

Welcome to worship at  
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 24, 2025**



*The entire crowd  
rejoiced at all the  
wonderful things  
Jesus had done.*

*from Luke 13:17*

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight.  
This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the  
Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at  
all the wonderful things God is doing.

**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.**

Hymn Sing

Welcome

Nikki Young

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gathering Hymn            *In the Garden*

I come to the garden alone  
While the dew is still on the roses  
And the voice I hear falling on my ear  
The Son of God discloses

*Chorus*    And He walks with me  
And He talks with me  
And He tells me I am His own  
And the joy we share as we tarry there  
None other has ever known

He speaks and the sound of His voice  
It's so sweet the birds hush their singing  
And the melody that He gave to me  
With in my heart is ringing

*Repeat Chorus*

I'd stay in the garden with Him  
Though the night around me be falling  
But He bids me go through the voice of woe  
His voice to me is calling

*Repeat Chorus*

*Public domain.*

## Prayer of the Day

Nikki Young

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Centering Song

*Awesome God*

Grace Praise Band

When He rolls up His sleeves  
He ain't just puttin' on the ritz  
Our God is an awesome God  
There is thunder in His footsteps  
And lightning in His fists  
Our God is an awesome God  
And the Lord wasn't joking  
When He kicked 'em out of Eden  
It wasn't for no reason  
That He shed His blood  
His return is very close  
And so you'd better be believin'  
Our God is an awesome God

*Chorus (2x):*

Our God is an awesome God  
He reigns from heaven above  
With wisdom pow'r and love  
Our God is an awesome God

When the sky was starless  
In the void of the night  
Our God is an awesome God  
He spoke into the darkness  
And created the light  
Our God is an awesome God  
Judgment and wrath

He poured out on Sodom  
Mercy and grace  
He gave us at the cross  
I hope that we have not  
Too quickly forgotten  
Our God is an awesome God

*Chorus 2x*

*Ending:*

Our God is an awesome God  
Our God is an awesome God

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Lindsey Waltermeyer

**Blessing for the School Year**

Backpacks and school supplies remind us that school has begun for students of all ages. Children begin preschool and kindergarten; others are moving up in elementary grades. Youth are moving to middle school and high school. Adults of all ages are attending colleges, universities and other places of learning.

**We thank you, O Lord, for books and playgrounds, for new friends and field trips, for crayons and computers, for classrooms and recess.**

We are called to pray for, support and encourage students of all ages and abilities.

**We thank you for the excitement of a new school year and for new discoveries that will spark imaginations and expand knowledge.**

We lift up backpacks that will carry books and papers, drawings and markers, lunches and snacks.

**Bless those who will carry and wear backpacks that they may know and be surrounded by your love.**

We lift up all forms of technology used in education. May these gifts be used wisely and responsibly.

**Bless those who will be using and teaching the gifts of technology that they may use them responsibly and explore new ways to use them.**

We pray for students of all ages as they begin this new school year.  
**Spirit of God, grant the gifts of wisdom and understanding to all students.**

**May they experience excitement in learning and take delight in new discoveries.**

We pray for bus drivers and all who transport students to school.  
We pray for kitchen workers and all who prepare and serve food.  
We pray for custodial staff and all who clean and maintain facilities and equipment for safe use.

**Spirit of God, we give thanks for all who provide safe travel, those working in food service and maintenance duties. Bless them in their ministry of service.**

We pray for all educators, office staff, counselors, coaches, administrators and board members.

**Spirit of God, may those in authority share their knowledge with gentleness and patience and exercise wise judgment in their decisions.**

**For all the gifts of education and especially for students and all those involved in the ministry of learning, decision-making and maintenance of facilities, we give you thanks and praise.**

**Through your gracious and loving hand bless them and bless this year of learning. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Maddie Hansley

A reading from the book of Isaiah

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,

and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.

<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;

<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the Lord,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a rest for four measures, followed by a melodic line starting on G4. A dynamic marking of *p* (piano) is placed above the first note of the melody. The lyrics are: "Gra-cious Spir - it, dwell with me,". The second staff starts at measure 4 and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "I would gra-cious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;". The third staff starts at measure 7 and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine re - veal;". The fourth staff starts at measure 9 and continues the melody. The lyrics are: "And, with ac-tions bold and meek, For Christ, my Sa- vior, speak.\_\_\_\_\_".

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Gospel

Luke 13:10-17

Pastor David Pflieger

The holy gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message

Pastor David Pflieger

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

Song of the Day

*Forever Reign*

Grace Praise Band

You are good, You are good

When there's nothing good in me

You are love, You are love

On display for all to see

You are light, You are light

When the darkness closes in

You are hope, You are hope

You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace  
When my fear is crippling  
You are true, You are true  
Even in my wandering  
You are joy, You are joy  
You're the reason that I sing  
You are life, You are life  
In You death has lost its sting

*Chorus:*

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign

You are more, You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord, You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here, You are here  
In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God, You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go

*Chorus 2x*

*Bridge (sing 2x):*

My heart will sing  
No other Name  
Jesus, Jesus

*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

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

### Special Music *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Barb Eisenhart, Lindsey Waltermeyer, Carolyn Springer  
and Tom McHugh, handbell quartet; Patricia Nyce, piano

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*The offering will be taken at this time.*

**You can donate to NHEL C's ministry electronically.**

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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      *Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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Dismissal

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

*The Power and the Glory*

Roy E. Nolte

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## Announcements

### Today

**We welcome Pr. David Pflieger** to our worship service this morning. Pastor Pflieger's participation in worship is part of NHELCC's 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Get to know Pr. Pflieger by reading his biography on page 21 of this morning's bulletin and greet him at the fellowship in his honor after the service. The fellowship will be held in fellowship hall. Please ask an usher if you need direction locating fellowship hall.

**The bulletin** is presented to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson Marshall's birthday by Pr. Scott and Marsha Staub.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of Bob and Suzanne Dodge's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**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: Jim Gross, Usher: Brian Flack, Lector: Maddie Hansley, Children's Sermon: Lindsey Waltermeyer, Acolyte: Alexa Moser

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: George Trowbridge, Ushers: Zach

and Tanner Quigley, Lector: Collins Quigley, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Miller Quigley

**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

**Fellowship** – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

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

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

**Cub Scouts Training** – 6:00 PM, room 1 (if raining)

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

**Sunshine Learning Center Board** – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 14

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

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

**Addiction 12 Step** – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 21

**Troop 367 Committee** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 14

**Handbell Choir Polishing Event** – Thursday, 6:15 PM, room 15

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

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

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

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## Upcoming Event

**Reconciling In Christ (RIC) Update** There are four principal steps to achieving RIC affiliation within the ELCA guidelines.

1.) Explicitly state a welcome to people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions and names our commitment to racial equity or anti-racism in our Welcome Statement. 2.) Open to calling a LGBTQIA and/or Person of Color rostered leader. 3.) Allow LGBTQIA weddings and blessings to be performed in our sanctuary. 4.) Make an annual contribution to support the national RIC program. **On September 14<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service, we will be taking an unofficial survey of the members present as a preliminary step on the path to becoming a Reconciling in Christ affiliated congregation.** This “exploratory” survey step is in alignment with the RIC guidebook. This survey is your opportunity to provide clear feedback on the proposed Welcome Statement (*see page 18 in this bulletin*). The RIC team and the Council would like to hear your thoughts, whether supportive or conflicting. Please take this opportunity to do so. If the survey indicates a sufficient level of support, (75% majority in favor per RIC guidelines), then the formal vote will be held. This will be done during an official congregational meeting as called by the Council. At that time the congregation will officially vote on bullet #1 and #2 above - the Welcome Statement and that our church is open to calling a LGBTQIA and/or Person of Color rostered leader. The congregation will not be voting on bullet #3 above as this was unanimously approved at a Special Congregational Council Meeting held on March 26, 2015. The minutes from this meeting are posted on the Reconciling In Christ bulletin board located in Fellowship Hall. The congregation will not need to vote on bullet #4 above - a donation container will be placed in the Welcome Center for an annual free-will offering, there will be no line item in the NHELIC budget. The Reconciling in Christ team hopes that this clarifies any confusion on the upcoming survey and the remaining process. If you need any further clarification please reach out to a member of the team or submit your question in the box on the table in the Welcome Center.

**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 NHEL C 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

**JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade** NHEL C needs a second teacher (or more) to help with the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade JAM class. We currently have one teacher for this group. If we can add two - three more then we would have a teaching rotation. This class is a lot of fun. Teachers will focus their discussion on the lectionary reading each week and do crafts. The year will culminate with an art show and reception. If this is an area you have interest, contact Nikki Young as soon as possible.

**Donations help local families** Throughout the months of August, September and October, NHEL C 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.

**Pictorial Directory** The first draft of the individual/family portrait section of the Church Directory under construction is posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall across from the stage. Inform Harry White at [HarryRWhiteJr@yahoo.com](mailto:HarryRWhiteJr@yahoo.com) of any errors or additions. If you submitted a picture to be included in this section of the Church Directory, please ensure your picture is included and the names listed below the picture are correct (a submitted picture may have failed to reach Harry, or Harry may

have made an error or failed to include it). If you desire to have a picture included in this section of the Church Directory, but you have not submitted one, you may, by August 31<sup>st</sup>, submit a picture (include the names of everyone in the picture) to Harry White via email. Pictures should be in portrait format. Inclusion in the directory requires the width to height ratio be 574/641. Harry will trim and resize picture to achieve this ratio. By August 31<sup>st</sup>, you may replace a picture found to be less than desirable with a new picture.

## 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. NHELIC 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@sunshineclc.org](mailto:jena.marinelli@sunshineclc.org).

## 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

**The next Meet Me in the Garden** scheduled on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled. Volunteer opportunities to help in the garden continue on Monday and Thursday mornings at 7:30. No gardening experience needed to help. Any questions, contact Doug Senne at 484-401-6424 or [Dsenne@verizon.net](mailto:Dsenne@verizon.net).

## 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.

## **Additional Information**

**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.

## **Meet Pr. David H. Pflieger, BCC**

For those who may not remember or don't know, I was ordained here on August 28, 1966, after completing four years of study at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California. Prior to that, I graduated, along with my wife Jane, from Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, North Carolina. Since then, I have served several parishes in Eastern Pennsylvania: Jacksonville Lutheran Parish (three congregations of St. Paul, St. Peter and Jacob's Lutheran Churches) near New Tripoli, Trinity Lutheran Church, Leesport, and Trinity Lutheran Church in Wernersville. During a sabbatical I completed five units of Clinical Pastoral Education including a residency at The Hershey Medical Center, which made it possible to complete the requirements to become a Board Certified Chaplain of the Association of Professional Chaplains. In that capacity I have served as Chaplain of The Lutheran Home of Kane, Pennsylvania, Hospice Chaplain for Community Nurses, Penn Highlands, Chaplain for the Kane Volunteer Fire Company, and Interim Pastor of Tabor and Moriah Lutheran Churches in Kane and Ludlow, respectively. I have been married to Jane now for 64 years and have two children, David and Diana.

## 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 Donna Landis

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
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Joe	Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer
Denton Quick	David Helfrich, Sr.	Tara Hauck
Patricia Kemp	Ron Seasholtz	Penny Garber
Hazel LeVan	Lynn Amundsen	David Gottshall
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick	Paul Knauer	Paul Knauer
Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock	Julia Ghazi
Ray Feick	Patty Houseal	Steve Morriss
Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick	Feryl Stein

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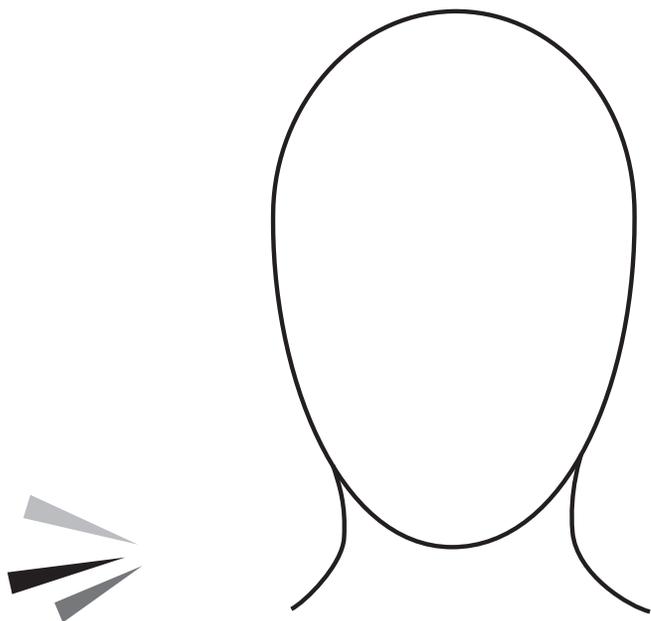
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Can you find a baptismal font at your church?

**Draw it in the space below. Then draw your face and mark a cross on your forehead to remember that you are one of God's children.**

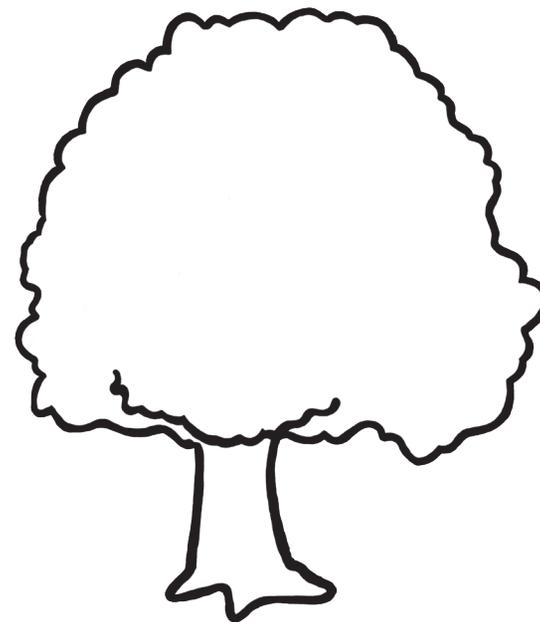


# PRE-READER

Pentecost 11

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- Pentecost is when we remember Jesus' **radical love**.
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**Are you ready to draw on a tree? Instead of leaves, draw these silly symbols on the tree.**





**Jesus heals us and sets us free!**

In today's Bible story, Jesus heals someone on the sabbath. *Sabbath* means day of rest. Christians observe the sabbath on Sundays.

**What are some unique things that you do on this day of the week? Circle them below.**



**Get dressed up**



**Eat as a family**



**Take a nap**



**Play outside**



**Go to church**



**Do homework**

## Hymnal Flip

Does your church have hymnals? Hint: They might be colored red, green, or blue. Close your eyes and flip open the hymnal to five different songs. Then fill in the information below. (If your church doesn't use a hymnal or songbook, then listen closely to the words or look on the screen to complete this activity)

### SONG #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite line in the song: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know this song? Yes No

### SONG #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite line in the song: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know this song? Yes No

### SONG #3

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite line in the song: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know this song? Yes No

### SONG #4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite line in the song: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know this song? Yes No

### SONG #5

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite line in the song: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you know this song? Yes No



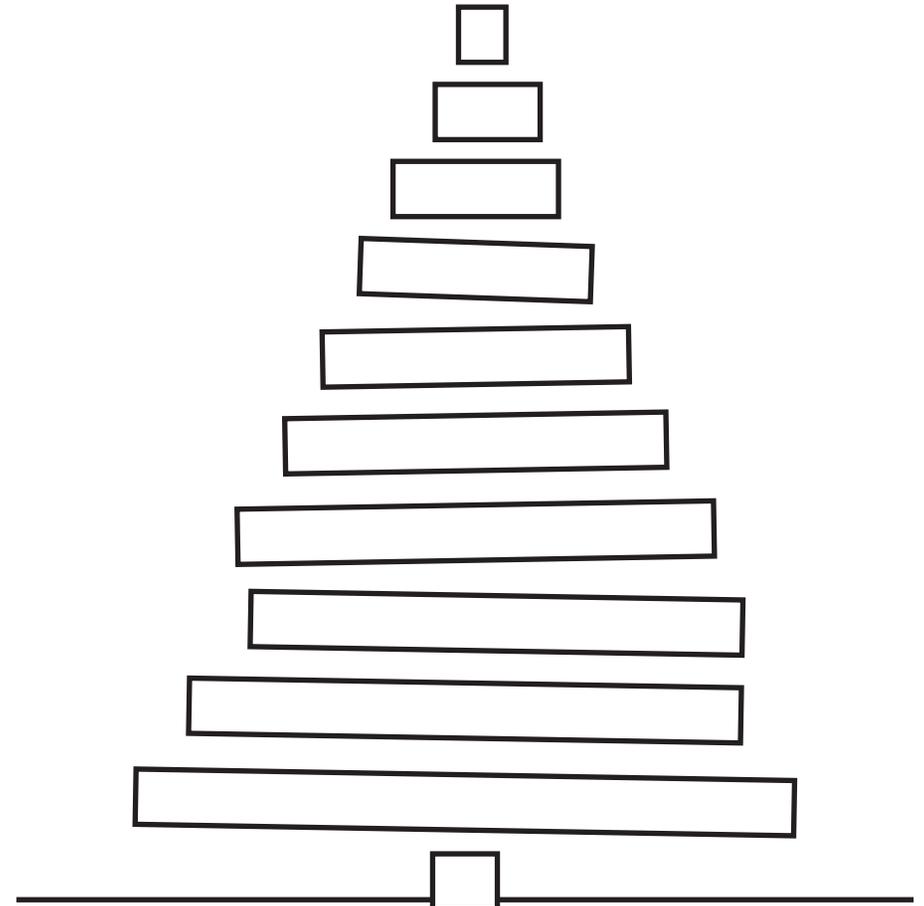
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## The Tree of YOU

Design a tree that tells the story of who you are! In each branch, write a word or a phrase that describes you.



In today's story, Jesus frees a woman from her suffering. Can you free the woman from this maze and help her get to Jesus?

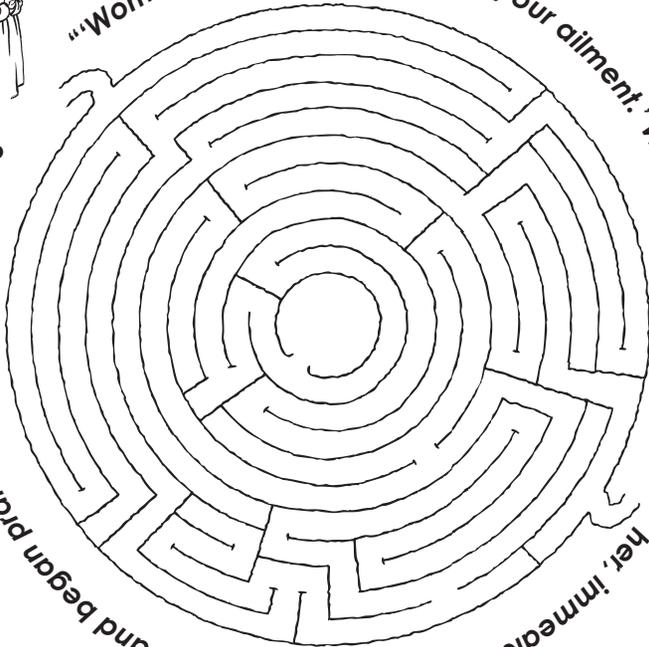
## Memory Verse



**START**



"Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God" - Luke 13:12-13



**END**



## Look It Up!

Do you know what *Sabbath* means? The Sabbath is the day of rest, and we honor it on Sundays. Check out **Exodus 20**, and find the commandment where God tells us to honor the Sabbath. Unfortunately, a lot of the religious leaders in Jesus' day took this so seriously that they didn't even help people. They considered that "work." But in today's story, Jesus tells them that even though the day of rest is important, it's more important to help those in need!

## Mark Your Calendar!

We are about half way through the Season after Pentecost. Mark the calendar with these events:

- Write down the name of this month and number the days accordingly.
- Draw a heart on the days that God loves you.
- Draw a cross on each Sabbath.
- Draw a school bus if you start school this month. Draw your other activities in too.
- Draw a gift on any days your friends or family members have birthdays.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

# Awesome God

Words and Music by  
Rich Mullins

## VERSE

$\text{♩} = 74$

Cm



1. When He rolls up His sleeves He ain't just "put - tin' on the ritz"— Our  
(2. When the) sky was star - less in the void of the night— Our



God is an awe - some God! There is thun - der in His foot - steps and  
God is an awe - some God! He spoke in - to the dark - ness and cre -



light - ning in His fists— Our God is an awe - some God! The  
a - ted the light— Our God is an awe - some God!



Lord was - n't jok - ing when He kicked 'em out of E - den, it  
Judg - ment and wrath He poured out on Sod - om,



was - n't for no rea - son that He shed His blood; His re - turn is ver - y close and so you'd  
mer - cy and grace He gave us at the cross. I hope that we have not too

## CHORUS



bet - ter be be - liev - in' that our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an  
quick - ly for - got - ten that our God is an awe - some God!

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18 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb

awe - some God, He reigns from heav - en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love—our

**CHORUS**

23 Fm7 G+7 G7 Cm Ab Eb Bb

God is an awe - some God. Our God is an awe - some God, He reigns from

**INSTRUMENTAL**

28 Cm Ab Eb Fm7 G+7 G7 Cm

heav - en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love—our God is an awe - some God!

(1) (2) Fm7 Gm7 Fm7 G+7 G7 Cm

33

2. When the God is an awe - some God! Our

**ENDING**

Fm7 Gm7 Cm Cm

God is an awe - some God! Our God!

# Forever Reign

Words and Music by  
Reuben Morgan and Jason Ingram

## INTRO

$\text{♩} = 83$  C

1 2

1. You are

## VERSE 1

C G/B

good, You are good, when there's noth - ing good in me. You are love, You are love, on dis -

9 C

play for all to see. You are light, You are light, when the dark - ness clos - es in. You are

12 G/B C

hope, You are hope, You have cov - ered all my sin.

2. You are  
(3. You are)

## VERSE 2 & 3

C G/B

peace, You are peace, when my fear is crip - pl - ing. You are true, You are true, e - ven  
more, You are more, than my words will ev - er say. You are Lord, You are Lord, all cre -

19 C

in my wan - der - ing. You are joy, You are joy, You're the rea - son that I sing. You are  
a - tion will pro - claim. You are here, You are here, in Your pre - sence I'm made whole. You are

22 G/B C

life, You are life, in You death has lost its sting.  
 God, You are God; Of all else I'm let - ting go.

**CHORUS**

C G/C Am

Oh, I'm run - ning to Your arms, I'm run - ning to Your arms. The rich - es of Your

29 G F Am G F

love will al - ways be e - nough. Noth - ing com - pares to Your em - brace. Light of the world,

**CHORUS**

33 I 2, 3 Am G F Am G C

for - ev - er reign. 3. You are for - ev - er reign. I'm run - ning to Your

38 G/C Am G

arms, I'm run - ning to Your arms. The rich - es of Your love will al - ways be e -

41 F Am G F Am G 2nd time to Coda

nough. Noth - ing com - pares to Your em - brace. Light of the world, for - ev - er reign.

**BRIDGE**

45 F Am F C

My heart will sing, no oth - er Name. Je - sus,

50 1, 2, 3 4

G G F *D.S. al Coda*

Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus.

54 Am G C

*Coda*

for - ev - - er reign.

**BRIDGE**

56 Am F

My heart will sing, no oth - er Name.

61 1, 2, 3 4

C G G F

Je - sus, Je - sus. Je - sus. Je - sus.

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

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