freed | Joe | Joe | | | |
| Casey Flack | Tim Mutter | Denton Quick | | | |
| David Helfrich, Sr. | Tara Hauck | Patricia Kemp | | | |
| Ron Seasholtz | Penny Garber | Hazel LeVan | | | |
| Jennifer, Brendt, Dec | Lynn Amundsen | | | | |
| David Gottshall | Suzanne Dodge | | | | |
| Kate Brunick & fami | Dave Pollock | | | | |
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Lydia, the woman in today's lesson, sold purple clothing. How many people do you see today who are wearing something purple?

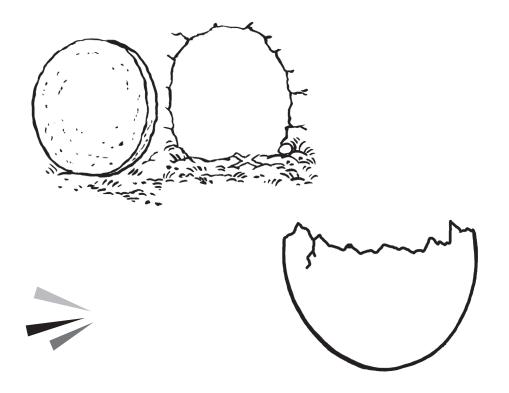
Circle them below if you can find them in worship today.

Purple shirt Purple skirt Purple glasses Purple purse Purple tie Purple scarf Purple shoes



- Today is the **6th Sunday** of Easter.
- There is only **one more Sunday** in the season of Easter.
- During the season of Easter, we remember what it means to **worship God**.

The symbol for Easter is an egg. Just like new life comes from an egg, new life came out of Jesus' tomb. Draw a picture of Jesus coming out of the empty tomb and a chick coming out of the empty egg shell.

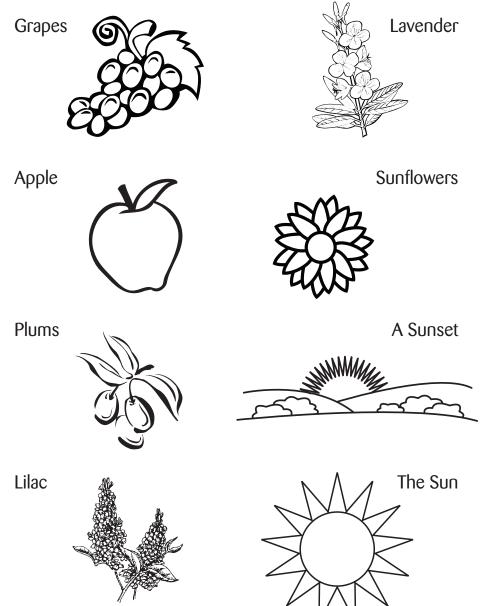




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Today's Bible story is about a woman named Lydia. She sold purple dye that colored clothing.

Find and color in all the things below that are purple.



A Passion for Purple

Lydia, the woman in today's lesson, sold extravagant purple clothing. How many people do you see today that are wearing something purple? Circle the items below if you can find them in worship today.

Purple shirt

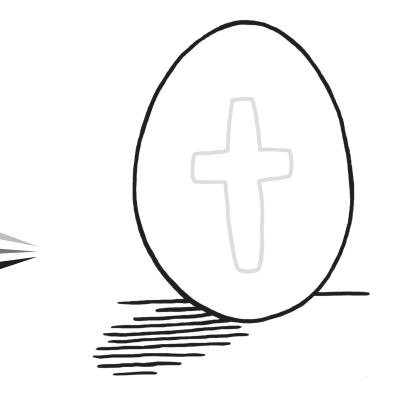




- Today is the **6th Sunday** of Easter.
- During the season of Easter, we remember what it means to **follow Jesus.**
- Today we are reminded that even after Jesus' death, we can be faithful followers.

Egg Words

The symbol for the season of Easter is an egg with a cross on it like you see below. Can you think of words that have "egg" in it? It could be words that have -egg in it, like veggie or beggar, or it could be silly words like egg-cellent or eggs-ample where you replace an "ex" with "egg." List all of the egg words you can think of in the egg below!



Possible answers: eggnog, reggae, pegged, begging, eggshell, arpeggio, leggings, eggplant, eggbeater, egg, eggs-actly, eggs-ercise, eggs-travagant, egg-ceptional, egg-loo, egg-sotic, egg-stradinary, egg-sit In order to complete today's memory verse, find these hidden words in this word find puzzle.

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Welcome

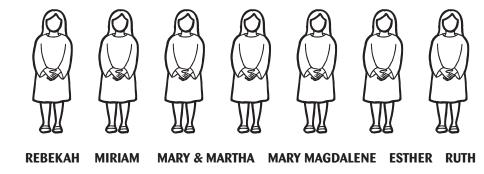
Lydia, the star of today's Bible story, is extremely generous and invites all of her new friends to stay in her home. She shows us what it really means to welcome someone. Below are ways to say *welcome* in different languages. Can you guess what language each one is?

| Välkommen = | |
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| 歡迎 = | |
| Bienvendios = | |
| | |
| Hos geldin = | |
| 환영합니다 = | |
| Kanthan - | |
| Karibu = | Answers: Swedish, Mandarin, Spanish, Turkish, Korean, Hindi |

Bible Tip!

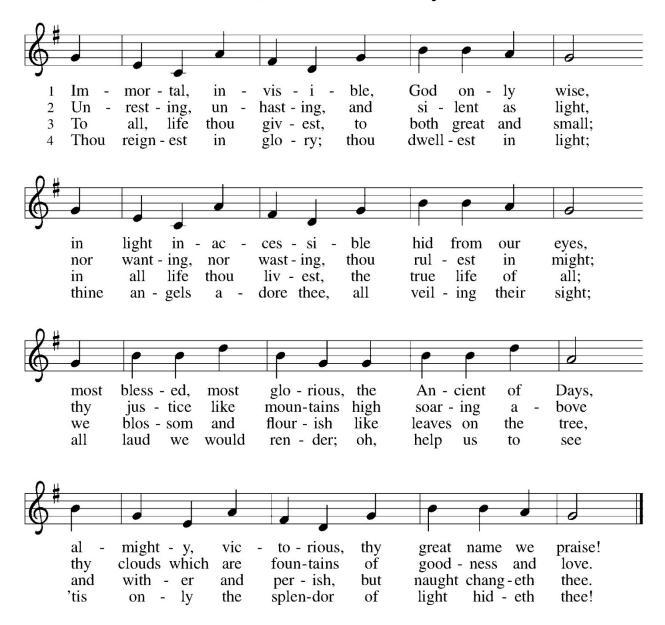
Today's Bible story is about an early follower of Jesus named Lydia. There are many strong and faithful women in the Bible who served God. Color in some of the women of the Bible below.

How can you be welcoming? How do you show hospitality?





Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

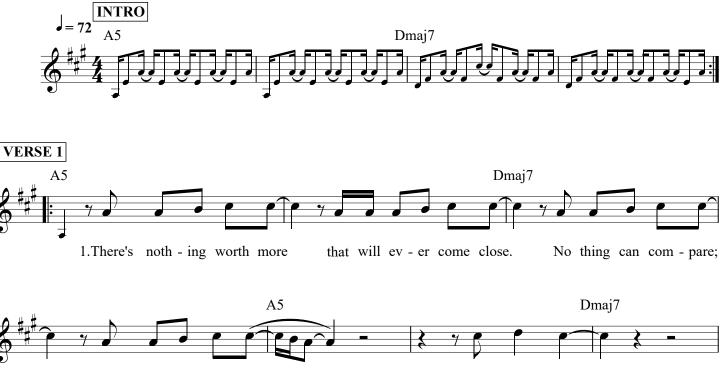


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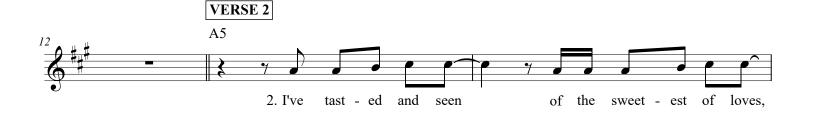
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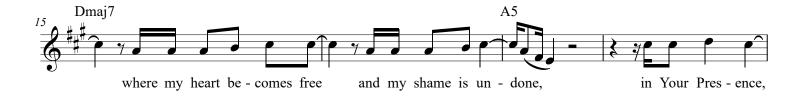
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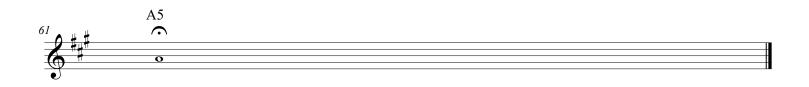
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Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

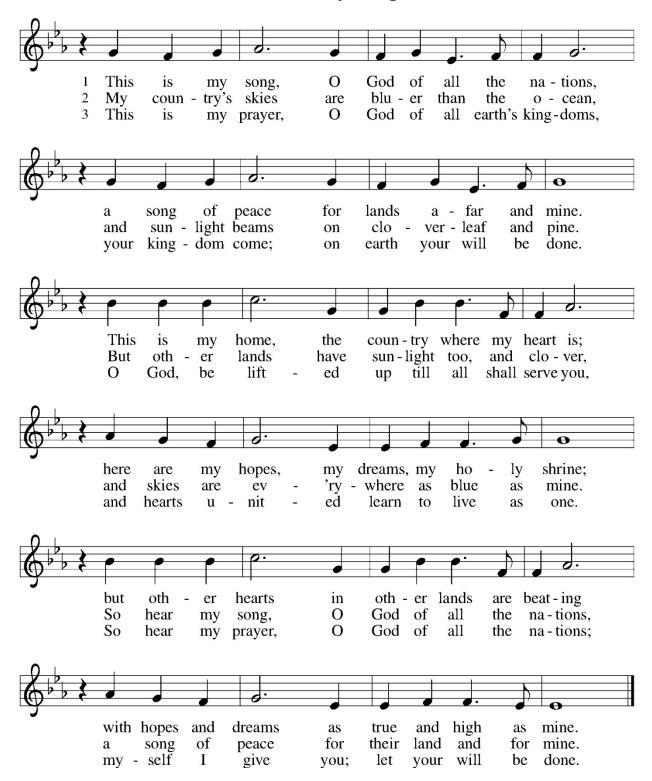


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