

Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
October 5, 2025



A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

The Rev. Scott Staub, pastor
The Rev. Dr. Carl Filer, guest 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!

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and on YouTube.

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Prelude

Welcome

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

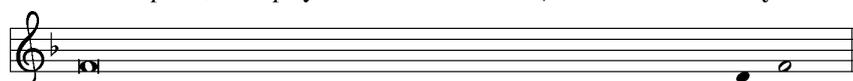
Gathering Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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Kyrie



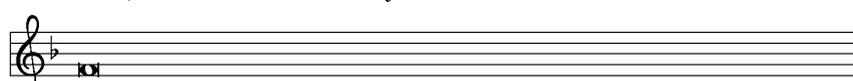
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



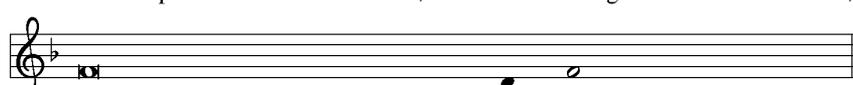
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

This is the Feast

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

Prayer of the Day

Nikki Young

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

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

First Reading Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

Donna Kehs

A reading from the book of Habakkuk

¹ The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴ So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1} I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

² Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Pastor Carl Filer

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *Give Me Faith*

Grace Praise Band

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to open my eyes
To see that You're shaping my life

Pre-Chorus:

All I am
I surrender

Chorus:

Give me faith to trust what You say
That You're good and Your love is great
I'm broken inside I give You my life

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to pierce through the dark
And cleanse every part of me

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge:

'Cause I may be weak
But Your Spirit's strong in me
My flesh may fail
My God You never will

Repeat Bridge

Chorus 2x

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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor Carl Filer

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 Carl Filer

God of grace,

receive our prayer.

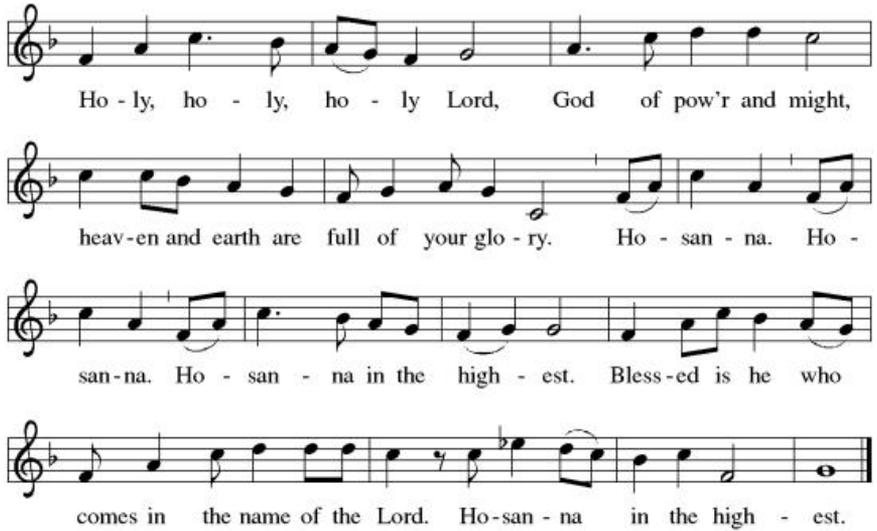
Preface

Pastor Carl Filer

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of
everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer (*Sung*)

Pastor Carl Filer

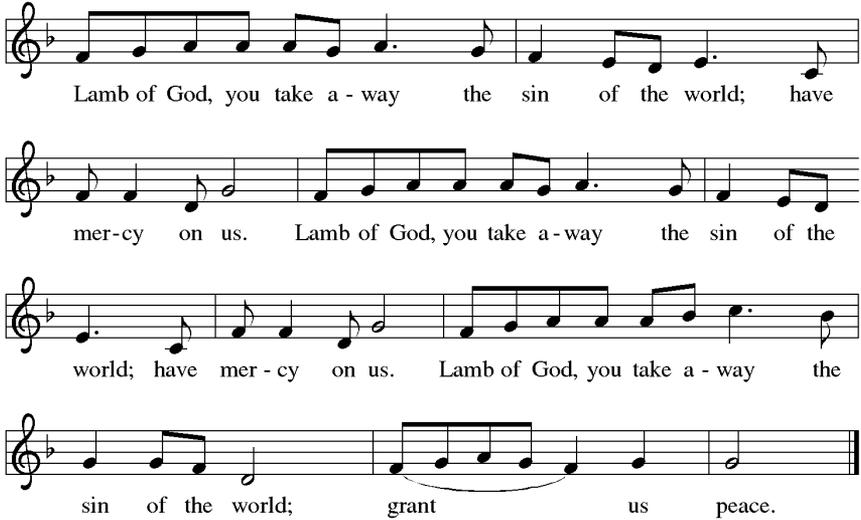
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

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Please be seated.

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

Faithful

Grace Praise Band

"Faithful" Words and music by Chris Tomlin, Christy Nockels, Ed Cash and Nathan Nockels.

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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

Choir Anthem

Sing On, Dance On!

Chancel Choir

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The offering will be taken at this time.

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Offertory Response

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise



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

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of fer up to you the sac ri fic es of thanks giv ing; and we

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of fer up to you the sac ri fic es of joy.

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Nikki Young

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn

How Firm a Foundation

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Dismissal

Nikki Young

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Finale in D

C. L. Koch

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Announcements

Today

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Carl Filer, who will be preaching and residing over communion this morning.

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Malaina Meeker's 14th birthday by her parents Christopher and Megan and her brother London.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Carolina Hansley's eighth birthday by Marlene Hansley.

The communion is presented to the glory of God and in honor of our Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may we follow the word in acceptance and love for ALL!, by Janet Psota.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is presented to the glory of God; may we harvest acceptance, and give thanks to God for the love of our Lord Jesus that was given to us, by Janet Psota.

Today: Head Usher: Marty Hauser, Ushers: Terry Santangelo and Bill Tracey, Lector: Donna Kehs, Children's Sermon: Nicole Ewing, Acolyte: Hannah Waltermyer, Communion Assistants: Barbara Repa and Terry Santangelo

Next Sunday Head Usher: Ed Becker, Ushers: Bryce Manthorne and Monique Becker, Lector: Leslie Gates, Children's Sermon: Dee Singley, Acolyte: Caleb Woods

Altar Guild members serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care, Brenda Hunsberger and Kay Kurtz.



Adult Forum Will be held today in the education wing following the worship service. **Do one thing (but make it reasonable).** *In Defense of Prudence* by Kate Bowler Summer is over. School began, student activities began, parent activities began, grandparent activities began 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

Reception – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

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

Confirmation Class – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James,
Pottstown

Cub Scouts Parents Meeting – Today, 6:00 – 8:30 PM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14,
27-34, 36-37

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1

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

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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 27

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

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

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

Congregational Meeting – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, sanctuary

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

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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

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.

A special congregational meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, October 12th, for a congregational vote on two statements recommended by the Reconciling in Christ team. The two statements will be on a single vote for the presented Welcoming Statement and Called Roster Leader Statement. The acceptance of both statements is required for NHELC to become a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation of the ELCA. All confirmed members are encouraged to attend.

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Wave of Light day is Wednesday, October 15th. Watch for more details coming up on how NHELC will observe the day.

Pumpkin Frolic on Sunday, October 19th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM The annual Pumpkin Frolic is an enjoyable event for all ages. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin painting, fall crafts, scavenger hunt and games. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided. We will close with a light meal consisting of hotdogs and snack foods.

The Pumpkin Frolic is a Thrivent Action team service project so there is no charge; however, **bring some nonperishable food for Preston's Pantry** at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Watch for a

signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-58720706-pumpkin>. To be sure enough pumpkins will be available, **sign up by Monday, October 13th**. This event will be held in fellowship hall.

Trunk or Treat and Sunshine Learning Center Open House will be on Saturday, October 25th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM NHELCC is excited to partner with our Cub Scout Pack 367 to host a community Trunk or Treat event in the church parking lot. Join in the fun with refreshments, games, meet the scouts and tour the Sunshine Learning Center. All are invited to come to Trunk or Treat, but we need your help! Additional trunks and people to hand out candy are needed. You can decorate as much or as little as you would like. Cars may begin to arrive to set up starting at 4:00, but we kindly request that you be here no later than 4:30. Also needed is volunteers to assist as parking lot attendants and refreshment servers.

Since this is the first event of this kind, having extra candy on hand is helpful in case people run out. Therefore, if you cannot help with any of those positions above, you can still help make this event a success by donating candy. To participate, sign up online <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-58959973-2025>.

November 2, 2025...a Day of Remembrance

Sunday, November 2nd, is All Saints Sunday. It is a day set aside in the church's liturgical calendar to remember with thanksgiving the lives of the saints in the congregation who have departed from us this past year. It is a day when we celebrate God's gracious blessing upon the church on earth and the church in heaven. Prayers of thanksgiving for their Christian witness will be offered as well as for each departed saint's family. Plan now to join us at 9:00 AM on this special Sunday.

The Celebration Continues!

The 325th Anniversary Committee invites you to a Festival Service of Holy Communion on Sunday, November 2nd, at 3:00 PM. The Reverend Bryan J. Penman, Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, will preach and preside over communion.

The choirs and praise bands of New Hanover Lutheran Church will participate.

Following the service, everyone is invited to a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Chef Chris will prepare a catered dinner served buffet-style which will include roasted chicken, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, applesauce, pepper cabbage, and rolls and butter. Cake and ice cream will round out the meal.

Invitations and RSVP post cards were mailed to all households in the congregation in September. An RSVP is required for the dinner. Please sign your name, indicate the number attending, and mail the stamped post card to the church by October 12th. If you did not receive a mailed invitation, see Barbara Eisenhart or Susan Gutshall in the office.

We look forward to seeing you at the Festival Service and dinner as we continue to celebrate 325 years of ministry at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church!

A freewill offering for the dinner will be received. A suggested donation is \$15 per adult, \$5 for children twelve and younger.

Root to Rise – Embracing Change with Grace is the theme of this year's fall yoga class. This class offers a gentle grounding practice designed to release negativity, instill peace and embrace a new season with grace and ease. The class is open to adults and teens, who are age 13-17 as long as they are accompanied by an adult. Classes are held on Saturday, November 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd, from 8:30 – 9:30 AM in the church nursery suite (room 21). Four – five sets of blankets and blocks will be available; contact Leslie Gates ahead of time if you need to reserve a yoga mat. Classes are free-will donation-based for the Food Ministry. Pay in cash or check (payable to NHELCC). Watch for a signup sheet in the welcome center and on the church's website. Any questions, contact Leslie Gates.

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.

Boyertown School Board Candidates' Forum will be hosted by St. John's Lutheran Church, on Thursday, October 16th, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. All candidates have been invited to participate in this opportunity to answer questions from the audience. St. John's is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

Thank You

Harvest Home Thank you to everyone who donated items last week to the annual Harvest Home. An impressive 653 lbs. of non-perishable food and personal items were received and given to Boyertown Area Multi-Service for distribution in our local communities.

Help Needed

JAM (Jesus and Me) teacher needed for 3-5 Grade NHELCC 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 Through October, NHELCC 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.

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. NHELHC 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! NHELHC'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.

Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser:

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/> or connect using this QR Code.



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.

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 Glenn Hoffman

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
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	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	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Patty Houseal
Steve Morriss	Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick
Feryl Stein	John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto	

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In today's parable, Jesus compares our faith to a tiny mustard seed! Can you find four small things in worship today?

Draw them below.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 17

- Today is the **17th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- One symbol for Pentecost is a **tree**.
- Our faith starts out like **a small mustard seed** and grows into a big tree!

Do you know how trees grow? Draw a picture of yourself doing each of these steps.



1) PLANT THE SEED



2) WATER THE SEED



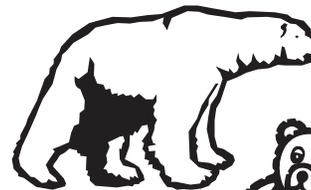
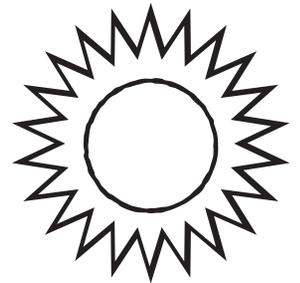
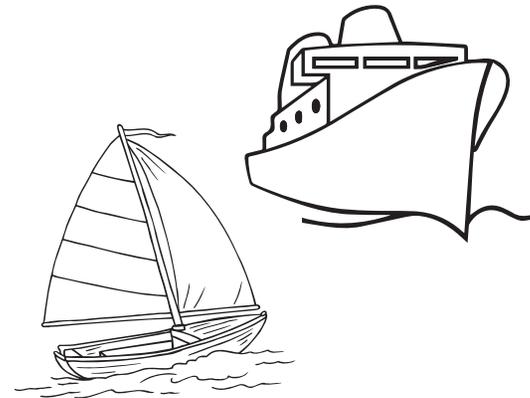
3) WATCH THE TREE GROW



God gives you all the faith you need!

In today's story, Jesus compares our faith to a small mustard seed.

In each pair, circle the thing that is smaller than the other.



Song Request

Below is a song request form. At church, we want to sing hymns and songs that you like! Fill out the request form and put it in the offering plate or give it to your pastor after worship. Be sure to listen up next week to see if your song is selected!

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My name: _____

My age: _____

Song that I request: _____

Page number: _____

Why I love this song: _____



READER

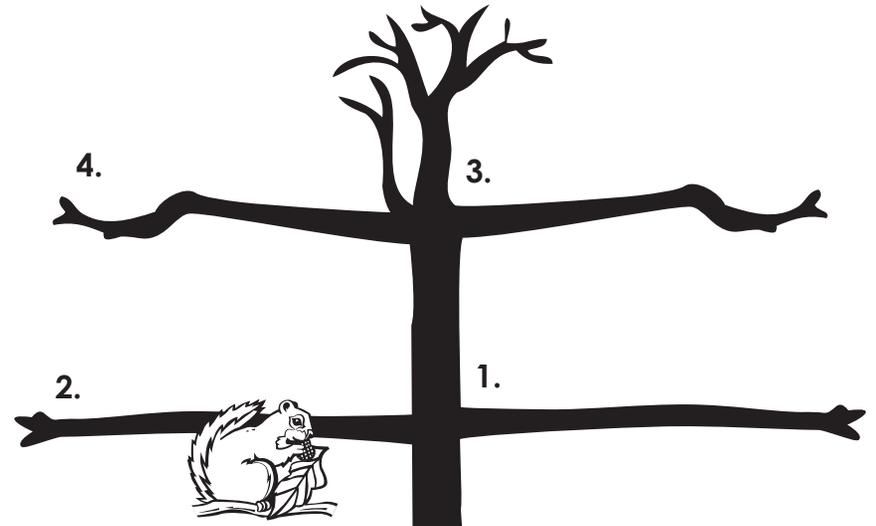
Pentecost 17

- Today is the 17th Sunday after Pentecost.
- The color of the season after Pentecost is **green**.
- Even though money can be green, in Pentecost we learn that **money isn't what makes us rich**.

Headed Up!

Help the squirrel climb this tree by answering each quiz question below. Each time you answer a question right, the squirrel can move up to the next branch.

- 1) During what holiday do some people bring a tree inside their home?
- 2) Name four animals that live in trees.
- 3) A cactus is a kind of tree. True or false?
- 4) Name the national park in California that has REALLY tall trees. Trees in this park can reach up to 379 feet!



Answers: 1) Christmas, 2) Answers might include monkeys, birds, insects, squirrels, frogs, kodias, snakes, 3) False, cacti are in the plant family, 4) Redwood National Park



In his parables, Jesus used some pretty confusing examples. Our faith is like a mustard seed? Jesus described what the kingdom of God is like in all kinds of ways. Sometimes he used similes. A simile is a way of describing something like something else.

Look up these verses and draw each metaphor below:

The kingdom of God is like...

Matthew 13:44

Matthew 13:47-50

Matthew 13:33

The letters in today's memory verse have increased! Can you still read what it says?

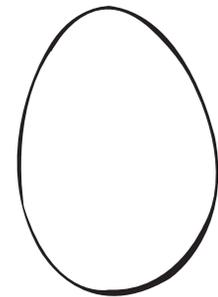
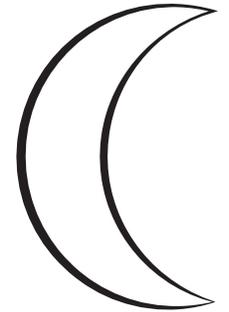
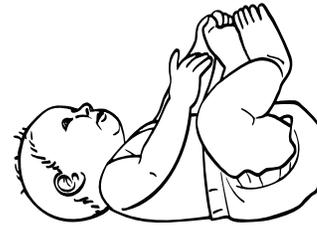


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LLLLLLLLLOOOOOOORDDDDDDDD,
"IIIIIIINCCCCRRRRRREEEAAAAAAAASSE OOOOOOOOUURR
FFFFAAAIIIIITTTTTTHHHHH!!!!!!" -LLLLLLLLLUUUUKKKKKKKKKE 17:5

Today's memory verse:

Growing Big

Just like a mustard seed grows, and just like our faith grows, these things grow, too. Draw the "big version" of all of these things.



Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Give Me Faith

Words by
Chris Brown, Mack Brock,
Wade Joye and London Gatch

Music by
Chris Brown

VERSE 1

♩ = 72

1. I need You to soft - en my heart and break me a - part. I need

5

You to o - pen my eyes, to see that You're shap - ing my life.

PRE-CHORUS

All I am, I sur - ren - der.

CHORUS

Give me faith to

trust what You say, that You're good and Your love is great.

VERSE 2

17

I'm bro - ken in - side, I give You my life. 2. I need You

22

to soft - en my heart and break me a - part. I need You to

26 E F#m D *D.S. al Coda*

pierce through the dark, and cleanse ev - 'ry part of me.

29 A Coda E

I give You my life.

INSTRUMENTAL

BRIDGE

D A E F#m D A F#m E D A

'Cause I may be weak,

35 E F#m D A F#m E

but Your Spir - it's strong in me. My flesh may fail. My God You nev - er will.

38 D

How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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