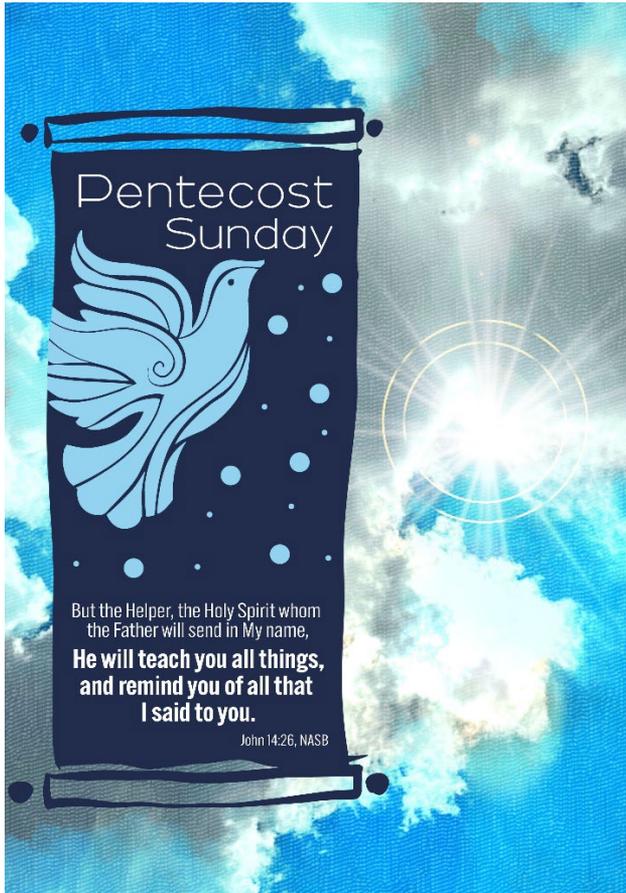


Welcome to worship at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Day of Pentecost June 8, 2025



On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

**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 *Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your

church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day Pastor Scott
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray.
God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated.
Children's Message Nikki Young

First Reading Acts 2:1-21 Nancy Gross
A reading from the book of Acts

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day. ²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

Here ends the reading.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

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.”

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

I Am Free

Grace Praise Band

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise
Through You all hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams I am free

Chorus:

(I am free to run) I am free to run
(I am free to dance) I am free to dance
(I am free to live for You) I am free to live for You
(I am free) I am free
(Yeah I am free) Yeah I am free

Through You, the kingdom comes
Through You, the battle's won
Through You, I'm not afraid
Through You, the price is paid
Through You, there's victory

Through You, my heart sings
I am free

Chorus

Ending:

(I am free to run) I am free to run
(I am free to dance) I am free to dance
(I am free to live for You) I am free to live for You
(O, I am free) O, I am free
(I am free) I am free

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Affirmation of Baptism Celebration Nikki Young
Confirmands and family proceed to the altar.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Ilana Lyn Bencsik and Hannah Faye Waltermyer

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Pastor Scott

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ
through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each Confirmand responds: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Ilana Lyn Bencsik and Hannah Faye Waltermeyer the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.
Amen.

Those making public affirmation turn and face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Scott

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor Scott

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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.**

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 Hymn

Holy Spirit

Grace Band

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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.**

Offertory

The offering will be taken at this time.

Offertory Anthem *Come, Holy Spirit* Chancel Choir

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him all
crea - tures here be - low. Praise Him a - bove ye heav-en-ly host;
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. 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 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

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Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

March Aux Flambeaux

William Stickles

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Announcements

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 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 susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org 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 psstaub@gmail.com. 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

Congratulations to Ilana Bencsik and Hannah Waltermyer, who will be confirmed during the worship service this morning. You are invited to congratulate the confirmands following the service at a reception in their honor in Fellowship Hall.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of all who volunteer at NHELC by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of Margaret H. Richard by Herman.

The communion is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of the Garden of Hope by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

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. Copies of the devotion booklet are available on the windowsill in the welcome center.

Today: Head Usher: Jim Gross; Ushers: Doug and Bette Senne, Lector: Nancy Gross, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Genesis Garcia, Communion Assistants: Brenda Hunsberger and Debbie Solazzo

Next Sunday Head Usher: Andy Van Dyke, Usher: Rick Solazzo, Lector: Nance White, Children's Sermon: Pr. Scott, Acolyte: Sam Young

Altar Guild members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Sharon Wise.

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

Confirmand Reception – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

Food Delivery Pickup – Today, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Rain Gutter, Regatta and Bottle Rockets – Today, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, parking lot

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, picnic grove

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café

Endowment – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, 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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 9:00 PM, room 14

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

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 14

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family Restaurant

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, sanctuary
Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, Room 1 and sanctuary

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 [online](#), but there are also paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

Kids Camp is almost here! We are heading North for Kids Camp this year! The NHEL C 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>.

NHEL C takes historic road trip to Trappe. Save the date! Tuesday, July 22, 2025 The itinerary includes visiting three historic properties, The Center for Pennsylvania German Studies, The Henry Muhlenberg House and The Speaker's House, lunch followed by a tour of the Old Trappe Church and The Brick Church at Augustus. **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. Participants will meet at NHEL C at 9:00 AM and carpool to Trappe. A sign-up sheet is now available in the Welcome Center.

Scoupe de Ville Cub Scout Pack Fundraiser – 🍔🍦 Meet Cub Scout Pack 367 for some fun and ICE CREAM on Wednesday, June 11th, from 4:00 – 9:00 PM at Scoupe de Ville (460 N. Lewis Road, Royersford, PA 19468). The Cub Scouts will earn 20% of all sales that night; so bring your friends and family out for a tasty treat. Scoupe de Ville serves hot foods (burgers, hot dogs, fries) as well as over 50 flavors of ice cream!

The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit is performing a Patriotic Concert on Saturday, June 28th, at 2:00 PM at the Keystone Fire House. Tickets are \$10 but there is limited seating to 200 people. Tickets are sold at Aunt Nannie's Bake Shoppe (913 Route 100 in Bechtelsville) and at Bachman's Music (38 S. Reading Ave. in Boyertown).

Congratulations

Congratulations! The new TLC Sewing Ministry has completed 45 teddy bears for police, firemen and ambulance drivers to carry in their vehicles for distressed children they encounter. Good job!

Help Needed

Donations needed for The Great Swamp Picnic. Bring in small, new toys to be given at the fish pond. Remember babies and small children when you make your purchase. A collection box is in the Welcome Center. Thank you!

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 video@newhanoverlutheran.org 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 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. NHELCS 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

Donation collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room for non-perishable items and full-sized personal hygiene items for Pottstown Cluster.

Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Help the Ronald McDonald House The Mission Service/Social Ministry Committee is collecting aluminum can tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House, which supports families in need, offering rest and nourishment during challenging times. Drop off your tabs in the aquarium located in Fellowship Hall under the coat rack. Thank you for your support and kindness.

You can support the mission work of NHELCS by participating in the Redner's Save-a-Tape program. Bring your collected receipts to the church and we will receive 1% rebate on the total of your purchases (excluding sales tax, milk and tobacco products). Any questions on this program, contact Rosalie Lisa.

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

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/>.

Garden of Hope

Garden maintenance help needed on Monday and Thursday mornings starting at 7:30 AM. No experience necessary to help in the garden.

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

Grieving: Family and friends of 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

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2025 Confirmands

Ilana Lyn Bencsik



Ilana is the daughter of Amy Sharp and younger sister to brothers Luke and Chase. Ilana's favorite Bible verse is Song of Solomon 8:7, "Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned." Ilana's favorite part about confirmation was that they brought fun into learning.

Hannah Faye Waltermeyer

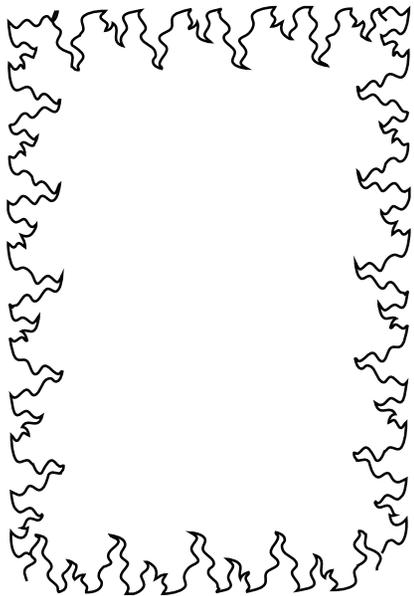


Hannah is the daughter of Ryan and Lindsey Waltermeyer and big sister to brother Noah. She is the granddaughter of Faye and Steve Weidner and her godparents are Hayley and Zach Quigley. Hannah's favorite Bible verse is Matthew 19:26, "With God all things are possible." Hannah's favorite part about confirmation was working in small groups.

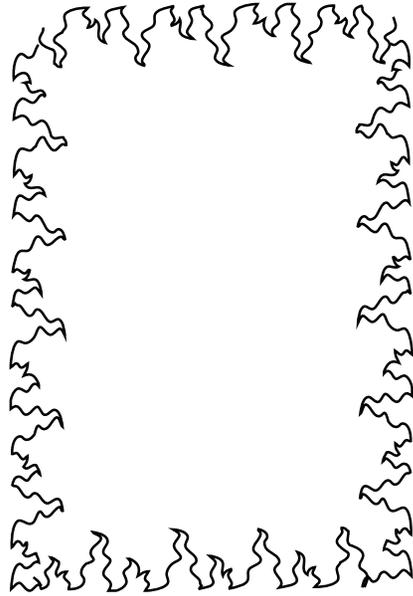
May God bless Ilana and Hannah in their faith journey.

There are lots of things in church today that are red, yellow, and orange. Look around the worship space.

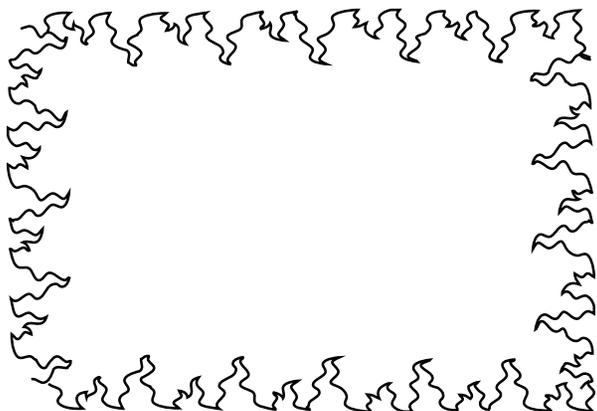
Find some clothing, banners, candles, and other things in these three colors. Draw them in the spaces below.



YELLOW



ORANGE



RED

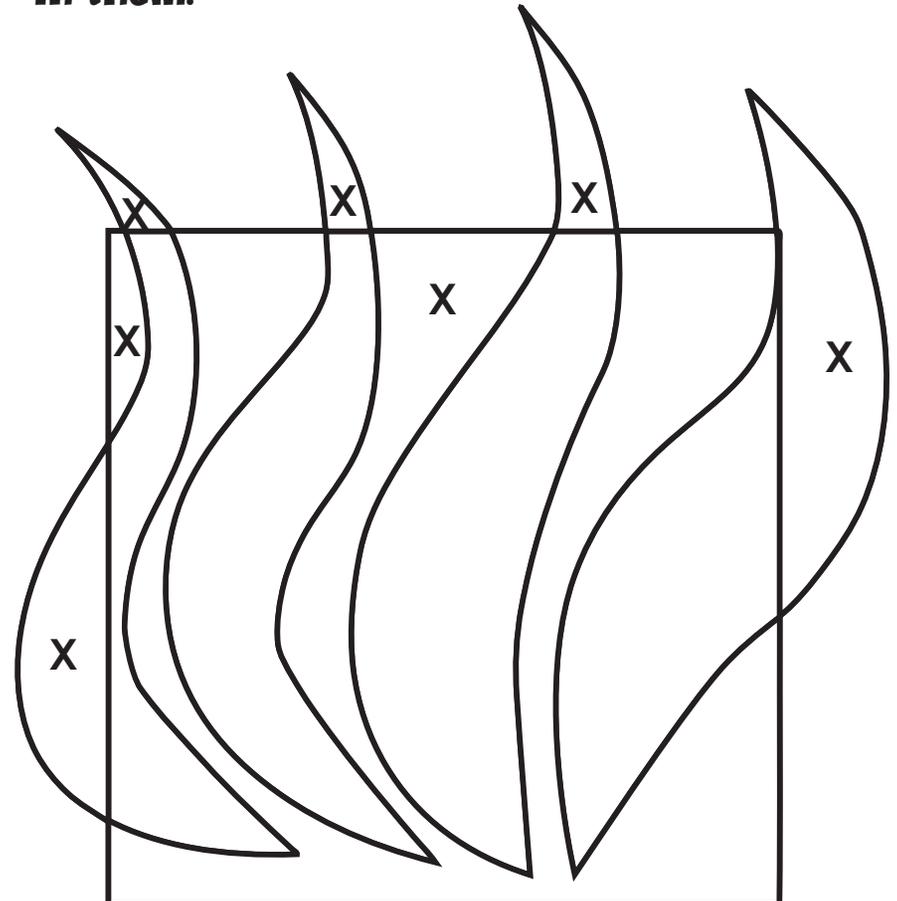


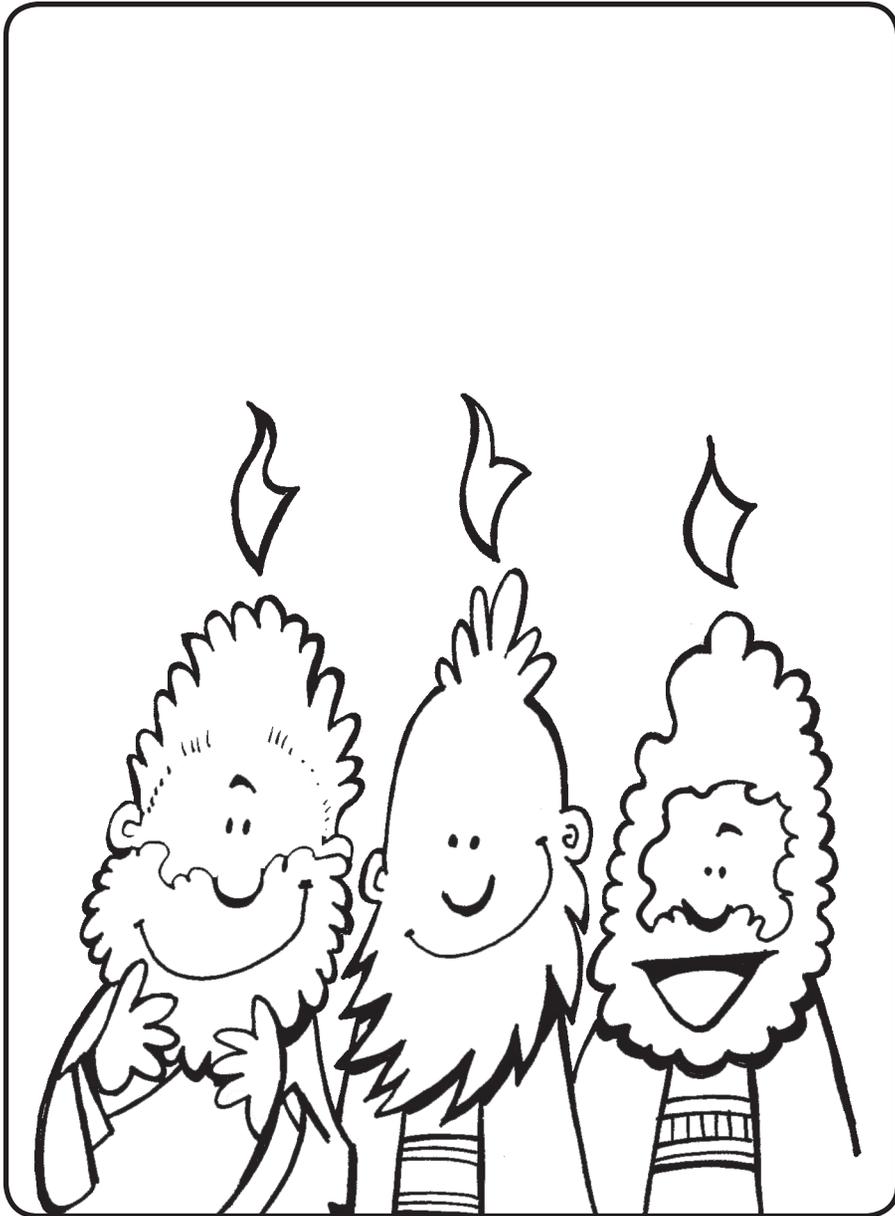
PRE-READER

Day of Pentecost

- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.
- The symbol for the Day of Pentecost is **fire**.
- The Day of Pentecost is the **birthday of the Church**.

In order to complete today's fire symbol, color in all the sections that have an X in them.





The Holy Spirit had come, just as Jesus promised!

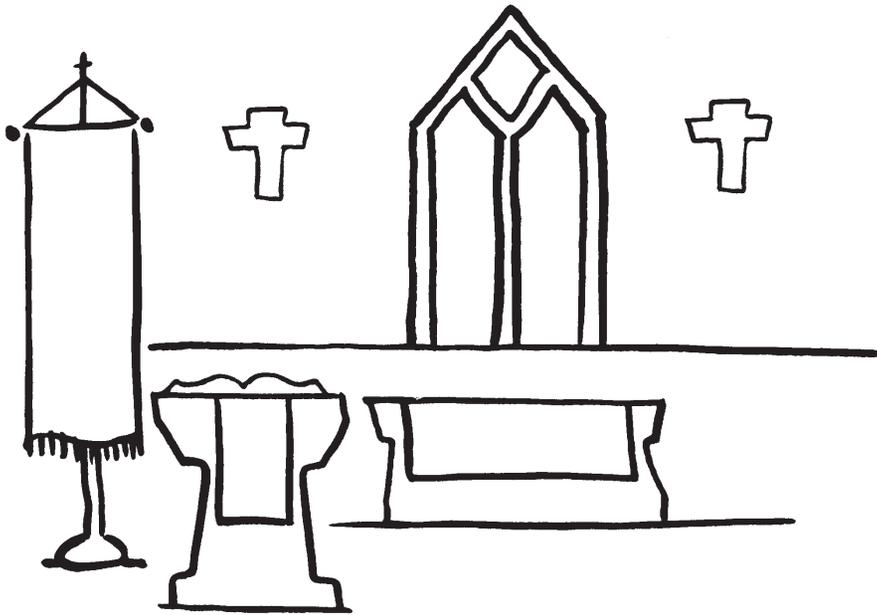
The Day of Pentecost is when the official Christian church first began. It is the church's birthday!

Decorate the church's birthday cake below by adding candles, frosting, and lots of color.



Birthday Decorations

Just like you might decorate to celebrate birthdays, the church uses decorations to celebrate Pentecost, its birthday. Do you see any unique decorations in church today? Add the decorations that you see to this picture of a sanctuary.



READER

Day of Pentecost

- Today is the **Day of Pentecost**.
- The symbol for today is **fire**.
- The Day of Pentecost is the **church's birthday**.
- On this day, **God united people** who spoke different languages.

Happy Birthday Church

Decorate a cake for the church's birthday and color in the symbol of fire on top. Draw lots of fancy frosting, add more candles, and be sure to write "Happy Birthday Church!"



On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus' disciples to speak in other tongues. Write today's memory verse on the tongue below.



"Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them." -Acts 2:3



What is the Holy Spirit?

Today's lesson says, "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

God is our Creator. Jesus is our Redeemer. But what exactly is the Holy Spirit? What do you know about the Holy Spirit? In this space, write what you know about the Spirit. You can also write the questions you might have.



In today's story, people from many different countries who spoke many different languages could suddenly understand each other. Go to Acts 2:1-21 to find these locations. Write at least five of those places below.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Learn a Language...or Ten

In today's lesson, God made people who spoke different languages able to speak to each other and understand one another. How amazing! Can you understand these different languages? Try to match the word "Church" with the correct language by drawing a line to the correct match.

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|------------|---------|
| Church | Chinese |
| Iglesia | German |
| Kanisa | Swedish |
| كنيسة | Spanish |
| Gotteshaus | Arabic |
| 教堂 | Hindi |
| गिरजाघर | Swahili |
| церковь | French |
| église | Russian |
| Kyrka | English |

ANSWERS: Church=English, Iglesia=Spanish, Kanisa=Swahili, كنيسة=Arabic, Gotteshaus=German, 教堂=Chinese, गिरजाघर=Hindi, Kyrka=Swedish, церковь=Russian, église=French, Kyrka=Swedish

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.

1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.



Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
 nor rootless liberty;
 turn disquiet to contentment,
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
 unswayed by earth's allure.
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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I Am Free

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VERSE

♩ = 136 D



Through You the blind will see; Through You the mute will sing;

5 G2



Through You the dead will rise; Through You all hearts will praise;

9 Bm7

Asus

D



Through You the dark - ness flees; Through You my heart screams I am free.

CHORUS

♩ D

(1st time
and D.S. 8vb)



I am free to run, (I am free to run.) I am

21 G

Bm7



free to dance, (I am free to dance.) I am free to live for You, (I am

27 Asus Last time to Coda ⊕

D



free to live for You.) I am free, (I am free.)

Yeah, I am free, (I am free.)-

1, 3, 5

2

4

INSTRUMENTAL

32

D.C.

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I am

37

D.S. al Coda

I am

41

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Coda

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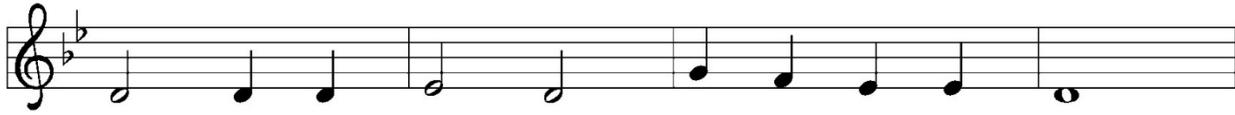
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(I am free.)

I am free,

(I am free.)—

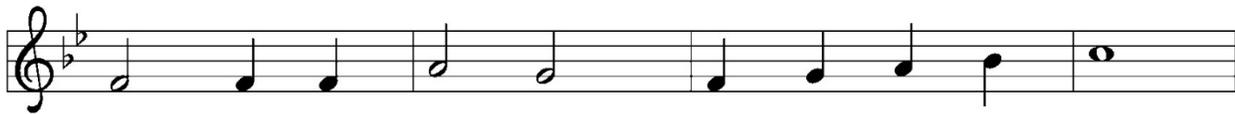
Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

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