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with God's love and grace.**

Welcome Pastor Scott

Pre-Prelude *If Thou Be Near* Finely Fluted

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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.

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Carolyn Springer

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles

Nikki Young

On behalf of the church, we present to you these Bibles. We have chosen the Spark NRSV Bible because we felt they were age appropriate, user friendly and would serve you well until you get to confirmation. As third graders, you are old enough to read these words on your own, to study them, pray with them, and ask questions about them. You do not only read these words on your own. You also come to God's Word in the context of a community here at church and in J.A.M.

Congregation

We hope that as you read the Bible, you will bring not only your faith but also your questions and your doubts to New Hanover Lutheran Church to find a loving, supporting, listening and teaching community. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

Pastor

As you read the Word in the family of God, you also read it as part of your earthly family.

Family members of those receiving Bibles

We promise to read these words with you, to listen to your questions, to share our ideas, and be honest about our doubts. We want to grow with you in faith and knowledge.

Distribute Bibles to each student.

Pastor

Receive the Word of God. Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. They tell us who we are. They tell us that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may you encounter this story as God's living Word for you, for this community, and for the world. Amen.

JAM (Jesus and Me) Teacher Installation

Nikki Young

We invite the teachers to come forward.

Today we recognize and bless those who have been called, set apart, equipped and sent as leaders in our teaching ministry.

(The Director of Children Family & Youth addresses the teachers)

As those called and empowered by God to teach, guide and lead the children, youth and adults, do you accept this responsibility to nurture Christian growth in others and give witness to God's faithfulness in your own life?

Teachers

I accept this responsibility and ask God to help and guide me.

Nikki Young

Will you draw upon the spiritual gifts God has bestowed upon you? Will you use your talents, interests and abilities to lead others to fullness in a life in Christ?

Teachers

I will and ask God to help and guide me.

(The DCF&Y addresses all those who will be participating in Christian Education)

Will you, the learners, participate to the best of your ability eagerly seeking to be fed by God's Word, and, respecting and supporting those who teach and lead?

Learners

We will, and ask God to help and guide us.

Nikki Young

It is our privilege to affirm and send forth those who are called to the teaching ministry of our congregation and God's kingdom in this place. Will you commit to support them in their spiritual well-being through prayer, encouragement, participation and service? And will you pray that teachers, leaders and learners will be well fed by God's incredible Word?

Congregation

We will, and ask God to help and guide us.

Nikki Young

Let us pray. Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon all those who teach and learn. Bless the gifts you have bestowed on us and help us to acknowledge your intent for these gifts. Fill us with desire to live faithfully and committed to leading others to your abundant grace and love. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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First Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Kady Singley
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Here ends the reading.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. It contains a series of rests followed by a melodic line starting on G4, moving up stepwise to D5, marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics "Gra-cious Spir - it, dwell with me," are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody, starting with a measure rest marked with a 4, then moving down stepwise from D5 to G4. The lyrics "I would gra-cious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;" are written below the staff.

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-rior, speak.

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Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

Ali Clark

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Ali Clark

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day

I Will Follow

Grace Praise Band

Intro:

Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move.
I will follow.

All your ways are good,
All your ways are sure;
I will trust in You alone.
Higher than my sight,
High above your life;
I will trust in You alone.

Chorus:

Where You go, I'll go;
Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love;
How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah,
I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world,
Light into my life,
I will live for You alone.
You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find
All I need in You alone. In you alone.

Chorus

Bridge:

In You, there's life everlasting.
In You, there's freedom for my soul.
In You, there's joy, unending joy.
And I will follow

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Yeah,

I will follow You, yeah,

I will follow You, yeah,

I will follow You, yeah

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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Scott

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Pastor Scott

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Pastor Scott

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Scott

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Table, open to everyone. The usher will direct you when to come forward. Communion glasses are found on the stand at the front of the line to your right. Take an empty glass if you are choosing to commune with wine or a pre-filled glass (with grape juice) if you will be communing with grape juice. Receive your bread from the pastor, gluten-free bread from the plate, and the wine, or blessing over the grape juice from the lay assistant. There are two wine stations, so please, choose the open station. Persons not communing may receive a personal blessing (simply keep your hands down at your sides or folded across your heart).

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Communion Song *O Come to the Altar* Grace Praise Band

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Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

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 *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Finely Fluted

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The offering will be taken at this time.

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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

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

ELW #772

Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Count Your Blessings

Finely Fluted

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Ali Clark, who is providing the message this morning and working with us for the God's Work, Our Hands service projects during J.A.M. Also, we welcome **Finely Fluted** (Nancy Mest, Rashell Williams, Joanne Nagle, Marta Weller and Kimberly Batchelder) and **Steve Eisenhart**, who are providing the music for this morning's worship.

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of teachers and students preparing for the 2025-2026 school year by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Brian and Joan Flack's 30th 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: 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

Next Sunday Head Usher: Barbara Repa, Usher: Georgann Geiser, Lector: Terry Santangelo, Children's Sermon Janine Springer, Acolyte: Sadie Hubley

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

JAM Kickoff All are invited to attend the JAM kickoff this morning following worship in fellowship hall to complete a God's Work Our Hands service project.



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Adult Forum Begins today at 10:15 AM, education wing. **Do one thing (but make it reasonable).** *In Defense of Prudence* by Kate Bowler Summer is almost over. School begins, student activities begin, parent activities begin, grandparent activities begin and so on! Where does it end? What did we supposedly rest all summer for? Let's discuss how to make small changes and be joyful. Let's face it, who has time to do big change?

The annual church picnic will be held today at 11:15 in the picnic grove. Hosted by the Fellowship Committee, the main course and drinks will be provided. The congregation is encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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

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

Congregation Picnic – Today, 11:15 AM, picnic grove

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

325th Anniversary Committee – Monday, 6:30 PM, room 15

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

Finance Committee – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, zoom

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

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

Gathering – Thursday, 12:30 PM, room 1

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

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

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

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

KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 AM

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:15 AM, 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.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

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 20 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.

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 love 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.

Chancel Choir welcomes new singers!! The rush of excitement when you hear voices in harmony, the sense of belonging you feel at rehearsals with a group of fun and supportive people AND the fulfillment of enriching the Sunday liturgical experience - all familiar feelings to anyone who has experienced the joy of singing in a church choir.

Consider joining the choir and find out for yourself!! Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45 PM, starting September 17th. For more information contact Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry at patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheranchurch.org.

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

Morning of Hope Jerusalem Lutheran Church in Schwenksville is hosting an event presented by Lynn Eib, long-time survivor, patient, advocate, award-winning journalist and best-selling author of “When GOD & Cancer Meet.” This free event is held Saturday, October 11th, 9:00 AM – Noon (doors open at 8:15 for a continental breakfast). The event is a hope-filled morning of emotional and spiritual encouragement for anyone touched by cancer: patients, survivors, caregivers, friends and healthcare or ministry professionals. Space is limited. Register online at www.jelc.org or call (610) 287-7104.

Help Needed

JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade NHEL C 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, 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.

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@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 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

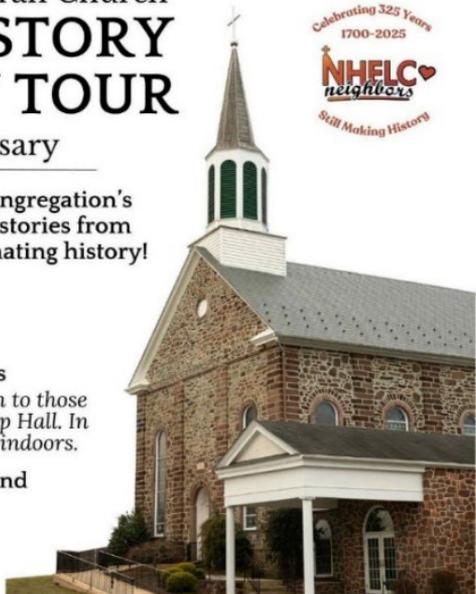
Join us as we celebrate the congregation's 325th anniversary by sharing stories from New Hanover's long and fascinating history!

📅 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

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
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
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How big is your church?

Count how many steps it takes you to get from the back of the worship space to the front. First, trace part of your foot below. Inside your foot, write the total number of steps you took.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 13

- Today is the 13th Sunday after Pentecost.
- The color of Pentecost is **green**.
- During Pentecost, we learn what it means to **follow Jesus**.

What color is a tree? _____

If you answered green, you're only partly right! Trees can also be red, brown, yellow, and other colors, especially depending on the season. Draw what trees look like in these different seasons. Use lots of colors.

Summer

Fall

Winter

Spring



Jesus says we might need to give up some things to follow him.

Draw the things that would be hardest for you to give up.

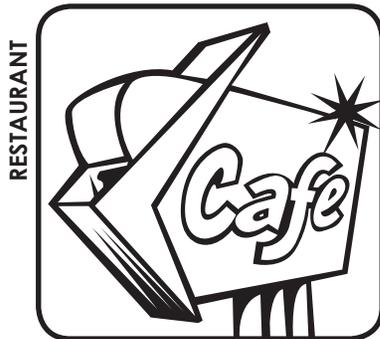
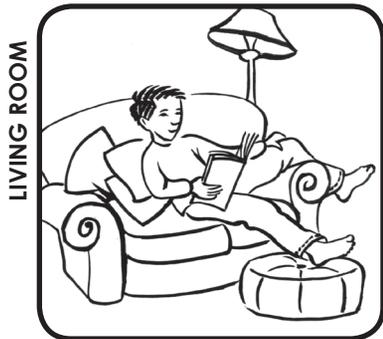
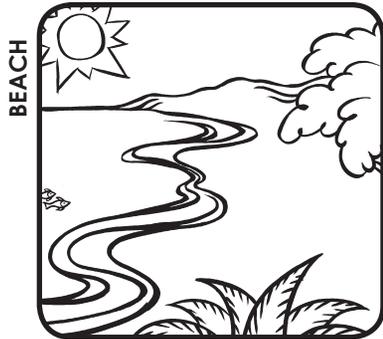
Jesus said "Drop everything and follow me!"



Worship Space

What does your worship space look like? Draw it below.

Do worship spaces *need* to look like yours? Do we even need to worship in a church building at all? Circle some of the other scenes that might work as worship spaces.



We can worship God when we gather to glorify God's name!



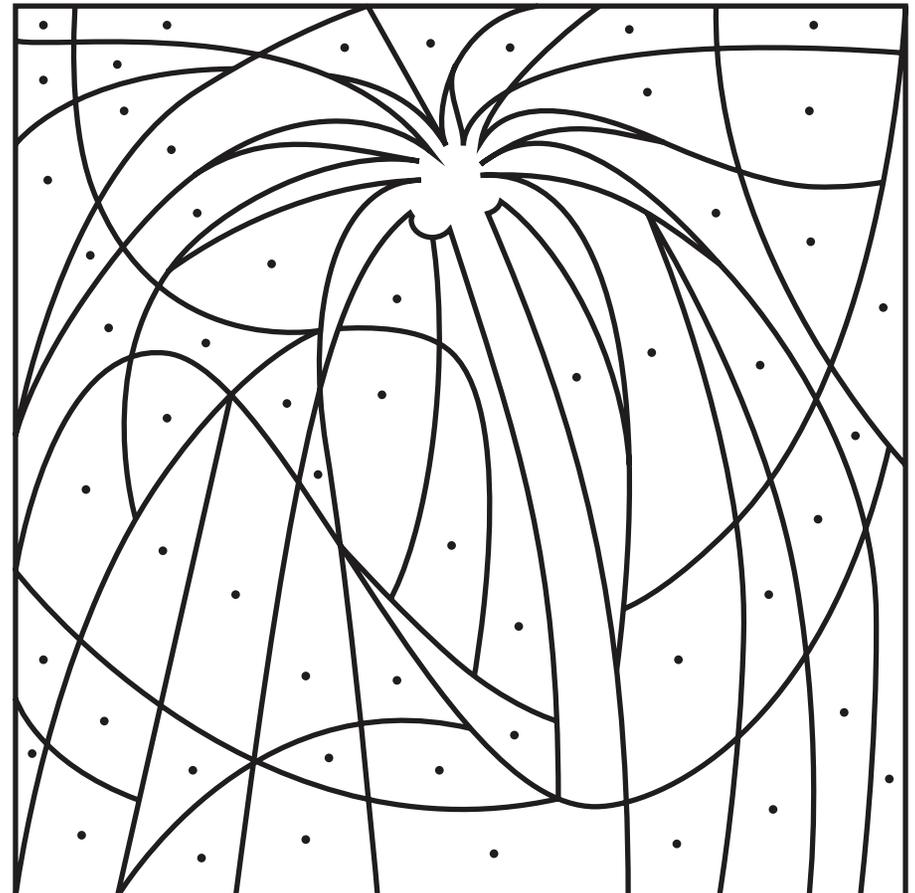
READER

Pentecost 13

- Today is the **13th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During Pentecost, we learn how to **follow Jesus**.
- Sometimes following Jesus means **making sacrifices**.

Can You See the Tree?

Can you see a tree in this scene? Probably not! Color in all the sections that have a small dot so that you can see the Pentecost tree.



Fill in the spaces below with silly words to make your own version of today's memory verse!



KEY

Noun = person, place, or thing

Verb = action word, like "run" or "eat"

Adjective = a word that describes a noun

Adverb = a word that describes a verb

Whoever does not _____ the _____

VERB

SINGULAR NOUN

and _____ me cannot be my _____."

VERB

NOUN

- _____ 14:27

BOY'S NAME

Give It Up!

Today's reading tells us that following Jesus is not always easy! It requires that we give up some things. What are your top three possessions that would be the hardest for you to give up? Write about them or draw them below.

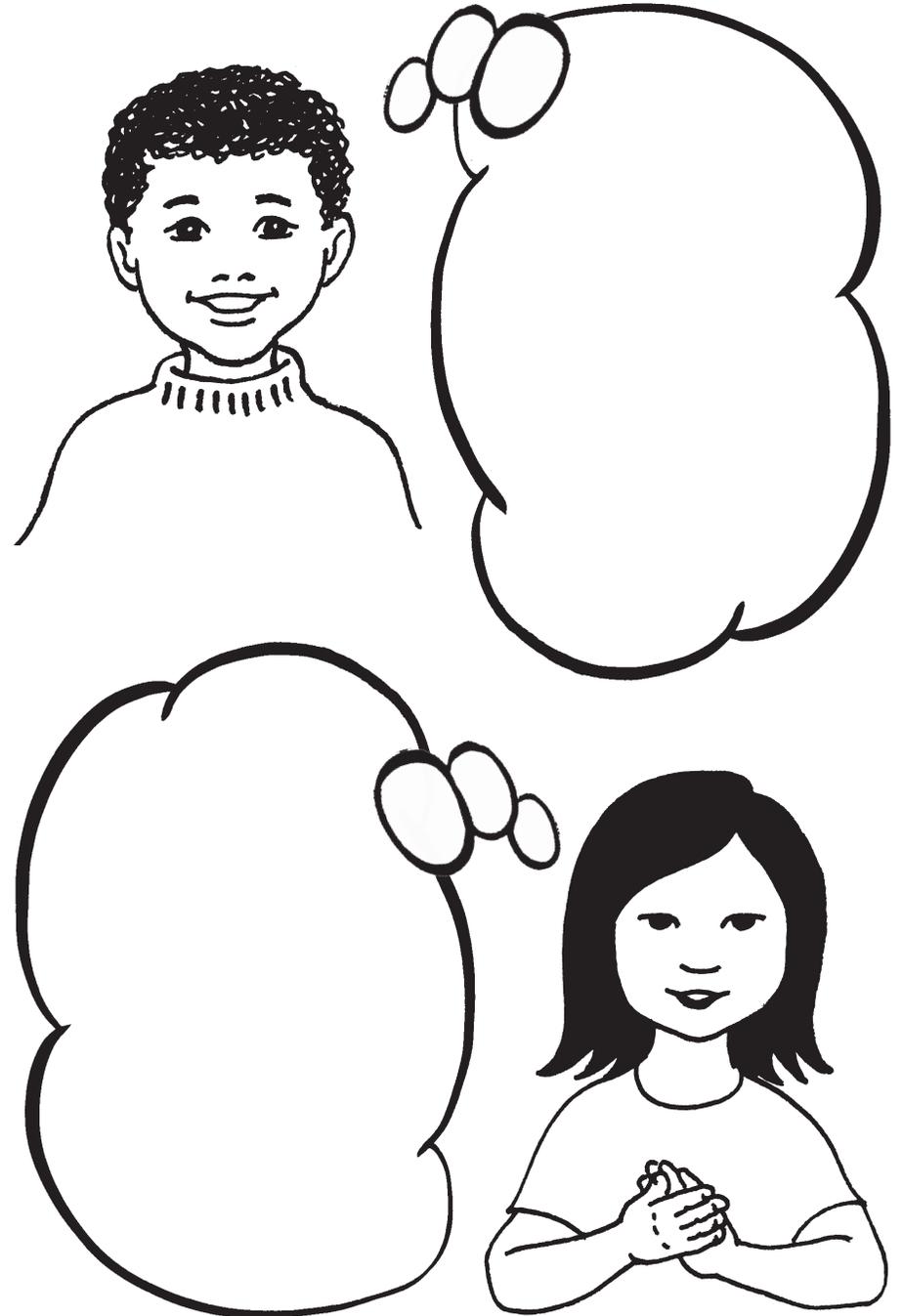
1.

2.

3.

Follow the Leader

What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? Write your ideas here.



Here are the actual words for today's memory verse: "And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." - Luke 14:27

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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I Will Follow

Words and Music by
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INTRO

♩ = 96 Gm Eb/G Bb/F

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move.

4 F Gm7 Eb2 Bb F(4)

I will fol - low. Oh, oh, oh.

VERSE

Eb Gm7 F(4) Bb2 F/A

1. All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will trust in You a - lone.
2. Light in - to the world, Light in - to my life— I will live for You a - lone.

13 Eb Gm7 F(4) Bb2 F/A

High - er than my sight, high a - bove my life; I will trust in You a - lone.
You're the One I seek, know - ing I will find all I need in You a - lone..

CHORUS

17 Eb F(4) Gm7 Eb2

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
In You a - lone.

21 B \flat F(4) Gm7

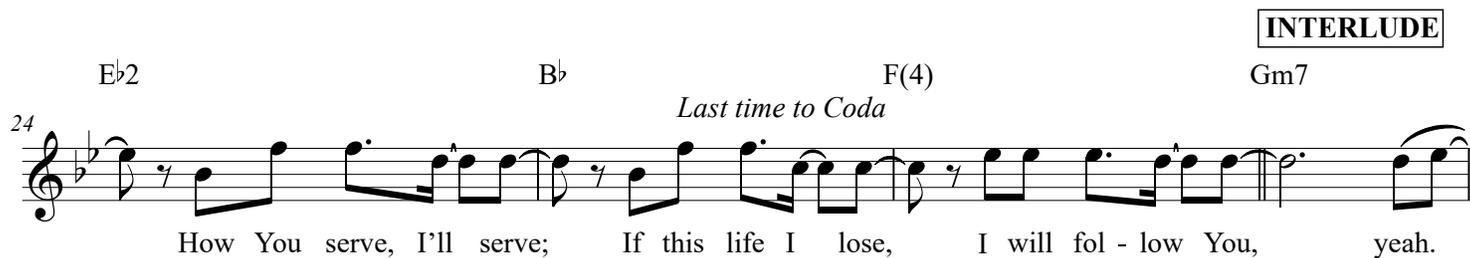


When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

INTERLUDE

24 E \flat 2 B \flat F(4) Gm7

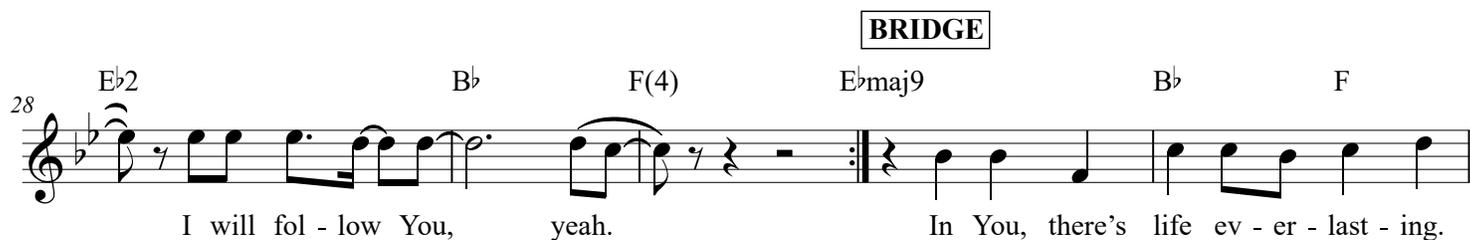
Last time to Coda



How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah.

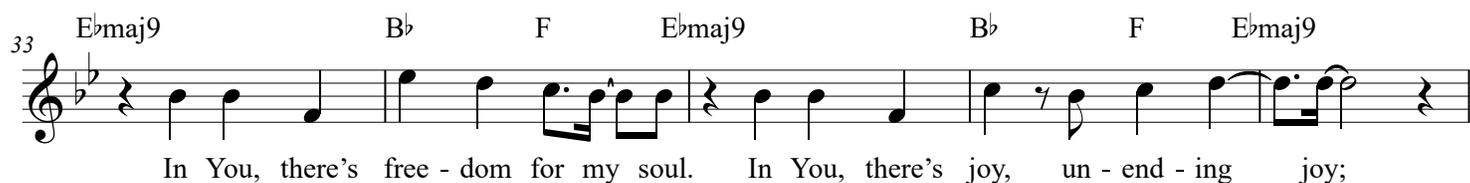
BRIDGE

28 E \flat 2 B \flat F(4) E \flat maj9 B \flat F



I will fol - low You, yeah. In You, there's life ev - er - last - ing.

33 E \flat maj9 B \flat F E \flat maj9 B \flat F E \flat maj9



In You, there's free - dom for my soul. In You, there's joy, un - end - ing joy;

38 B \flat F *D.S. al Coda*



And I will fol - - low.

CHORUS

39 F(4) Gm7 E \flat 2

Coda



I will fol - low. Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;

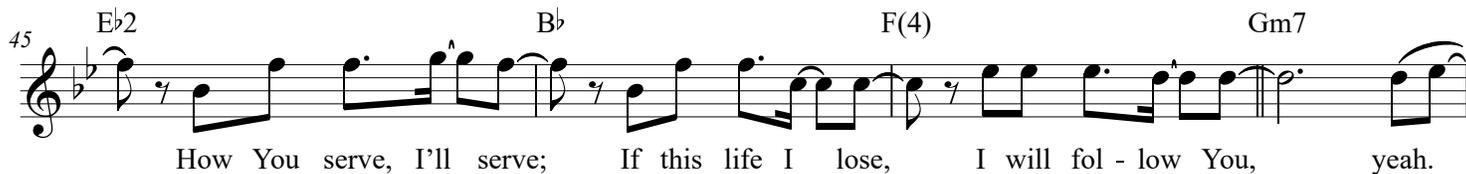
42 B \flat F(4) Gm7



When You move, I'll move. I will fol - low You. Whom You love, I'll love;

ENDING

45 Eb2 Bb F(4) Gm7



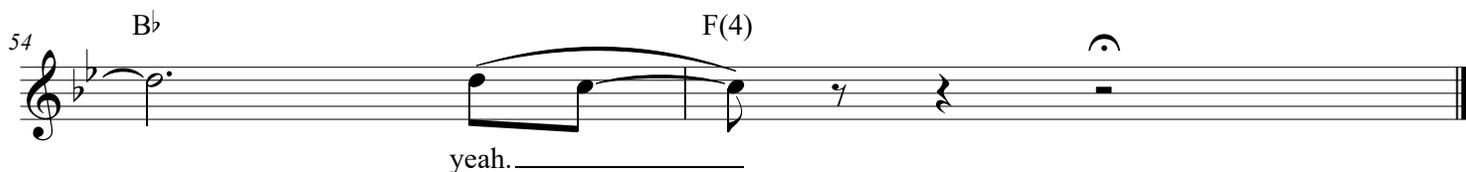
How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will fol - low You, yeah.

49 Eb2 Bb F(4) Gm7 Eb2



I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You, yeah. I will fol - low You,

54 Bb F(4)



yeah.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways



- 1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
- 2 Or - der my foot-steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
- 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
- 4 Make me to walk in your com-ands, 'tis a de-light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min-ion, Lord, but keep my con-science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan-d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

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