

Welcome to worship at  
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 14, 2025



*"There is joy in the  
presence of the angels  
of God over one  
sinner who repents."*

*Luke 15:10*

The grumbling of the religious leaders in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God seeks and saves the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As the writer of 1 Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

**The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor  
Nicole Young, seminarian minister  
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry  
Lindsey Waltermyer, Grace band leader**

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

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[newhanoverlutheran.org](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)  
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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 Master, Let Me Walk with You* ELW #818

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, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Centering Song

*Living Hope*

Grace Praise Band

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Chorus:*

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

*Repeat verse*

Jesus, Yours is the victory

*Chorus*

*Ending:*

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Janine Springer

First Reading

Acts 9:1-19

Terry Santangelo

A reading from the book of Acts

<sup>1</sup> Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” <sup>5</sup> He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

<sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> 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.” <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup> 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; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup> 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.” <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

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

Here ends the reading.

*Please rise as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation**     *Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?*



Al - le - lu - ia.    Lord, to    whom shall we go?    You have the



words of e - ter - nal life.    Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia.                      Al - le -



lu - ia.    Al - le - lu - ia,                      al - le - lu - ia.

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**Gospel**    **Luke 15:1-10**    **Pastor Scott**  
**The holy gospel according to Luke**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message

Pastor Scott

*A moment of silence for reflection*

*Please rise as you are able.*

Song of the Day *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Grace Praise Band

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see  
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

*Chorus:*

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

*Chorus 2x*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below

Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine

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Prayers of Intercession Nikki Young  
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer Nikki Young  
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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

Peace Nikki Young  
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**  
Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

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

*Please be seated.*  
Offertory

Choir Anthem *Sing Alleluia*

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*The offering will be taken at this time.*

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Offertory Response *We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "We bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord; we bring the sac-ri-fice of praise in-to the house of the Lord. And we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of thanks-giv-ing; and we of-fer up to you the sac-ri-fic-es of joy." The guitar accompaniment includes various chords such as D, Em7, D2/F#, G, F#m7, G/A, D, Em7, D2/F#, Bm7, Em7, GM7/A, A, Dsus, D, D/F#, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, D, Dsus/E, D/F#, D7, G, F#m7, Bm7, Em7, G/A, A7, and D.

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*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

Announcements

Pastor Scott

*Please rise as you are able.*

Sending Hymn *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

ELW #802

Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in C*

Lorraine Forsdick

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## Announcements

### Today

**The bulletin** is presented to the glory of God and in honor and thanksgiving for the Reconciling in Christ team by Todd and Stacey Rothermel.

**The flowers** are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Donald and in honor of Betty Hedrick for their anniversary by Ron and Diane.

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

**Next Sunday** Head Usher: Ron Fegley, Ushers: Steve Weidner and Rick Solazzo, Lector: Carolyn Fleming, Children's Sermon: Pastor Scott, Acolyte: Rae Bechtel

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

**Reconciling In Christ (RIC)** Following the worship service this morning, 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. All confirmed members are encouraged to stay for the survey.



**Adult Forum** Will be held today in the education wing following the congregational survey. **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 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

**J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal** – Today, 10:20 – 11:40 AM, room 15

**KFC (Kids for Christ) Rehearsal** – Today, 11:00 AM, sanctuary

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

**AARP** – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

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

**Walnut Woods Service** – Tuesday, 10:00 AM  
**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, picnic grove  
**Reconciling in Christ** – 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, rooms 33-34  
**Chancel Choir** – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal** – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15  
**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34  
**Council** – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 14

**Worship Service** – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online  
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**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary  
**Rejoicing Spirits** – Next Sunday, 2:30 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

## Upcoming Event

**The NHELK 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).

**Pr. Carl Filer** will be the guest preacher on World Communion Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.jelc.org) or call (610) 287-7104.

# New Hanover Lutheran Church LIVING HISTORY CEMETERY TOUR

325th Anniversary

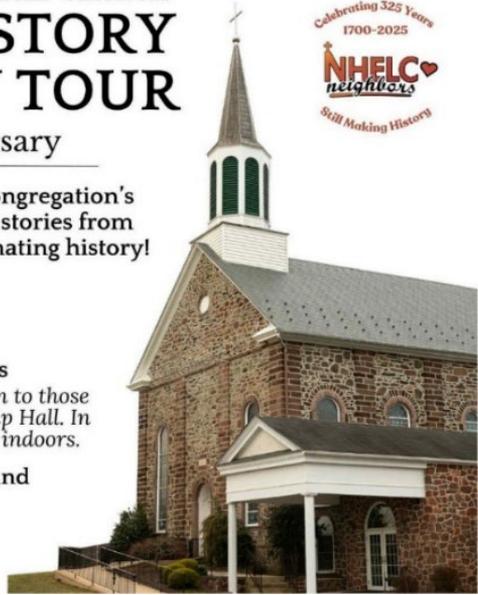
Join us as we celebrate the congregation's 325<sup>th</sup> anniversary by sharing stories from New Hanover's long and fascinating history!

📅 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!



## Share Your Musical Talents

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry at [patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheranchurch.org](mailto:patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheranchurch.org).

### **Do you have a heart for worship and a talent for music?**

Vocalists and instrumentalists (especially guitar!) are welcome to join a praise band! Our Grace Band (for adults) rehearses weekly at 11:20 AM in the sanctuary. You do not need to commit to participating every week! Our Kids For Christ (KFC) praise band is for youth in grades 6-12 and rehearses weekly at 11:00 AM in

the sanctuary. If you are interested in using your gifts to serve, contact Lindsey Waltermeyer ([GoldieLW@gmail.com](mailto:GoldieLW@gmail.com)).

## Help Needed

**JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade** NHELC 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 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.

## 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 souvenirs** are available in the Welcome Center near the photo display panels. Stop by the display case for two kinds of key chains, coloring books and crayons, magnets, and backpacks. Are you missing a Moments in Time insert? Extra copies are available. Contact Barb Eisenhart, Lee Wesner or Susan Gutshall. Wrappers for the collection are also available in the Welcome Center.

**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 NHELHC? 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. NHELHC 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!** NHELCLC’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**

**Volunteer to help in the garden** 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** welcoming statement:

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.

## 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 Betty Lou Shadle, LuAnne Fowler's mother, and Jeffrey Weems

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
Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini	Raul Castro
Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch	Wilma Lahr
Melissa	Mary Lou	Doug Weaver
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If you could hide a coin anywhere in your worship space, where would it be? Draw your secret spot below.

**After worship, borrow a coin from someone. Go hide it in your secret spot and see if a friend can find it!**



# PRE-READER

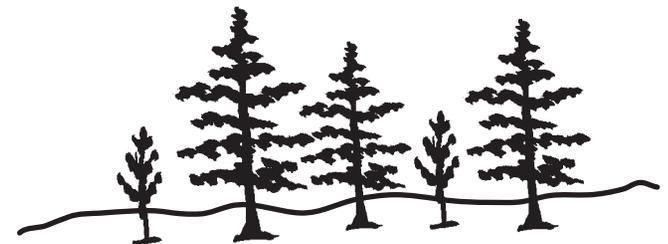
Pentecost 14

- Today is the 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.
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- Today's parable reminds us that **we are never lost** with God as our shepherd.

**Imagine you want to build a campfire but have no firewood. Where can you find some? Draw yourself there!**



IN THE OCEAN



IN THE FOREST



**Just like the shepherd, God will never stop looking for someone who's lost!**

Pretend you're the shepherd.

**How many lost sheep can you find in this scene?**



**Total number of sheep:**

## Lost and Found

In today's parables, Jesus talks about things that were lost but now are found. What does it mean for people to be lost and found? Hint: this isn't about Hide and Seek! Listen to today's sermon or ask people around you after church to figure out how we are lost and how God finds us. Write your findings below.



lost



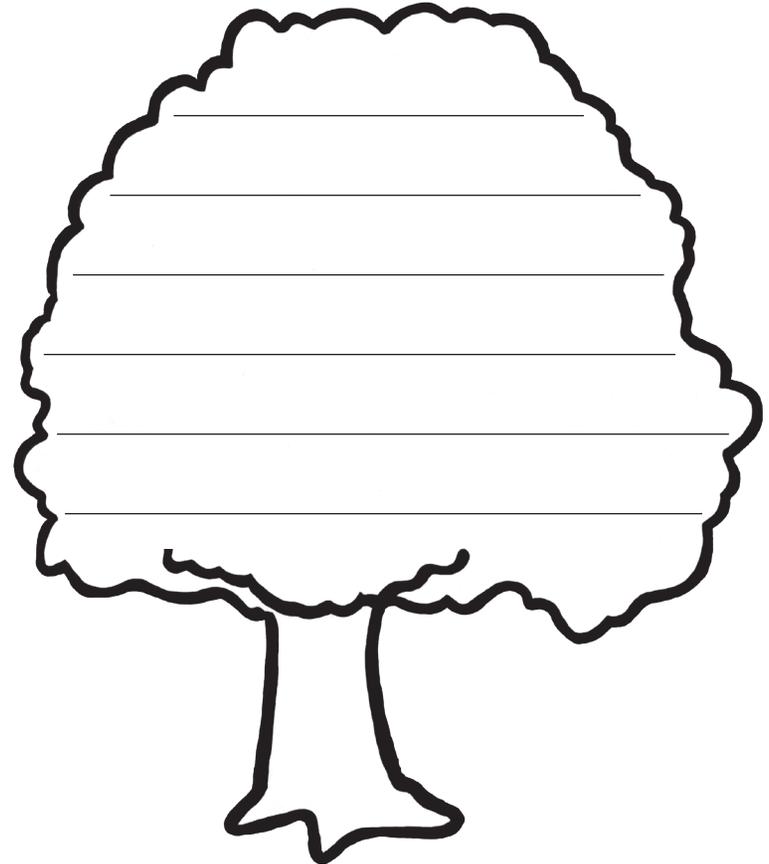
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## Poetree

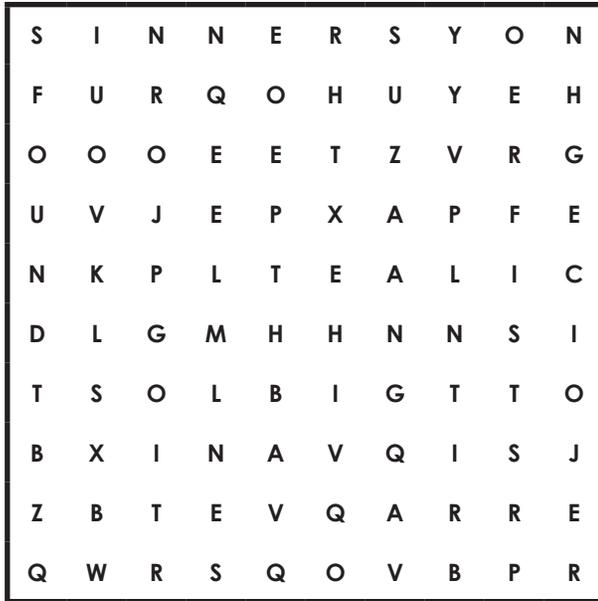
What do you love about trees? Why do humans need them? What's your favorite kind of tree? In this tree, write a poem about trees and nature. Have fun creating some *poetree*!



Below is today's memory verse. The words that are bold are also hidden in the Word Find. The shepherd finds the sheep. God finds us. Can you find these missing words?

## Memory Verse

“**Rejoice** with me, for I have **found** my **lost sheep**.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in **heaven** over one **sinner** who **repents** than over ninety-nine **righteous** persons who need no repentance.”  
-Luke 15:6-7

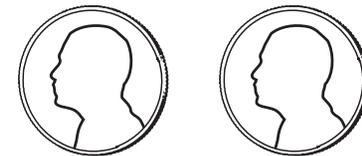
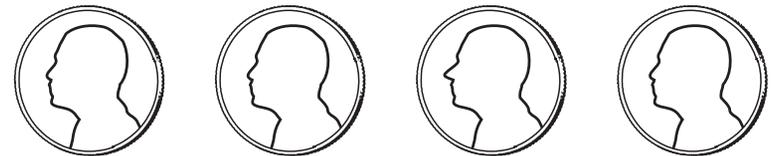
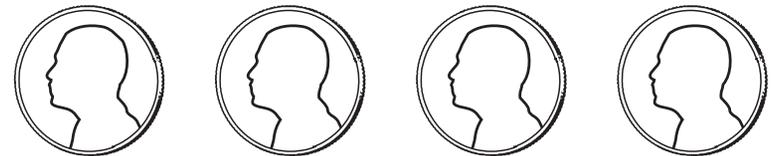
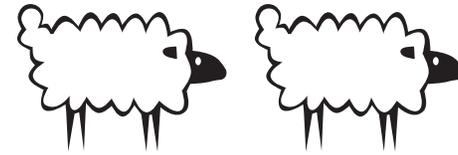
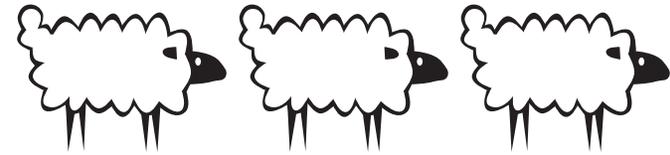


The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin are next to another story about something lost. Read Luke 15:11-32 to find what else was lost and is now found. Write it in the blank.

- 1) The parable of the lost sheep
- 2) The parable of the lost coin
- 3) The parable of the lost \_\_\_\_\_

## Which One of These Is Not Like The Other?

Below is a set of sheep and coins. Can you find which sheep and coins match?



Do you know what a *parable* is? A parable is a story that Jesus told about what the kingdom of heaven is like and what God is like. But parables aren't straightforward stories. Jesus told these surprising and confusing parables to make people think. Sometimes his parables made people question everything they thought they already knew.



# O Master, Let Me Walk with You



1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly  
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,  
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;  
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

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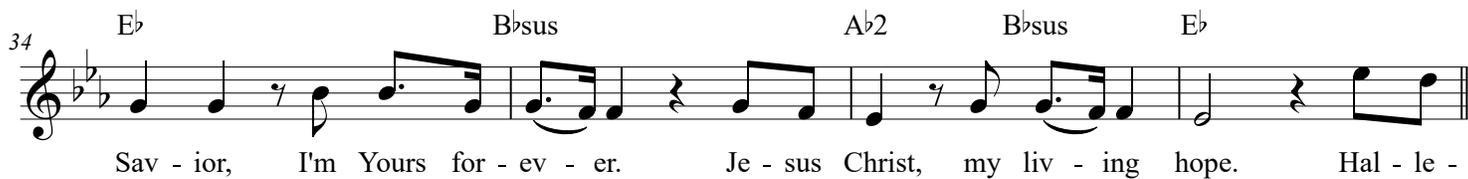


30  $A\flat 2$   $E\flat$   $Cm7$   $B\flat(4)$



spo - ken; I am for - giv - en. The King of kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful

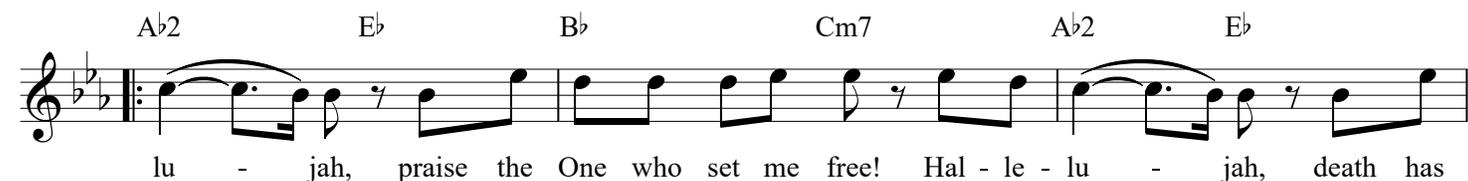
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Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le -

**CHORUS**

$A\flat 2$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $Cm7$   $A\flat 2$   $E\flat$



lu - jah, praise the One who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah, death has

41  $B\flat$   $Cm7$   $A\flat 2$   $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $Cm7$   $E\flat/B\flat$



lost its grip on me! You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain. There's sal - va - tion in Your name. Je - sus

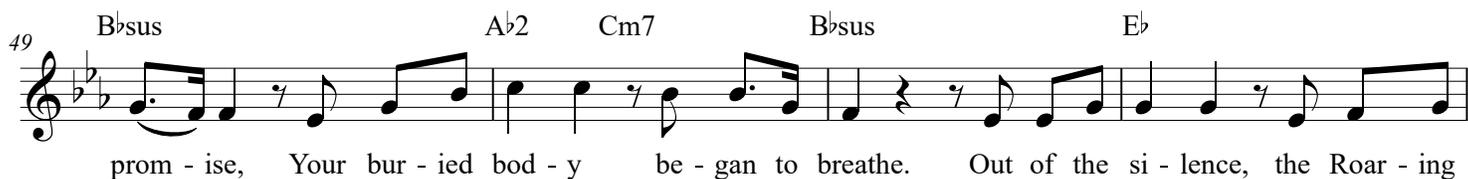
**VERSE 3**

44  $A\flat 2$   $B\flat sus$   $B\flat$   $E\flat$   $E\flat$



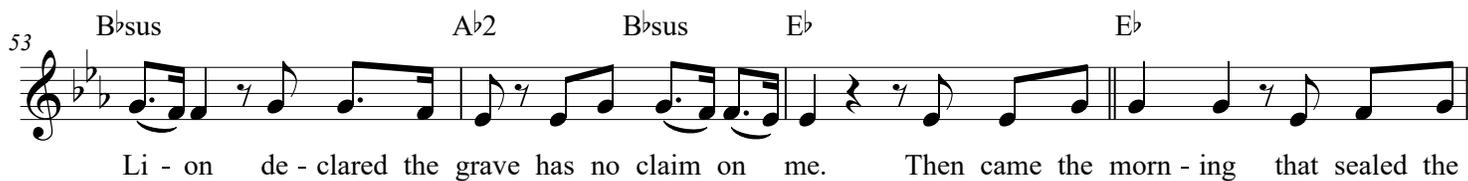
Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le hope. 3. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the

49  $B\flat sus$   $A\flat 2$   $Cm7$   $B\flat sus$   $E\flat$



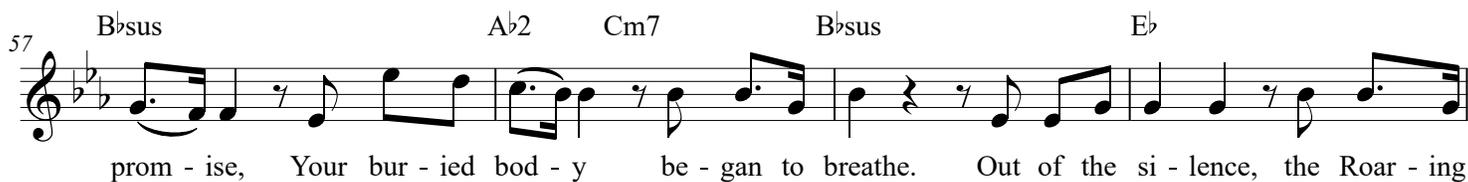
prom - ise, Your bur - ied bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the Roar - ing

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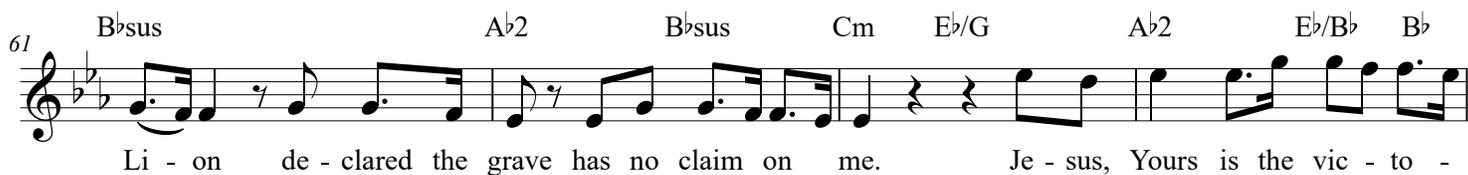
Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the

57  $B\flat sus$   $A\flat 2$   $Cm7$   $B\flat sus$   $E\flat$



prom - ise, Your bur - ied bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the Roar - ing

61  $B\flat sus$   $A\flat 2$   $B\flat sus$   $Cm$   $E\flat/G$   $A\flat 2$   $E\flat/B\flat$   $B\flat$



Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me. Je - sus, Yours is the vic - to -

**CHORUS**

65

E $\flat$  A $\flat$ 2 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm7  
*(2nd x sing cues)*

ry! Whoa. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise the One who set me free! Hal - le -

69

A $\flat$ 2 E $\flat$  B $\flat$  Cm7 A $\flat$ 2 E $\flat$

lu - jah, death has lost its grip on me! You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain. There's sal -

72

B $\flat$  Cm7 E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  A $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ sus B $\flat$  E $\flat$  Cm E $\flat$ /G

1 2

va - tion in Your name. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le hope. Je - sus

**ENDING**

A $\flat$ 2 B $\flat$ sus B $\flat$  Cm E $\flat$ /G E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  A $\flat$ 2 E $\flat$ /B $\flat$  B $\flat$  E $\flat$

Christ, my liv - ing hope. O God, You are my liv - ing hope.

# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

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## VERSE 1 & 2

♩ = 60

F B $\flat$ /F F

1. A maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like  
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re -

4

C/F F F/A B $\flat$  F C/F

me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I  
lieved. How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear, the hour

1

8

F C/F F F/A B $\flat$

see. 2. 'Twas I first be - lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set

## CHORUS

12

F/A B $\flat$ /D F/C F/A B $\flat$

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

## VERSE 3

16

F/A Gm7 C7 F F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. 3. The Lord has prom - ised good

20

B $\flat$ /F F C/F F F/A

to me, His word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and por -

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**CHORUS**

24  $B\flat$  F C/F F F/A  $B\flat$

tion be, as long as life en - dures. My chains are gone. I've been set

28 F/A  $B\flat/D$  F/C F/A  $B\flat$

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

32 F/A  $Gm7$  C7 F F/A F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. My chains are

1 2

**VERSE 4**

36  $B\flat/F$  F  $B\flat/F$  F

4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine.

40 C/F F F/A  $B\flat$  F C/F

But God, who called me here be - low, will be for - ev - er mine,

44 F C/F F C/F F

will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.

49

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## Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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