

**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2025**



Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

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

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Gathering Hymn *The Church's One Foundation* ELW #654

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.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nikki Young

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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.

“Alleluia, Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?” Text: John 6:68, adapt. Lutheran Book of Worship. Music: Robin Cain; arr. Phil Kadidlo. Text © 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship. Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Printed and streamed with permission under One License #A-701229.

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

I Am Free

Kids for Christ Band

Through You the blind will see
Through You the mute will sing
Through You the dead will rise
Through You all hearts will praise
Through You the darkness flees
Through You my heart screams I am free

Chorus:

(I am free to run) I am free to run
(I am free to dance) I am free to dance
(I am free to live for You) I am free to live for You
(I am free) I am free
(Yeah I am free) Yeah I am free

Through You, the kingdom comes
Through You, the battle's won
Through You, I'm not afraid
Through You, the price is paid
Through You, there's victory
Through You, my heart sings
I am free

Chorus

Ending:

(I am free to run) I am free to run
(I am free to dance) I am free to dance
(I am free to live for You) I am free to live for You
(O, I am free) O, I am free
(I am free) I am free

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Prayers of Intercession
God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Nikki Young

First Communion

Pastor Scott
Nikki Young

Today this community of faith rejoices with the following people who join in sharing the meal of holy communion: Emma Broyan and Isaiah Broyan.

In the sacrament of holy baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. In the sacrament of holy communion, God unites us in Jesus Christ and nourishes us for that mission. Living among God's faithful people, we are strengthened by God's word and this holy supper to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Let us welcome this sister and brother in Christ to holy communion.

Welcome to the Lord's table. We thank God for you. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal, until we feast forever at God's heavenly banquet.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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 (*Sung*)

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.

Those receiving first communion and their family come forward to the altar area.

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).

Communion Hymns *Blessed Assurance*
Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

WOV #699
WOV #706

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**
The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

Communion Prayer

Nikki Young

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

Built on a Rock

Tom McHugh and Jim Dugan, trumpet

Congregation to join in singing verses 3 and 4.

Now may we gather with our King
E'en in the lowliest dwelling.
Praises to Him we there may bring,
His wondrous mercy forth telling.
Jesus His grace to us accord,
Spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.

Sending Hymn *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

ELW #504

Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Trumpet Finale

Tom McHugh and Jim Dugan, trumpet

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Announcements

Today

A reception in honor of the first communion class will be held following the worship service this morning in fellowship hall. Stop by for some refreshments and greet Emma and Isaiah.

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Faith's fourth birthday by grandparents Jim and Mary Alice Mack.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in celebration of their wedding anniversary by Doug and Bette Senne.

The communion is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Isaiah and Emma's first communion by grandparents Jim and Mary Alice Mack.

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: Jim Gross, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Nancy Gross, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Landon Woods, acolyte; Nikki Young and Donna Kehs, communion assistants

Next Sunday Bill Allen, head usher; Doug and Bette Senne, ushers; Erica Lucas, lector; Hayley Quigley, children's sermon;

Ainsley Lucas, acolyte; Erica Lucas and Carolyn Fleming, communion assistants

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

Adult Bible Study, Sunday mornings at 10:15 AM in room 27

(Sunshine Lounge): Join us to study Brant Hansen's book

Unoffendable: How Just One Change Can Make All of Life

Better. Hansen writes, "We are now living in an 'anger incubator.' That phrase is from a psychology professor at the University of California at Irvine, and I think he's right on. I imagine you agree, too. Our culture is fraught with anger. It's everywhere, and no one seems to know what to do about it. In Christian circles, we're often taught that anger can be a very good thing and that we're supposed to use our 'righteous anger' to make things better. But here's a question: *Is that really what the Bible says about our anger?* And what are we really supposed to do about it? Are Christians supposed to be as angry as everyone else? Are we supposed to be angry about all the things in the world that we think displease God? Is our anger actually righteous? How do we know? And how long are we supposed to hold on to our anger? Or...is there another way? Yes, we live in an angry world that lacks answers and seems to spin on an axis of offense. But what if followers of Jesus were known as the most unoffendable people on the planet? Can we—and should we—become unoffendable as followers of Christ?"

We'll work together to study Hansen's ideas by reading his book, watching streaming videos, discussing what the Bible says about anger, and figuring out if we can *choose to be unoffendable*. There will be some reading to do on your own, but be assured that you are still wanted and welcome even if you don't have your "homework" done.

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

Reception – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

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 – 10:40 AM, room 15

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

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

Sunshine Larning Center Board – 7:00 PM, room 33

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

Yoga – Saturday, 8:30 – 9:30 AM, room 21

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

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Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Anniversary Celebration – Next Sunday, 3:00 PM, sanctuary,
rooms 1, 11, 14

Upcoming Event

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.

Guest preachers help NHELCC celebrate anniversary. The month of November has a lineup of guest preachers as the 325th anniversary celebration continues. Here are dates to remember.

- 11/2 Festival Service of Holy Communion with SEPA Bishop Bryan Penman preaching and presiding over communion
- 11/9 The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will speak on the German Lutheran contributions in the Revolutionary War, including Peter and Frederick Augustus Muhlenberg. Dr. Krueger will teach and offer more information during Sunday School (J.A.M.).
- 11/23 Deacon Carol Detweiler, New Hanover's former Director of Christian Education and Director of Senior Faith Formation
- 11/30 The Rev. Thomas Lang, former pastor of New Hanover
And looking into December.
- 12/7 The Rev. Rebecca Knox, former Intern at New Hanover, who will celebrate her 25th Anniversary of Ordination with us that day

Fellowship Hours will follow the services on these Sundays (11:00 AM on November 9th).

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.

NHELC Book Club meets to discuss the book *True Colors* by Kristin Hannah. Join the club for dinner and discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Marriage Encounter ONLINE Registration is now open for this online experience for married couples to learn unique insights and tools to help enrich their relationship. The event will run November 14th – 16th. For more information and to apply, go to GodLovesMarriage.org. Registration deadline is October 31st.

The Zion Choral Concert will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 26th, at 3:00 PM. The church is located at 150 North Hanover Street in Pottstown. For more concert dates and locations, follow the choir on Facebook at [ZionChoral](https://www.facebook.com/ZionChoral) or check out their website at www.zionchoral.com.

Help Needed

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

Want to be a member?

Please fill out "Your Voice from the Pew" card, 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 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) 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! 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.

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Grieving: family and friends of Feryl Stein, Sally Sugita's father, and Betty Seroski, Debbie Solazzo's mother

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	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	Dave Pollock
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Julia Ghazi
Ray Feick	Patty Houseal	Steve Morriss
Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick	Gerald Eisenhart
John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto		Josephine Heck
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Alice Nester

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A 325th Anniversary Special Presentation

“Celebrating German Lutheran Contributions in the Fight for Independence and the Young Republic”

November 9th, 2025 at 10:15 AM in the fellowship hall.



Join us for a special 325th Anniversary historical presentation on November 9th after worship in the fellowship hall. The presentation will be given by The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger and is titled: “Celebrating German Lutheran Contributions in the Fight for Independence and the Young Republic.” Pastor Karl will also be preaching during worship.

The Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger is serving Christ Church Ithan, first in 2020 for a two-month appointment that morphed into eight months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, then returned in May 2023 as interim priest.

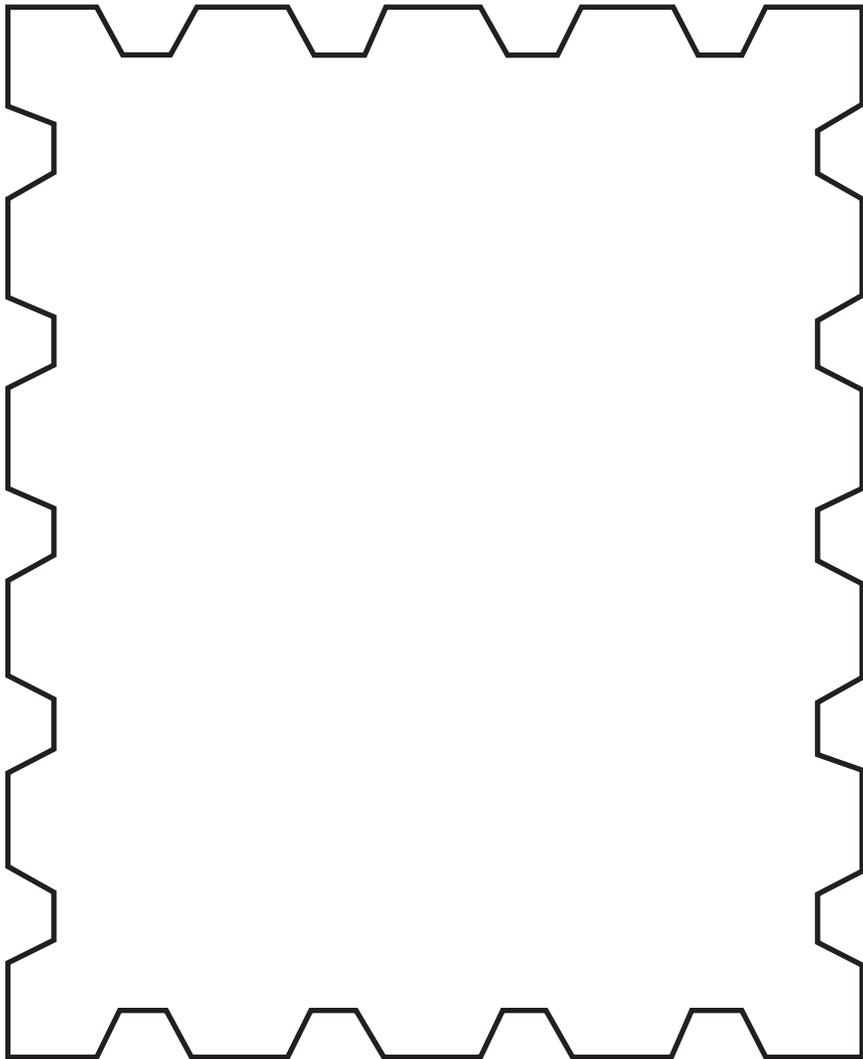
An ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Pastor Karl has pastored an English/German congregation in Philadelphia and a Slovak/English congregation in Windsor, Ontario. In addition, he has served as the interim rector in several congregations, including Washington Memorial Chapel in Valley Forge, and most recently as sabbatical pastor at St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in the Great Valley.

Father Karl has a Ph.D. in History from the University of Michigan and a Master’s in Library Science from Drexel University, and worked at the Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies. In addition, he directed the Krauth Memorial Library of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia and taught courses in church history for over fifteen years.

Martin Luther wrote the words to the hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God." Are you singing it in church today?

A fortress was a big, strong castle where people could go to find safety and support.

Design your own mighty fortress below.



PRE-READER

Reformation Sunday

- Today is **Reformation Sunday**.
- Today we celebrate the beginning of the **Lutheran Church**.
- The word **Lutheran** comes from Martin Luther's name!

Martin Luther is sometimes pictured wearing an unusual hat. Circle the hat that you think Martin Luther wore. Then color in all the hats!





Martin Luther's ideas and actions were the beginning of the Lutheran Church!

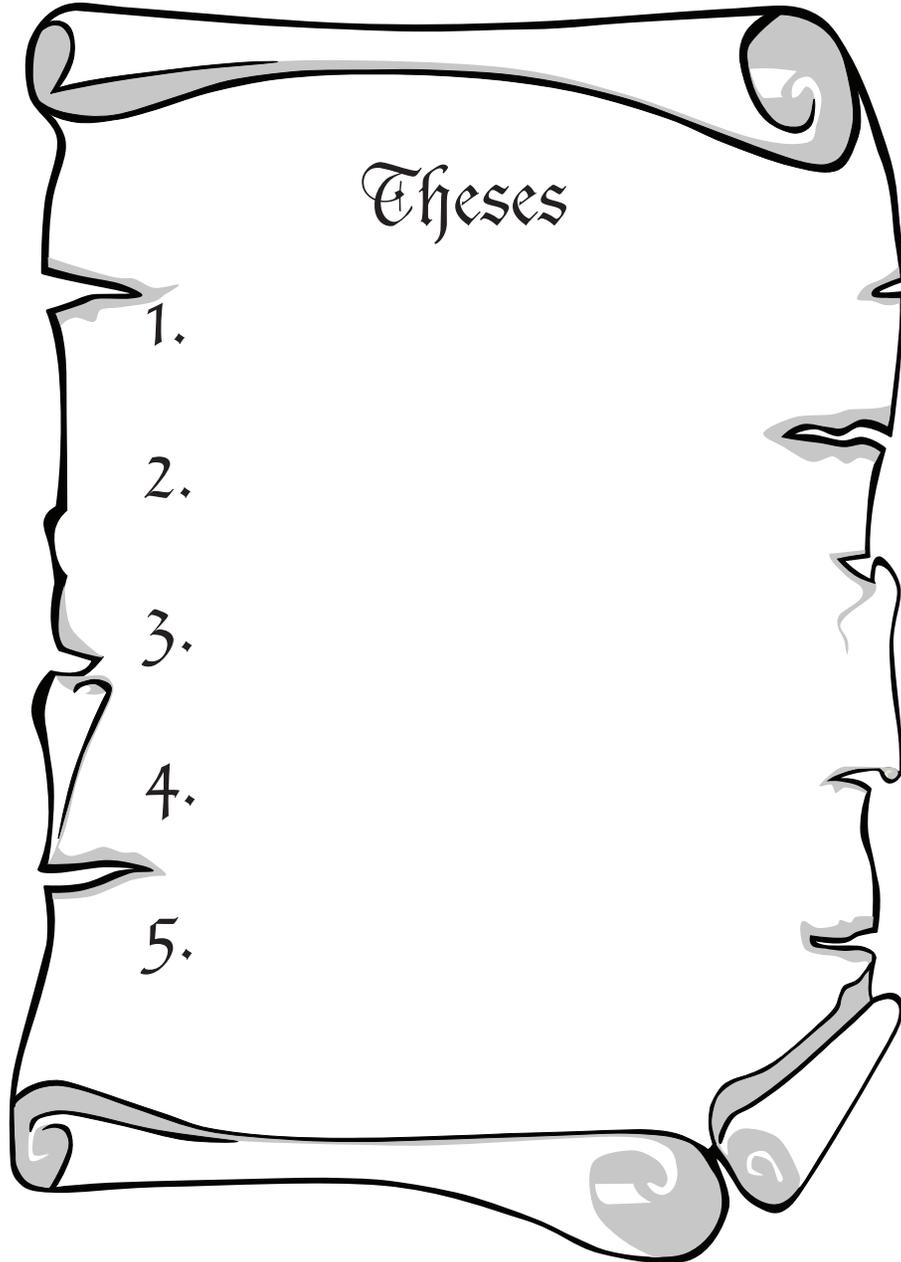
Martin Luther's actions began the *Reformation*. Reformation means "to form again." The word *Reformation* was used to describe a period of time 500 years ago when the church started to form again.

Try some reforming of your own by making new pictures from these designs.



Your Theses

Reformation Sunday celebrates Martin Luther posting a list of things that he thought needed to change about the church. Now it's your turn! Below, write your own 5 ideas, or theses, that will help your church worship God and serve others.



READER

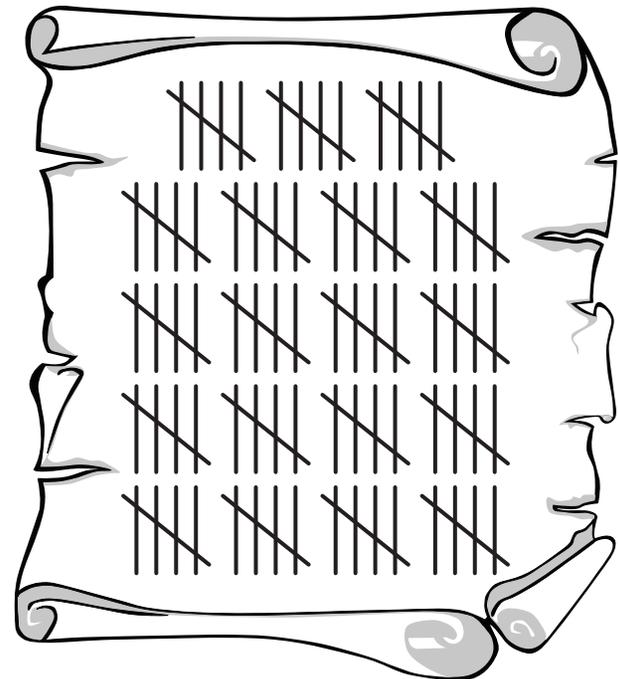
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- **Martin Luther** is the reason the Lutheran Church exists today!

How Many Theses?

On Reformation Sunday, we celebrate October 31, 1517! That was the day that Martin Luther posted a list of theses on the door of a Catholic church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther's theses were protests about the way the church worked at that time. He wanted to share his ideas about how to make the church better. This was a risky move, but many people say it began the Protestant Church. Can you count how many theses Martin Luther wrote and nailed to the door?

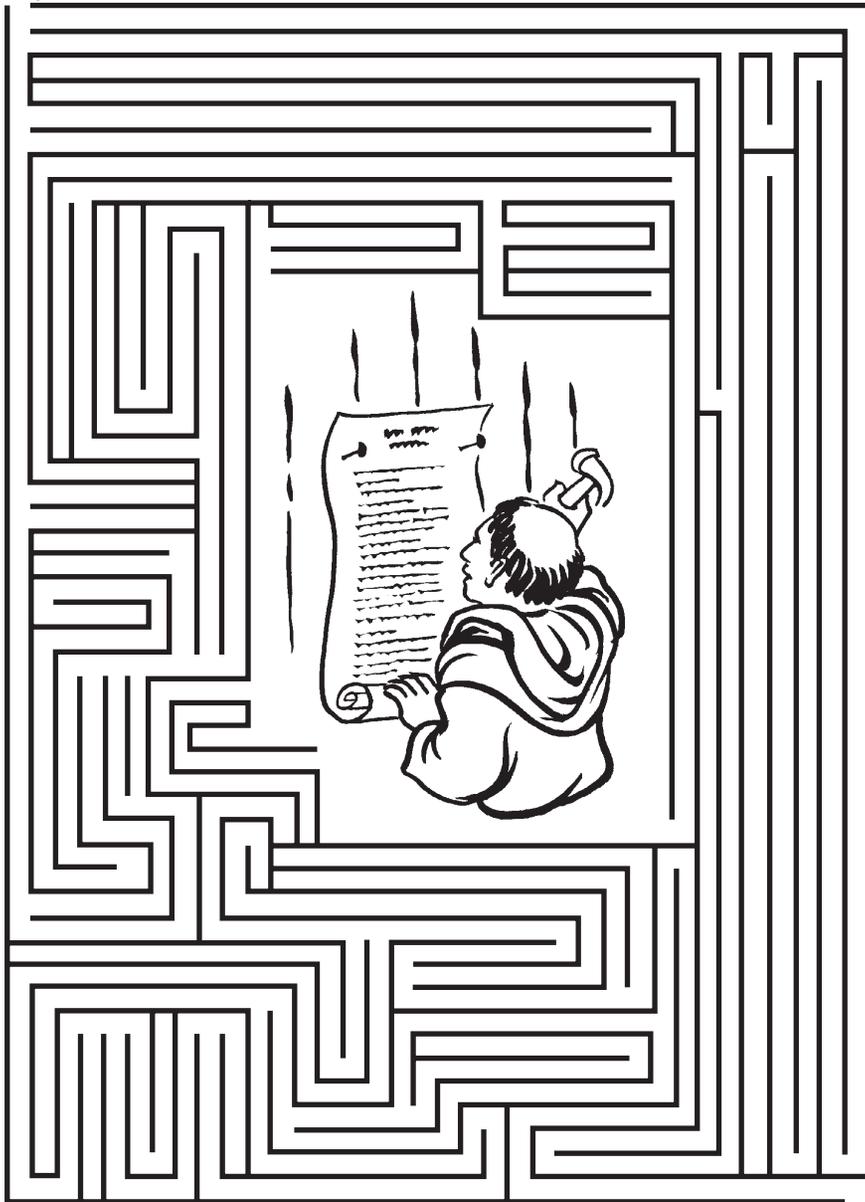
TOTAL NUMBER OF THESES: _____



Martin's Maze

Help Martin Luther nail the 95 Theses to the church door by completing this maze!

START



END

What's Lutheran?

Reformation Sunday celebrates the beginning of the Protestant Church, which gave birth to the Lutheran Church. In the box is a list of statements that describe both Catholicism and Lutheranism. Read them, figure out which tradition and rewrite them under the "Catholic" side or the "Lutheran" side. Are there any that fit in both?

- Ordains women and men to be ministers
- Claims that there is nothing you can do that will make God love you more or less
- Believes in purgatory, the step between earth and heaven
- Believes you have been saved by grace through faith
- Believes the bread and wine in communion is actually, literally, the body of Jesus
- Calls church services "mass"
- Has a Pope
- Pastors can be married and have children
- Teaches people to love God and love your neighbor

Catholicism

Lutheranism

Both

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms. .rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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I Am Free

Words and Music by
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VERSE

♩ = 136 D



Through You the blind will see; Through You the mute will sing;

5 G2



Through You the dead will rise; Through You all hearts will praise;

9 Bm7

Asus

D



Through You the dark - ness flees; Through You my heart screams I am free.

CHORUS

♩ D

(1st time
and D.S. 8vb)



I am free to run, (I am free to run.) I am

21 G

Bm7



free to dance, (I am free to dance.) I am free to live for You, (I am

27 Asus Last time to Coda ⊕

D



free to live for You.) I am free, (I am free.)

Yeah, I am free, (I am free.)-

1, 3, 5

2

4

INSTRUMENTAL

32

D.C.

D

I am

37

D.S. al Coda

I am

41

Coda

O, I am free,

ENDING

D

(I am free.) I am free, (I am free.)—

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

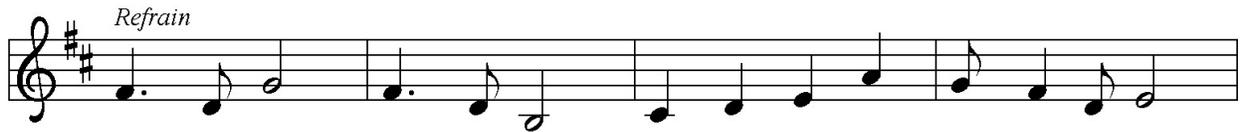


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Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

Refrain



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.

Refrain



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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