

Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025



Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

**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

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *O God beyond All Praising*

ELW #880

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.

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song *The Heart of Worship* Grace Praise Band

When the music fades, all is stripped away

And I simply come

Longing just to bring something that's of worth

That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus:

I'll bring You more than a song,

For a song in itself

Is not what You have required

You search much deeper within

Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus:

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about You, all about You Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, all about You Jesus

King of endless worth, no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours
Ev'ry single breath

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Pastor Scott

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7a

Collins Quigley

A reading from the book of Proverbs

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

Gra-cious Spir - it, dwell with me,
I would gra-cious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;

7
And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine re - veal;

9
And, with ac-tions bold and meek, For Christ, my Sa- vior, speak.

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Second Reading

Acts 9:1-19

Pastor Scott

A reading from the book of Acts

¹ Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my

name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus....

Here ends the reading.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Scott

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *Blessed Be Your Name* Grace Praise Band

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge:

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Repeat Bridge

Chorus

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Apostles' Creed

Pastor Scott

**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

Pastor Scott

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.**

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.

Offertory

Special Music

How Great Thou Art

Nance White

The offering will be taken at this time.

You can donate to NHELC's ministry electronically.

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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 *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

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Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Brian Tracey who is serving as organist this morning.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and to thank the congregation for their love and support through their years at NHELCC by Sharon and Jeff Wise.

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: George Trowbridge, Ushers: Zach and Tanner Quigley, Lector: Collins Quigley, Children's Sermon: Nikki Young, Acolyte: Miller Quigley

Next Sunday Head Usher: Scott Geiser: Ushers: Dee and Kyle Singley; Lector: Kady Singley; Children's Sermon: Carolyn Springer; Acolyte: Genesis Garcia; Communion Assistants: Nikki Young and Debbie Solazzo

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

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

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

Property Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 14

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street Pub in Bally

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

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

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

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

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

Congregation Picnic – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, picnic grove

The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 1st, for the holiday.

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 14th, 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 16 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 next Sunday, September 7th. **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!

September Gathering Come explore the transformative power love has in our lives at the next Gathering on Thursday, September 11th. A live-stream video of Anne Lamott, author of *Somehow*, will talk about how loves surprises us, forces us to confront uncomfortable truths, reminds us of our humanity and guides us forward. “Love just won’t be pinned down,” says Lamott. “It is in

our very atmosphere. We are, after all, creatures of love. Lunch will be offered beginning at 12:30. Participants are encouraged to bring a dessert to share. Signup online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-56437847-september> or at the desk in the welcome center.

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 7th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Help Needed

JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade NHELC needs a second teacher (or more) to help with the 3rd - 5th 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 end of October, NHELC 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.

Today is the deadline to submit a picture or approve your submitted picture for the 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 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 31st, 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 31st, you may replace a picture found to be less than desirable with a new picture.

Thank You

To the Members of New Hanover,
The family of Michael McHugh would like to send out their heartfelt thanks for all the years of praying for him on the Military Prayer List. Michael has served in the Air Force for 20 years and on September 1, 2025 he will be retiring as Master Sergeant. He is truly grateful for all the prayers and thoughts sent his way throughout the years.
Most importantly, the McHugh family wants everyone to continue to pray for all our servicemen and women.
Thank you for having Michael on this prestigious list. God bless.
Jayne and Tom McHugh

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. NHELCC 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

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.

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.

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 10th, 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.

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. 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 14th 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 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.

New Hanover Lutheran Church
**LIVING HISTORY
CEMETERY TOUR**
325th Anniversary

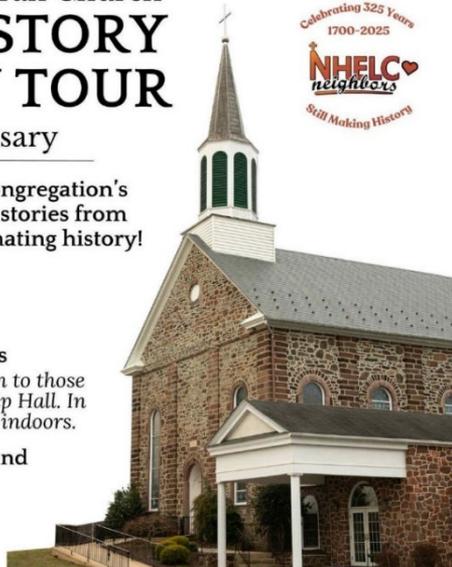
Join us as we celebrate the congregation's 325th anniversary by sharing stories from New Hanover's long and fascinating history!

📅 September 27, 2025

🕒 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tours run every 20 minutes
11:30 a.m. dress rehearsal (open to those with mobility issues) Fellowship Hall. In case of rain, event will be held indoors.

Free will donation to help fund cemetery restoration!

Refreshments available!



Prayer Requests

Military: Shawn Dietz, 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
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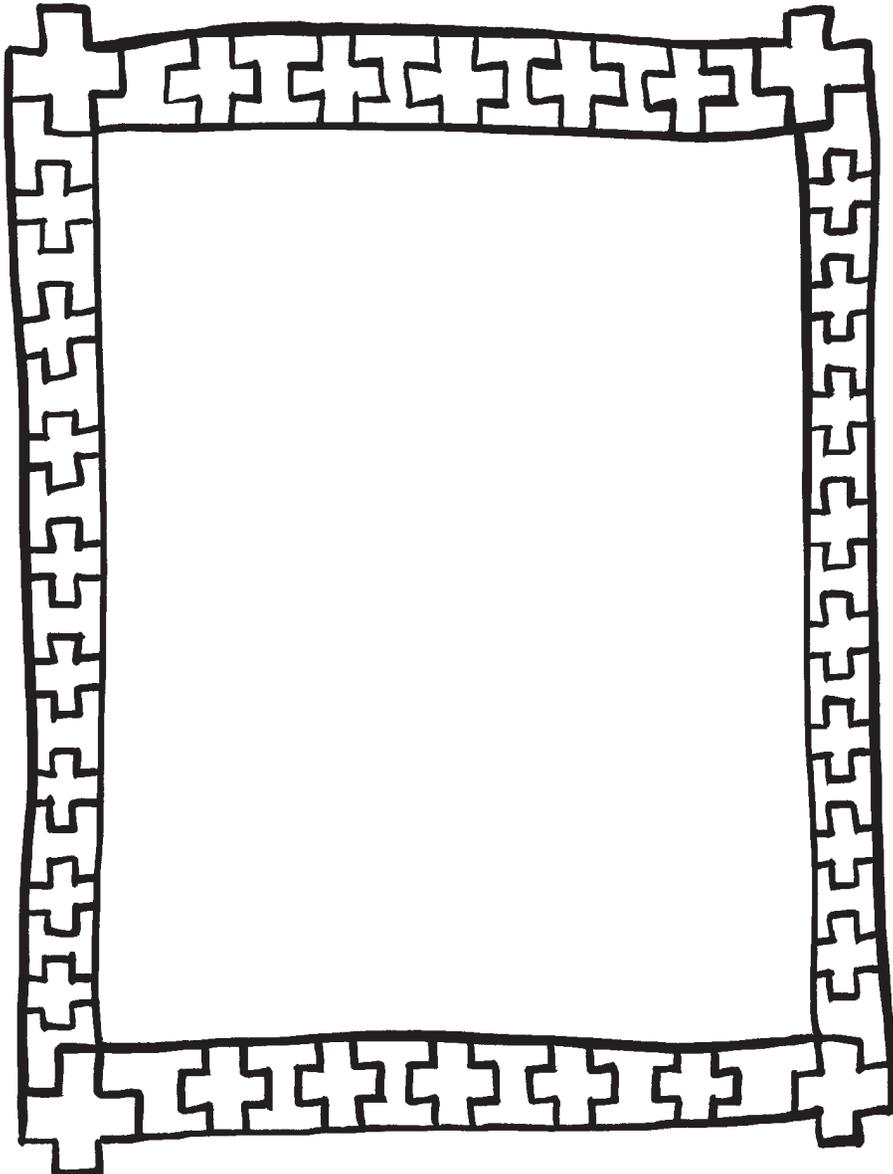
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Look around the worship space for crosses on hymnals, banners, the altar, or even people's jewelry.

Draw all the different crosses you can find in the box below.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 12

- Today is the 12th Sunday after Pentecost.
- The symbol of Pentecost is a **tree**.
- During Pentecost, Jesus reminds us to **be humble**.

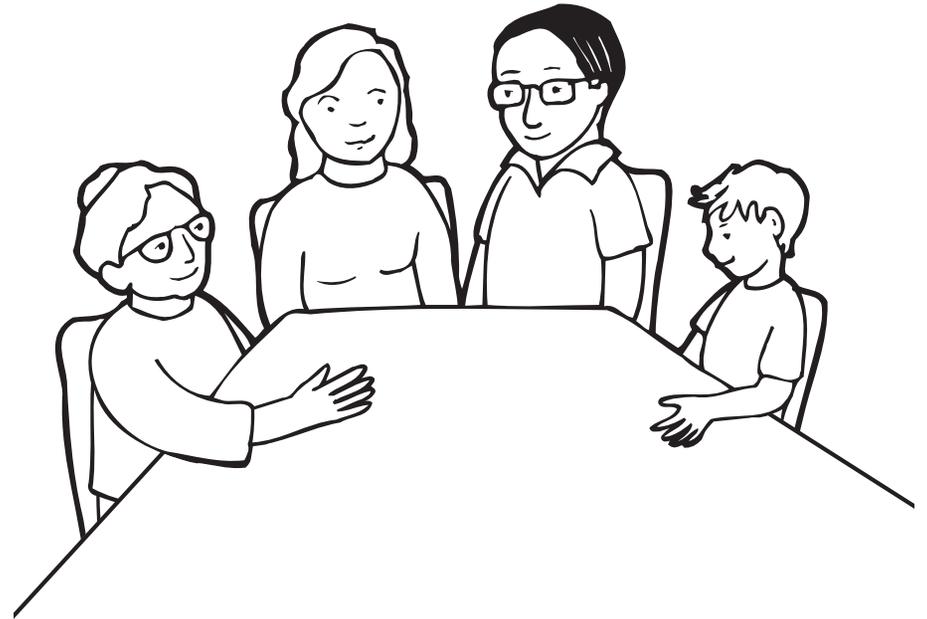
Circle the fruits or vegetables that look the most like trees.





In today's Bible story, Jesus tells us how to treat a guest.

Help set the dinner table for a special guest by drawing plates, napkins, silverware, and food.

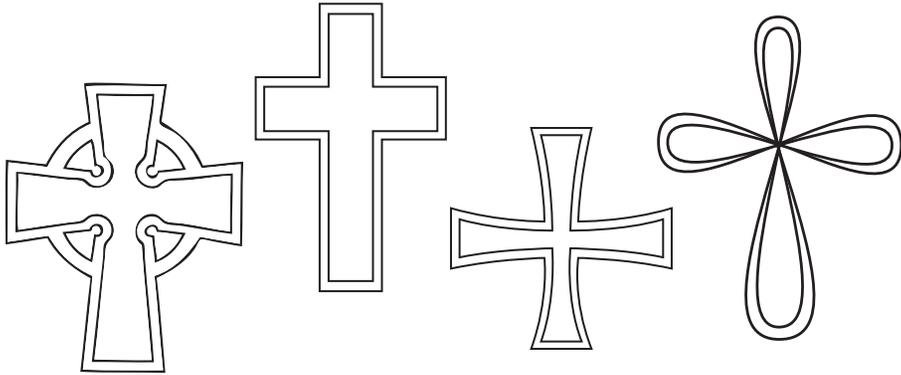


All who are humble will be exalted!



Kinds of Crosses

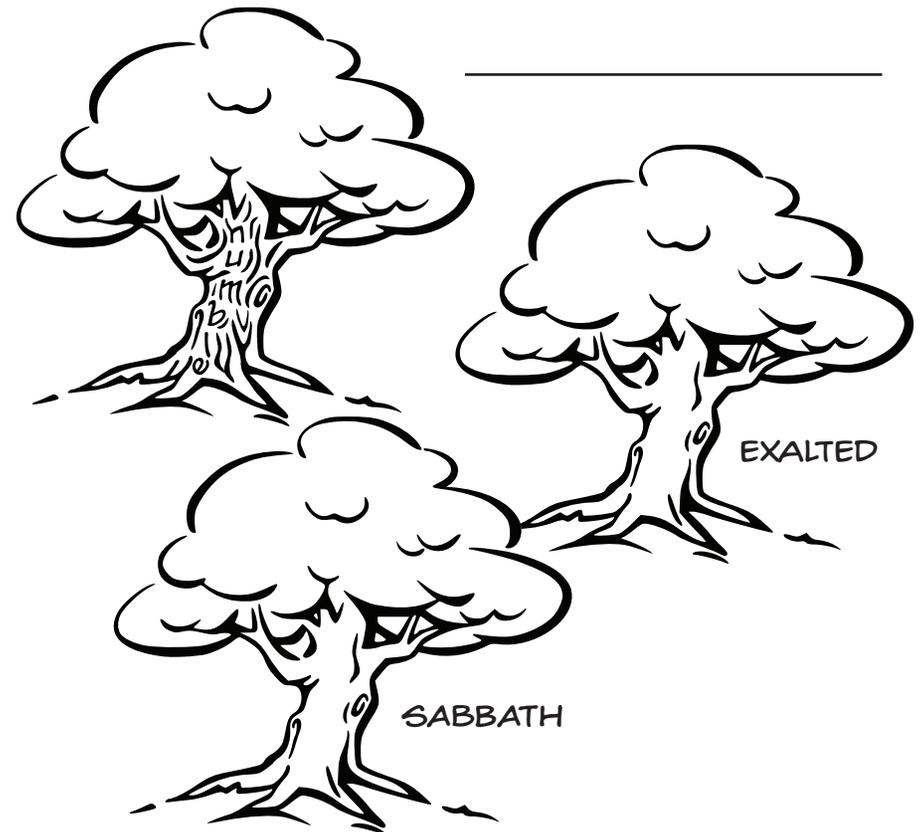
There are probably lots of different-looking crosses in your church. Look very closely all around the room to see what kinds of crosses you can find. Then draw them in the space below. Here are some examples of what you might find:



- Today is the **12th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The color of Pentecost is **green**.
- The symbol of Pentecost is a **tree**.
- During Pentecost, Jesus reminds us to **be humble**.

Hidden Message

The tree below has a hidden message in its bark. What does it say? Now it's your turn: On the other two trees, draw the bark on the trunk, but sneak these words into bark, just like the first tree. Then after church, see if the person next to you can find your hidden word.



Jesus tells us that in order to be faithful, we have to be humble. Redraw this picture to fit what Jesus tells us, with the bigger person as humble, and the smaller person as exalted.

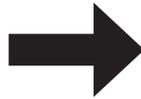


"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." -Luke 14:11

EXALTED

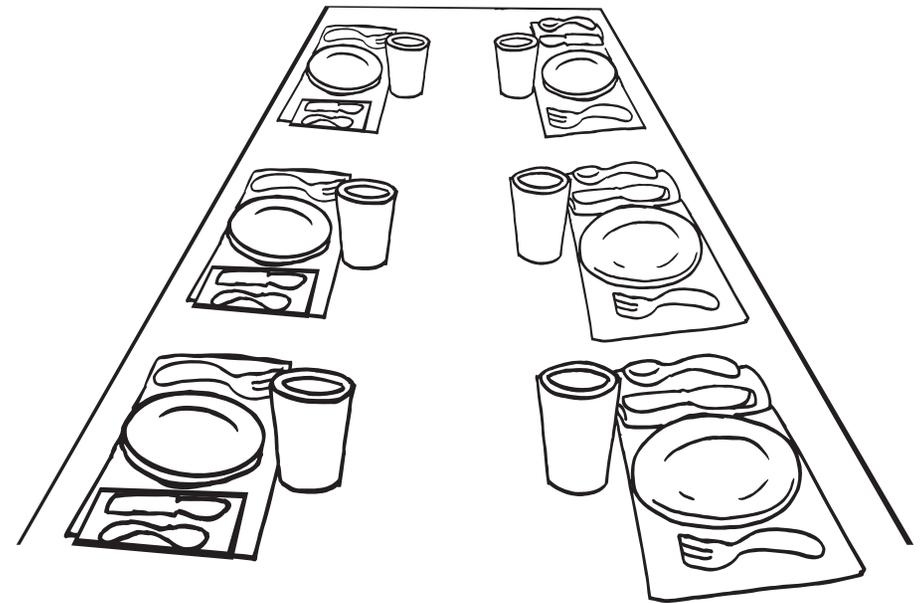


HUMBLE



Where's Your Spot?

Do you have a designated spot at your family's dinner table? In today's Bible story, Jesus told the Pharisees not to expect to sit in the best seat when invited to a party. Instead, they should sit in the least important spot so the host can invite them to a place of honor. Draw your family around this dinner table, but this time, don't draw them in their usual spot!



In today's reading, Jesus tells us that those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. Seems a bit backwards, doesn't it!? Look up Matthew 20:16 for another seemingly backwards thing Jesus said, and write it below:

"So the _____ will be _____, and the _____ will be _____."

Do you know what the word *humble* means? It means being modest, meek, and selfless in behavior or spirit. What are some words that mean the **opposite** of humble?



O God beyond All Praising



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 The flow'r of earth - ly splen - dor in time must sure - ly die,
3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
its frag - ile bloom sur - ren - der to you, the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
but hid - den from all na - ture the e - ter - nal seed is sown-
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer-cies with - out end:
though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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CHORUS

D2 A2/C# Em7 D/F#

I'm com - ing back to the heart of wor - ship, and it's all a - bout You,

20 G A7sus D2 A2/C#

all a - bout You, Je - sus. I'm sor - ry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's

23 Em7 D/F# G A7sus D

all a - bout You, all a - bout You, Je - sus. —

CHORUS

17 E B F# G#m7 E
 say, "Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the

22 B F# G#m7 F# E
 name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." *Last time to Coda* Φ *D.C.*

BRIDGE

27 2 B F# G#m7 E
 You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My

32 B F# G#m7 E E *D.S. al Coda*
 heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless - ed be the

37 Φ E B
Coda

If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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