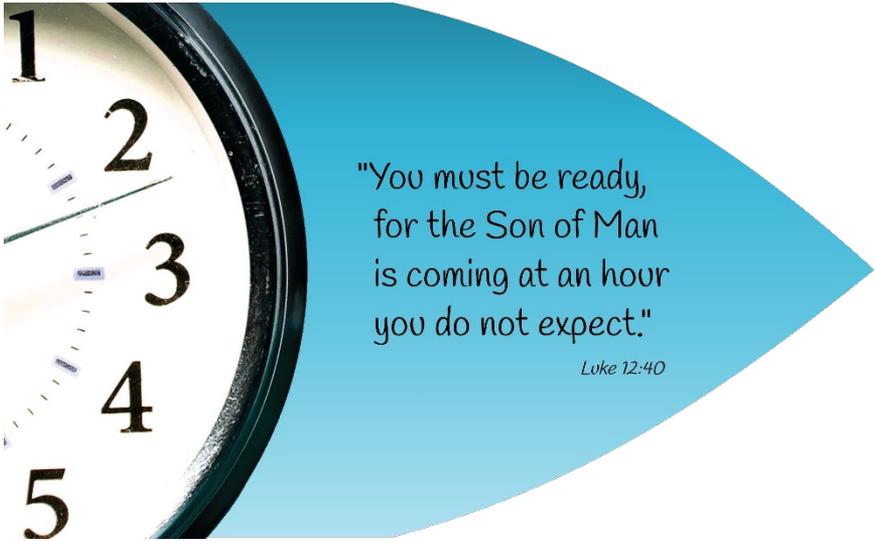


Welcome to worship at  
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 10, 2025**



Jesus says, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." It is God's promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the "little flock" of which we are a part in today's assembly. Faith, God's baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

**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](http://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.**

Welcome

Nikki Young

Prelude

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Tom McHugh, trumpet; Patricia Nyce, piano

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*Please rise as you are able.*

Gathering Hymn

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW #638

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.

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Centering Song *Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)*

Grace Praise Band

You hear me when I call

You are my morning song

Though darkness fills the night

It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear  
You crush the enemy underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear

*Chorus:*

I know Who goes before me  
I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One who reigns forever  
He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save  
You will deliver me  
Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear  
Whom shall I fear

*Chorus*

*Bridge:*

And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful  
You are faithful (You are faithful)

*(Repeat Bridge)*

*Chorus 2x*

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Donna Kehs

First Reading                      Genesis 15:1-6

Faye Weidner

A reading from the book of Genesis

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

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Gra-cious Spir - it, dwell with me,

I would gra-cious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine re - veal;

And, with ac-tions bold and meek, For Christ, my Sa- vior, speak.

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**Gospel** Luke 12:32-40 Nikki Young  
 The holy gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions

and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message

Nikki Young

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Song of the Day**      *Everlasting God*

Grace Praise Band

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

*Pre-Chorus:*

Our God, You reign forever

Our Hope, our strong Deliv’rer

*Chorus:*

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

*Repeat from the beginning*

*Pre-Chorus*

*Chorus 2x*

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**Apostles' Creed**

Nikki Young

**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

**God of grace,  
hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer

Nikki Young

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

Peace

Nikki Young

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

*The people give a sign of peace to each other.*

*Please be seated.*

Offertory

Special Music

*As the Deer*

Tom McHugh, trumpet

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*The offering will be taken at this time.*

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**Tithe.ly QR Code**



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# Doxology



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all  
creatures here below. Praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

Announcements

Nikki Young

*Please rise as you are able.*

Sending Hymn *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW #618

Dismissal

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

*Rondeau from Sinfonies de Fanfares*

Tom McHugh, trumpet; Patricia Nyce, organ

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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 church 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

**The bulletin** is presented to the glory of God and in honor of their granddaughter Aubreyella's birthday by Pastor Scott and Marsha Staub.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their anniversary by Corrine and Ron Bartholomew.

**The Word in Season** devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Marlene Hansley.

**Today:** Head Usher: Steve Weidner, Usher: Faye Weidner, Lector: Faye Weidner, Children's Sermon: Donna Kehs, Acolyte: Collins Quigley

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Todd Rothermel, Usher: Stacey Rothermel, Lector: Stacey Rothermel, Children's Sermon: Ariel Hansley, Acolyte: Charlotte Moser

**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.

## This Week

**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

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

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

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Monday, 6:30 PM, room 15

**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, 10:30 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 21

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

**Reconciling in Christ** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 15

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

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 21

**Reading Phillies** – Saturday, 6:45 PM, Reading

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

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

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

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and  
sanctuary

**Women’s Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM** at Shorty’s  
Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.

Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Lynn  
Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don’t forget,  
husbands are invited too.

## **Upcoming Event**

**Backpack Blessing is Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.** Calling all students,  
teachers and school staff: Join us for worship at 9:00 AM for our  
backpack blessing. Students and teachers/school staff can bring  
their backpack or work bag for a blessing as we prepare to head  
back to school.

**The Great Swamp Picnic**, a 100+ year tradition, is an annual gathering for NHELC members as well as the community. This year's picnic will be held on **Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM**. Lots of food and fun for all! Hot roast beef sandwiches, pulled pork sandwiches, grilled chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, kettle soups, ice cream and more! Free kids games and music by the **Boyertown Area Alumni Band**.

**We need your help!** Lots of volunteer opportunities are available leading up to and on the day of the picnic. A schedule of those volunteer opportunities will be available soon. If you are willing to help, contact Sally Sugita at 610-505-9682.

The picnic grove is located on Swamp Picnic Road between Rt. 663 and Lutheran Road. So mark the date, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, on your calendar and we will see you there!

**The Rev. David Pflieger**, past member, current ELCA pastor, 1<sup>st</sup> Troop 367 Eagle Scout and soon to celebrate his 60-year Ordination will be the guest preacher on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Pflieger's preaching will be part of NHELC's 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary preaching series. A fellowship in honor of Pastor Pflieger will be held in fellowship hall following the service on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**The Fall schedule** returns on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. **J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)** will meet from 10:15 – 11:15 for God's Work, Our Hands service projects. A **church picnic** in the picnic grove will follow at 11:15. The Fellowship committee will provide the main dish and drinks. Everyone else is asked to bring a salad, side or a dessert to share!

**The NHELC Book Club** is reading *Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister. Join the club for dinner and discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

## Help Needed

**The Great Swamp Picnic flea market folks** will be collecting your attic treasures! Remember we accept anything they accept at liberty thrift (except the large furniture and electronics). So drop

off your attic treasures anytime on August 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> at our church picnic grove, on Swamp Picnic Road. Any questions, call Vicki Mutter at 484-363-0639.

**Donations help local families** Throughout the months of August, September and October, NHELIC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall and multi-purpose room for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the August issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

**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!

## Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated last month to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service collection. NHELIC contributed 45 lbs. of non-perishable food, cleaning and personal hygiene items to help our neighbors.

## 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

**325<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Key Chains and Magnets:** The 325<sup>th</sup> 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](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

**Mental Health and Wellness** Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELCC has links with helpful information available on our website ([newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

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

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

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

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

## You Can Help

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

## Sunshine Learning Center

**The Sunshine Learning Center is now open for preschool registration.** To register, email Educational Director Jena Marinelli at [jena.marinelli@sunshinecl.org](mailto:jena.marinelli@sunshinecl.org).

## Food Ministry

**Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered!** NHEL C'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 is 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 Reconciling in Christ team will be available for small group meetings or one to one discussion** throughout the summer. If you are interested in participating, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com). In your email, please indicate with whom on

the RIC team you would like to meet and they will coordinate the meeting. The members of the team are: Pastor Staub, Rick Hausch, Diane Bealer, Josh Young, Janet Psota, Dee Singley, Sharon Tracey and Rae Bechtel. Since Rae is not an adult, there will be an adult joining Rae. The discussions will be held at the church, or at a mutually convenient location, dates and times to be determined by the participants. The RIC team is providing these opportunities for people who may be more comfortable discussing their questions, concerns or comments, in a small group.

**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.



**The Reconciling in Christ team will be conducting an exploratory survey** on September 14<sup>th</sup> in the sanctuary immediately following the worship service. This is not a formal vote, but a poll to gauge the pulse of the congregation. The survey will be anonymous, with a choice of either yes or no as to whether you would like our congregation to be welcoming and open to all. The statement has been reviewed by Church Council and has been modified to include their suggestions. Our welcoming statement is provided below:

You are always welcome at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God’s love and guided by Christ’s example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God’s grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God’s image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus' example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward anti-racism, inclusion, and equity in all we do.

You are invited to fully participate in our worship, sacraments, leadership positions, gatherings, and ministries. In our identities, we are united by the common faith we hold, and recognize we each offer unique gifts and perspectives. We believe that this transforms lives and deepens the faith of our community.

Christ's door is open to all, so is ours.

## Prayer Requests

**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

**Grieving:** Family and friends of Lexi Sloan (Judy Sloan's granddaughter)

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Sarah Bowman	Keeley Staples	Logan Conley
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 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
Helen Foulke	Carla Hausmann	Joan Price
Betty Seroski	Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell
Jeffrey Weems	Joan Scheffey	Arnold Amundsen
Chuck Beck	Rich Freed	Joe
Joe	Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer
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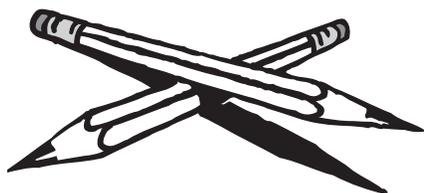
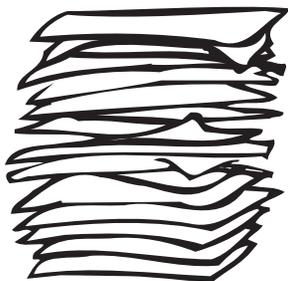
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Be the **STAR** of today's worship service. After the service is over, complete this checklist:

- Collect all of the bulletins on the pews and chairs



- Put all the pencils back

- Shake people's hands on their way out of worship



- Help put away communion elements



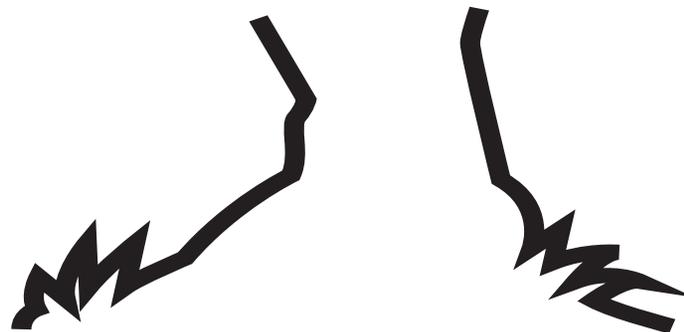
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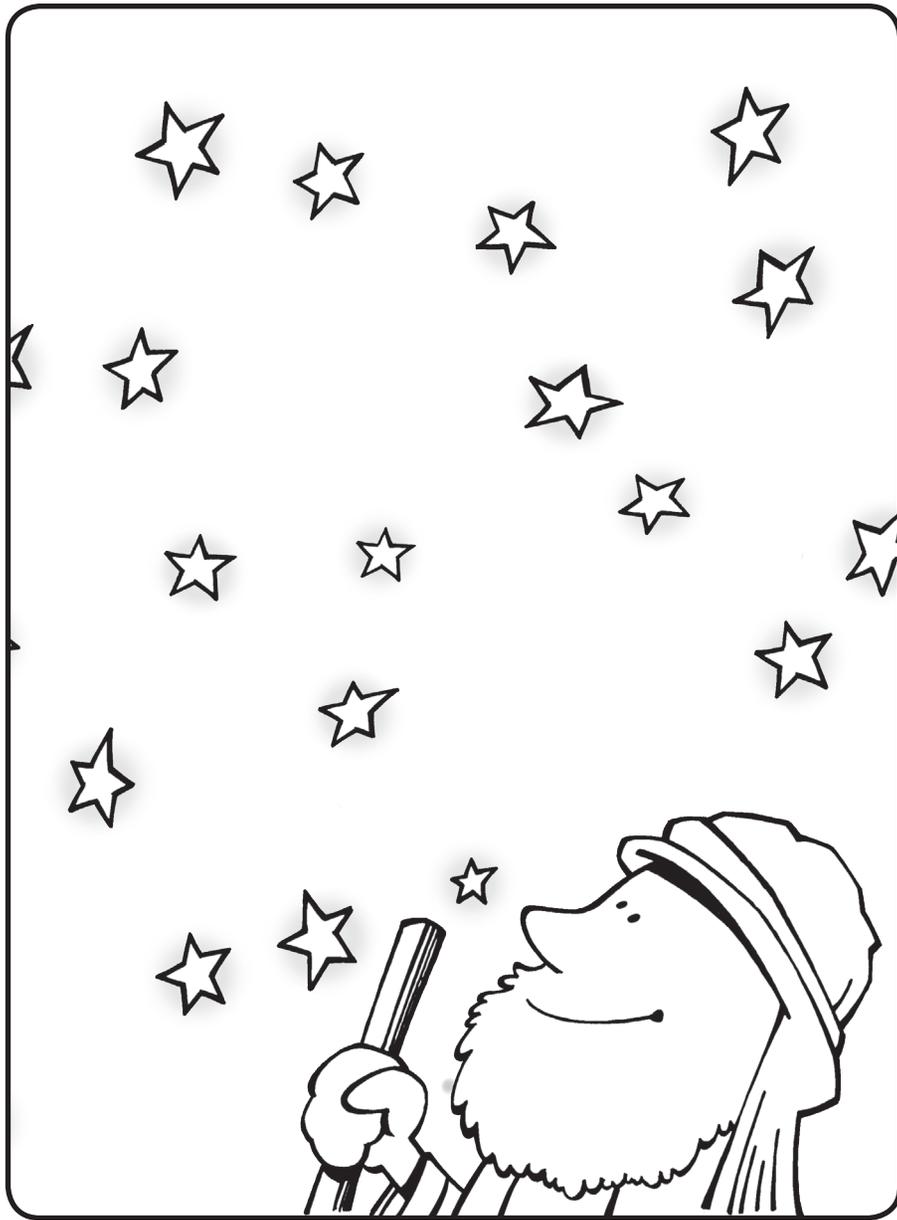
Pentecost 9

- Today is the **ninth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During Pentecost, we remember that **God loves us** so much.
- We also remember that God makes and keeps **amazing promises**.

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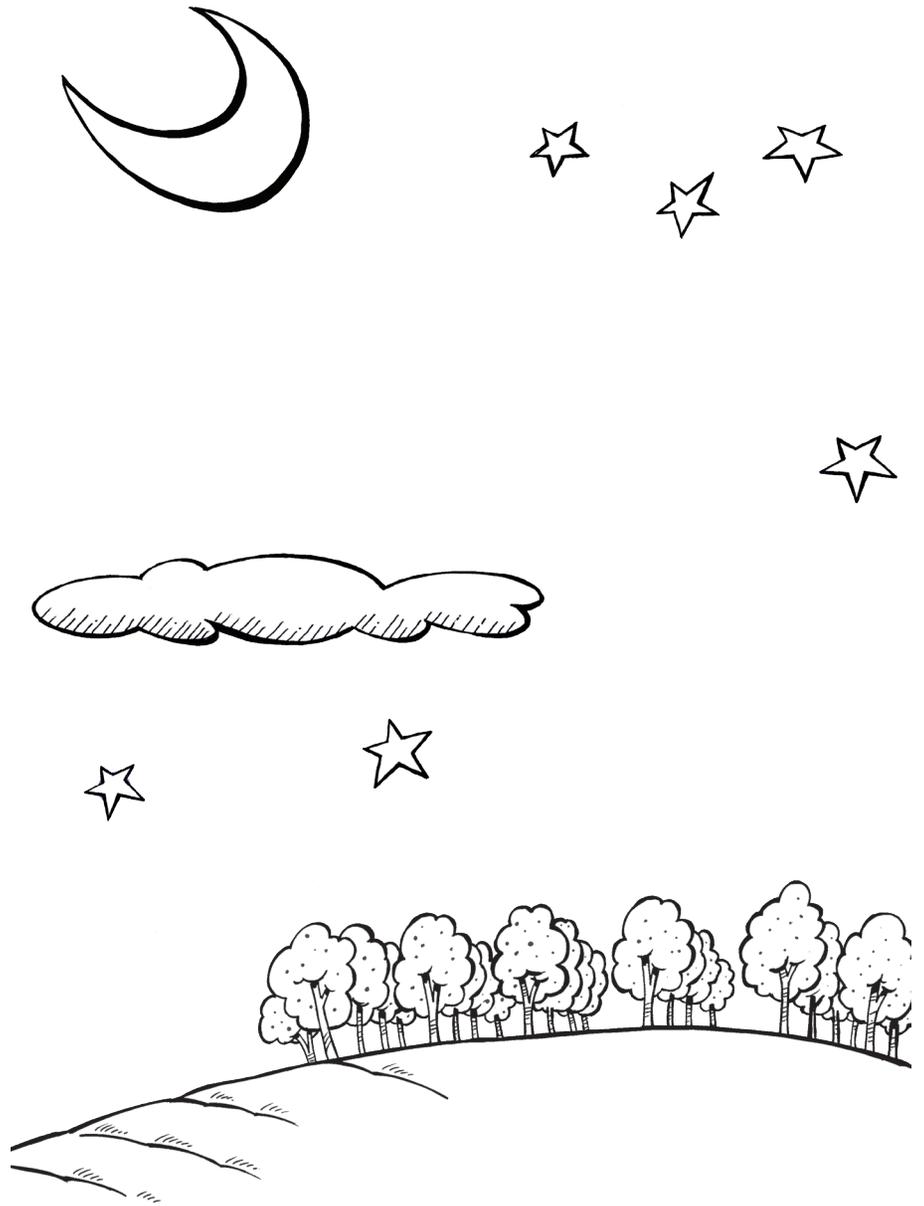
**Below is a tree trunk. Add branches by tracing your hand. Line up your wrist with the trunk and spread your fingers wide!**





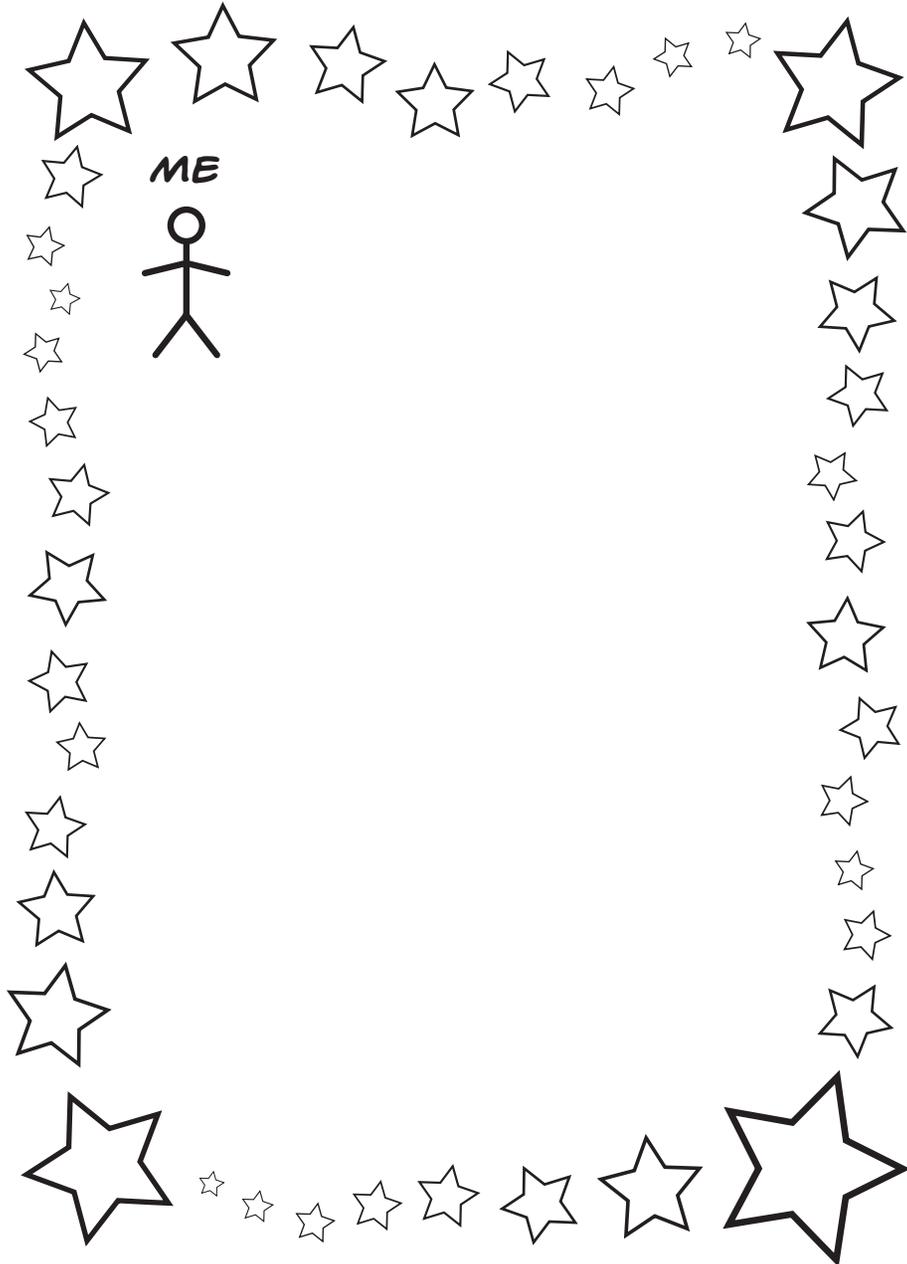
**Abram looked up at the stars and saw God at work.**

**Draw a star for each member of your family in the sky below. Don't forget all of your cousins, aunts, uncles, and even pets!**



# Count the Descendants

In today's Old Testament story, God tells Abram that he'll have soooooooo many descendants. Look around your worship space and count the number of descendants of Abram there are in the room. Draw a stick figure in the space below for each descendant you can count.



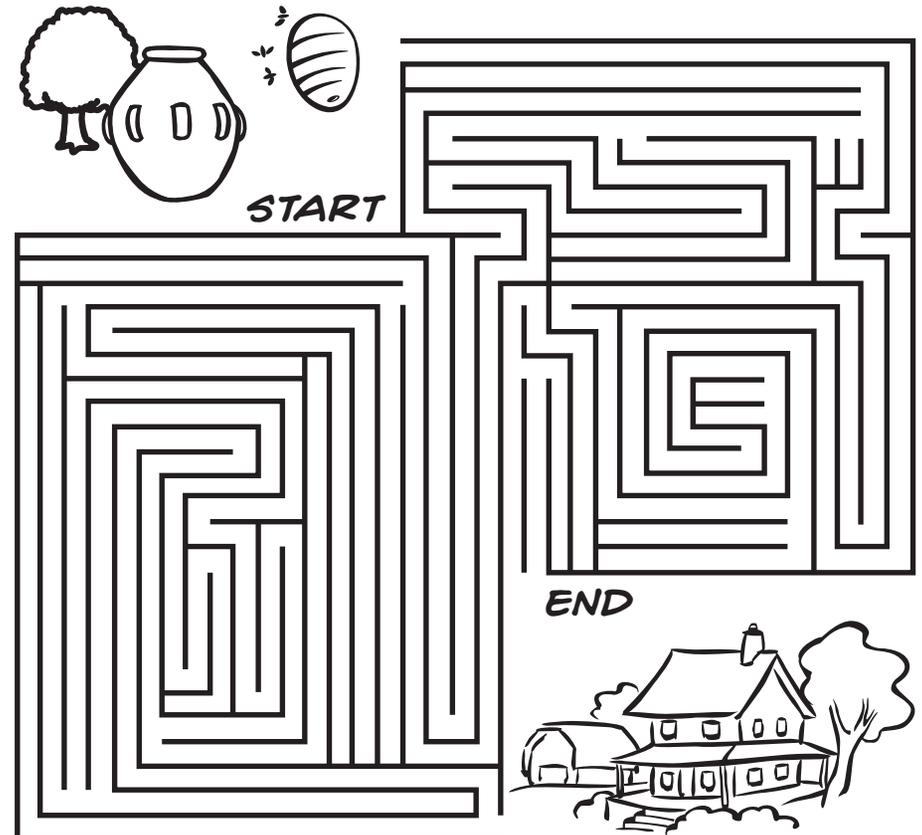
# READER

Pentecost 9

- Today is the **ninth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During Pentecost, we remember that God makes and keeps **amazing promises**.
- We also remember to **let our faith shine bright like a star**.

## Honey, Please!

These farmers invited guests over for dinner. They are serving biscuits, but are out of honey. Can you make sure they get the jar of honey they need by finding your way back to the farmer's house?



Complete the crossword puzzle to fill in the blanks of today's memory verse.



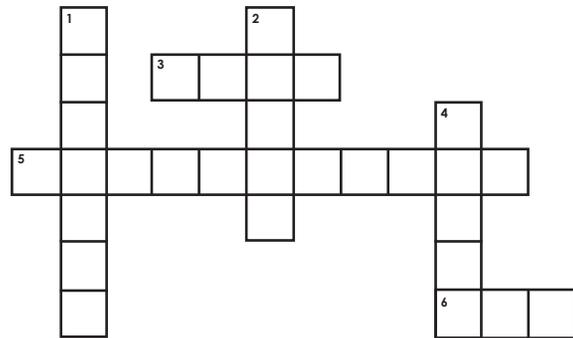
"\_\_\_\_\_ up  
**3 across**

at the \_\_\_\_\_ and  
**6 across**

\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_—if indeed you  
**2 down** **4 down**

can \_\_\_\_\_ them. So shall your \_\_\_\_\_ be."  
**2 down** **5 across**

\_\_\_\_\_ 15:5  
**1 across**



**ACROSS**

- 3. To view or see
- 5. Those who come after you
- 6. The space that is filled with stars, moons, and planets

**DOWN**

- 1. The first book of the Bible
- 2. What we do when we are adding up numbers
- 4. Burning balls of fire in the sky. Teachers draw them on your test when you get an answer right

God told Abram that he would have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky. Do you know what *descendants* means? It means "those who come after." So the word descendant could include children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc. Try to figure out who are descendants in your family:



Your grandma's or grandpa's name: \_\_\_\_\_

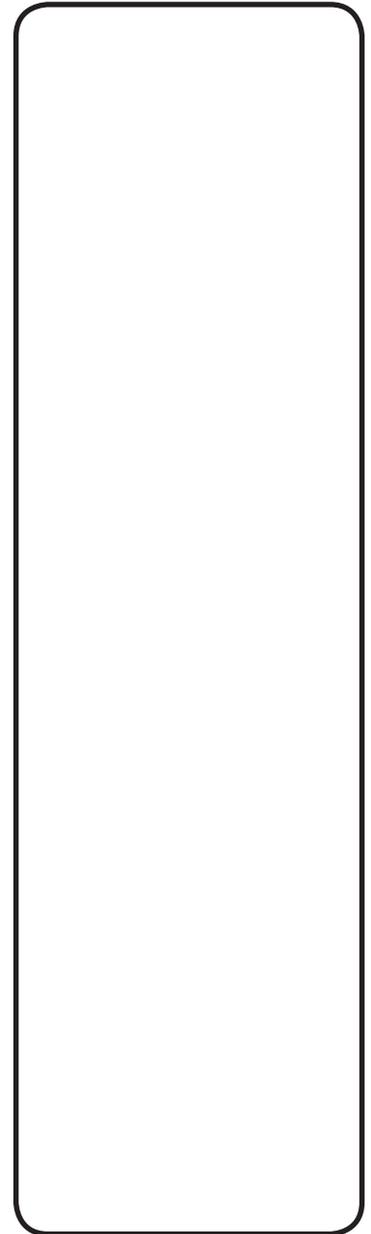
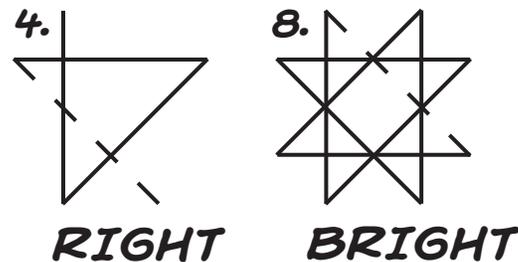
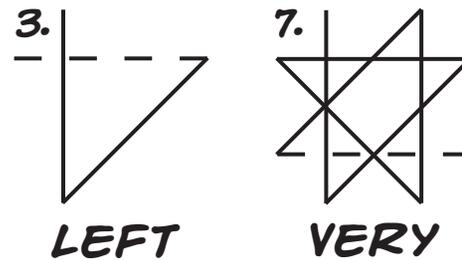
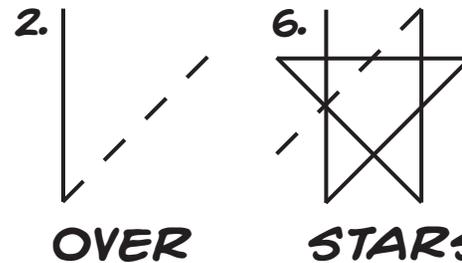
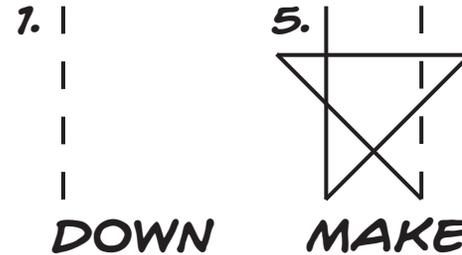
Their son or daughter's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

**See? You're a descendant!**

## Draw a Star Oh So Bright

In today's Old Testament story, God tells Abram that he will have as many descendants as there are stars in the sky. Learn how to draw an eight-pointed star by following the steps below, one at a time. Practice drawing them in the space below.



## Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

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# Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)

Words and Music by  
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## VERSE 1

$\text{♩} = 75$  C Dm7 C/E F2

You hear me when I call. You are my morn - ing song. Though dark - ness fills the night,

4 Am7 F2 C

it can - not hide the light. Whom shall I fear? You crush the en - e - my

8 Dm7 C/E F2

un - der - neath my feet. You are my sword and shield, though trou - bles lin - ger still.

## CHORUS 1a

Am7 F2 Am7 G C Am7 G C

Whom shall I fear? I know Who goes be - fore me, I know Who stands be - hind:

15 Am7 F2 G C Am7 G C

The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er,

18 Am7 G C Am7 F2 G C

He is a friend of mine. The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

2nd time to Coda  $\oplus$

**VERSE 2**

22 C F2

My strength is in Your name, for You a-lone can save. You will de-liv-er me.

26 Am7 F2 Am7 F2 G D.S. al Coda

Yours is the vic-to-ry. Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?

**BRIDGE**

31 C F2 C G C Coda

side! And noth-ing formed a- gainst me shall stand! You hold the whole world in Your

35 F2 C Am7 G F2

hands. I'm hold-ing on to Your prom-is-es; You are faith-ful, You are

39 1 2 G G Am7 G/B

faith-ful. faith-ful, You are faith-ful.

**CHORUS 1b**

Am7 G C Am7 G C Am7 F2

I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an-gel ar-mies

46 G C Am7 G/B C Am7 G C

is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for-ev-er, He is a friend of mine.

**CHORUS 1c**

49 Am7 F2 C

The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side! I know Who goes be-fore me,

52 G/B Am7 F2



I know Who stands be - hind: The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation, measures 52 to 54. It is written on a single treble clef staff. Measure 52 starts with a G/B chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Measure 53 has an Am7 chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Measure 54 has an F2 chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

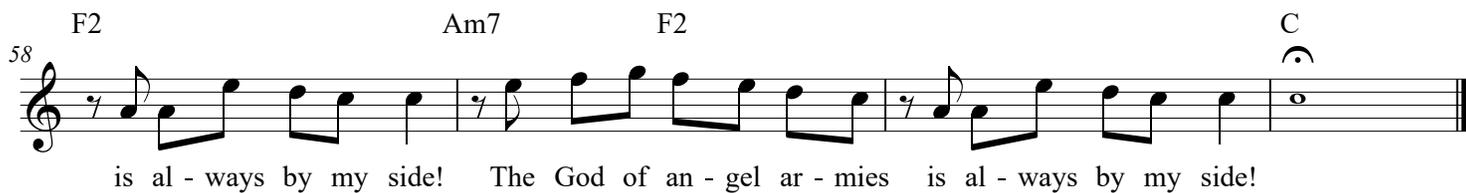
55 C G/B Am7



The One Who reigns for - ev - er, He is a friend of mine. The God of an - gel ar - mies

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation, measures 55 to 57. It is written on a single treble clef staff. Measure 55 starts with a C chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Measure 56 has a G/B chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Measure 57 has an Am7 chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes.

58 F2 Am7 F2 C



is al - ways by my side! The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of musical notation, measures 58 to 60. It is written on a single treble clef staff. Measure 58 starts with an F2 chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Measure 59 has an Am7 chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. Measure 60 has an F2 chord and contains a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The final measure of the system (measure 61) has a C chord and contains a whole note G4. The lyrics are placed below the staff, aligned with the notes.



24 B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$

You're the de - fend - er of the weak, You com - fort those in need.

**INSTRUMENTAL**

28 Gm E $\flat$  1 2 B $\flat$

You lift us up on wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.

**PRE-CHORUS**

34 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$

Our God, You reign

40 F Gm F B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  F Gm

for - ev - er. Our Hope, our strong De - liv - - -

**CHORUS**

45 F B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$

'rer. You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev - er - last - ing God,

50 Gm E $\flat$  B $\flat$

You do not faint, You won't grow wea - ry. You're the de - fend -

55 B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$  Gm

er of the weak, You com - fort those in need. You lift us up on

60 E $\flat$  1 2 B $\flat$

wings like ea - gles. ea - gles. —

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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