

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

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
November 16, 2025**



**“But not a hair of your head will
perish. By your endurance you will
gain your souls.”**

Luke 21:18-19



The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: “Do not be weary in doing what is right.”

**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!

**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.**

Welcome Statement

You are always welcome at The 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 The 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.

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Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

Pastor Scott

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name.

¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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 *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Grace Praise Band

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus:

Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):

It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven
Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Chorus

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Apostles' Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Nikki Young

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Nikki Young

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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 *God Is Our Strong Salvation* 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



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.

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Announcements

Pastor Scott

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *When Peace Like a River*

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Dismissal

Pastor Scott

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Go get'em!!!

Postlude

Firm in the Faith

Todd Kendall

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary by Faye and Steve Weidner.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their 47th wedding anniversary by Georgann and Scott Geiser.

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.

Serving Today: Ron Fegley, head usher; Rick Solazzo and Ryan Waltermeyer, ushers; Ron Fegley, lector; Lindsey Waltermeyer, children's sermon, Richard Garcia, acolyte

Next Sunday Marty Hauser, head usher; Kyle and Alivia Singley, ushers; Harry White, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Maddie Hansley, acolyte

Altar Guild members serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson, Jo Anne Wirt and Yvonne Peto.

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.

Join the Rejoicing Spirits service this afternoon at 3:00 in NHELCC's sanctuary for an uplifting worship experience. The Rejoicing Spirits ministry is geared toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but provides a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. Come at 2:30 for refreshments and a social. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

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, 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

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

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and sanctuary

AARP – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 21-24, 33, 34

Walnut Woods Service – Tuesday, 10:00 AM

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:15 PM, room 1

Praise Band Rehearsal – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, sanctuary

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

Scout District Roundtable – Wednesday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 27

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
Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Reception – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, room 1
J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1
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Upcoming Events

Turkeys for Thanksgiving. The kitchen is looking for turkeys for a Thanksgiving meal. Donations are greatly appreciated.

Thanksgiving Eve service Wednesday, November 26th, 7 PM
NHELC will host a Community Thanksgiving Eve Service. A community choir will be singing *We Will Give Thanks* by Mark Patterson. Be sure to invite your family and friends to this service of Thanksgiving.

Angel Tree gifts this year will support children under KenCrest's care (KenCrest.org). NHELC is sharing love with five families. The gift tags are on the tree as usual, BUT you must sign out the tag in the angel tree journal. All gifts must be logged back in by December 7th so we can be sure to have purchased four gifts for each child. Bring your donated gift, unwrapped, by December 7th and place it under the Angel Tree.

New Hanover Memorabilia items collected over the years are available in the Welcome Center. You are invited to take home a piece of New Hanover's history; your donations will help our ministries to continue. Souvenirs from the 325th anniversary are also on the table.

History Booklets printed for the 325th Anniversary are available in the Welcome Center. If you didn't get one, pick up a copy today. Please, one booklet per family.

Guest preachers help NHELC celebrate 325th anniversary.

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

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 (10:00 AM).

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 Saturdays through November 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). A signup sheet is in the welcome center and on the church's website. Any questions, contact Leslie Gates.

Advent Social is on Sunday, December 14th, 2 - 4 PM. Activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies, bags and cards for NHELCC homebound members. Snacks will be served.

Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. to be put in the homebound members' December senior bags.

There will be a paper sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center and also on sign-up genius at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-60204971-advent>. To help with planning for this event, sign up by Sunday December 7th.

Poinsettias add beauty to sanctuary Consider helping to beautify the sanctuary this Christmas with poinsettias. The Altar Guild will order plants in 6.5" pots with five blooms. The suggested donation is \$11.00 per plant. Plants may be sponsored in memory of (for someone who has passed away) or in honor of

(someone who is living). The sponsored plants will be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

To sponsor one or more plants, complete a Poinsettia Order form and return the form along with payment (checks made payable to NHELCC) to the church. Be sure to include the number of plants you would like. Also, be sure to mark the order form if you will pick up your plants or if you wish to have the plant given to a homebound member. Plants may be picked up AFTER the 8:00 PM Christmas Eve Service. If you are unable to pick up your poinsettia at that time, call or text Barb Eisenhart at 610-316-5909. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center and in the November issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Or, call the church office if you need additional forms. Forms and payment should be mailed to the church office, placed in the offering plate, or dropped off at the mail slot next to the Fellowship Hall entrance. **Orders are due by November 23, 2025.**

NHELCC 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.

The Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit will hold its 21st Holiday Concert on Saturday, December 6th, 7:00 PM at the MStar Church. A free-will offering will be received for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Light refreshments will be served before the concert. MStar Church is located at 10 Limekiln Road in Bechtelsville.

The Boyertown Area Choral Arts Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 7th, 3:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ. The concert will be directed by Donna M. House and accompanied by Robin Ward. A free-will offering will be received with a portion designated to the Margareta R. Lamb Scholarship. A cookie reception will follow the performance. Good Shepherd is located at 35 West Philadelphia Avenue in Boyertown.

Help Needed

Mission Service folks need your help! Friends, our church has been helping to feed the hungry at Emmanuel Lutheran Church every month. We discovered their clothes closet needs help. We ask for used, clean, in good condition, warm clothes. Also, hats, gloves, mittens and hoodies are needed too! The ladies at the closet are in need of NEW socks and undergarments. Our junior/senior high Sunday School class decorated a box that is sitting in the welcome center for your donations.

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 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

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 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. NHELIC 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/>.

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.

Mission Service folks need your help!

Redner's Save-A-Tape

Keep up the good work with turning in your tapes! The last batch we turned in contributed \$141.72 to the NHELCC treasury. This money we used to help others. Please ask your family and friends to help.

Don't know about the save-a-tape program? Here's how it works.

1. Visit the Customer Service Desk at any Redner's Warehouse Market to obtain a Save-A-Tape card.
2. Use this card every time you shop at Redner's. Your receipts will be marked as Save-A-Tape receipts.
3. Bring your collected receipts to church. We'll total them up and submit them to Redner's for a 1% rebate on the total amount (excluding sales tax, milk and tobacco products).

Soda Tabs

Take the time to pop off your tabs and place them in our fish tank in the fellowship hall. By doing this simple action, your otherwise discarded tabs will support the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Soda Cans

And, your empty aluminum soda cans can help raise money too! Drop off your soda cans in the giant wooden bin next to the door of the Sunday School wing. Scout Troop 367 collects and recycles them to help raise funds for camping equipment.

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 Sarah Bowman and Gerald Eisenhart

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| 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 | Verdie Smith |
| Helen Foulke | Carla Hausmann | Joan Price |
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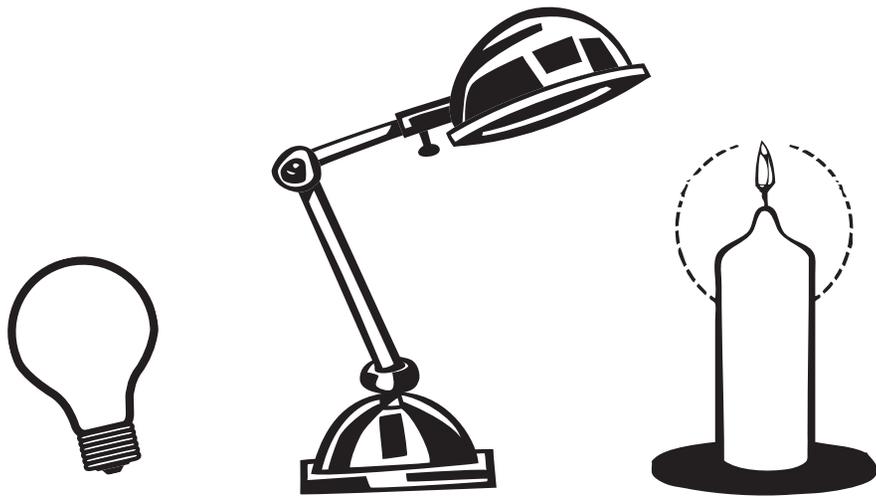
RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Praise be to God! As Jesus has called us to love one another, we as a community deeply rooted in an open and welcoming spirit announce that The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church has been recognized as a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation of Reconciling Works. It is with Christ's love we are called to welcome all God's children into our congregations, communities, and our world.

This recognition means that the congregation will be listed on a roster of congregations, organizations and synods in the United States and Canada providing a message to all that we are safe place to worship and serve. However, how we welcome and what we do as a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation is uniquely ours to create and our journey to walk together. We invite you to join us in celebrating God's love for all.

Another name for Jesus is *The Light*. Look up at the ceiling in your church. How many lights are there?

Draw what they look like and write the total below.



Total number of lights in my church: _____

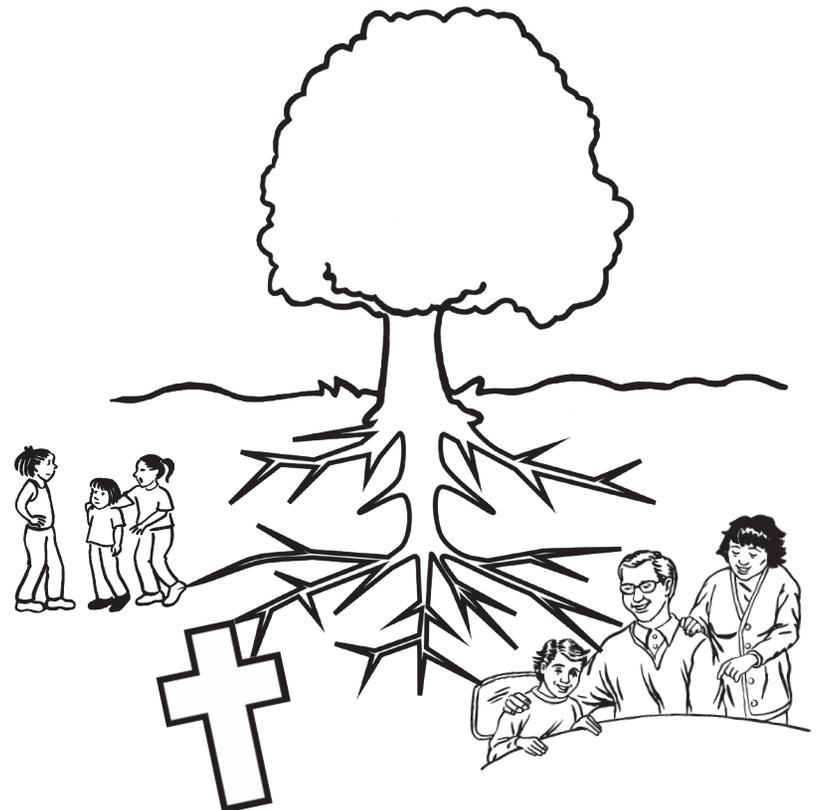


PRE-READER

Pentecost 23

- Today is the **23rd** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is the **longest church season**, and it's almost over!
- In Pentecost we learn that **God's love is forever**.

**Can you find this tree's roots? Color them!
Then color in these pictures of things that
act like roots in your own life!**

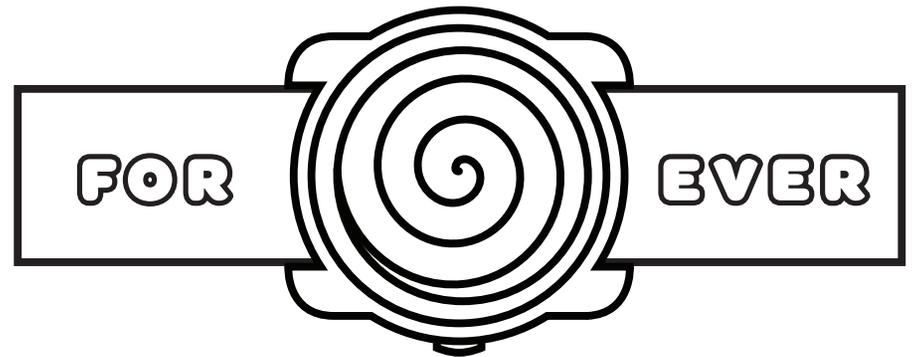




God's love will last forever!

Jesus says that God will love us forever! Forever is a **LONG** time. It can't be measured or counted.

Color in this forever watch.



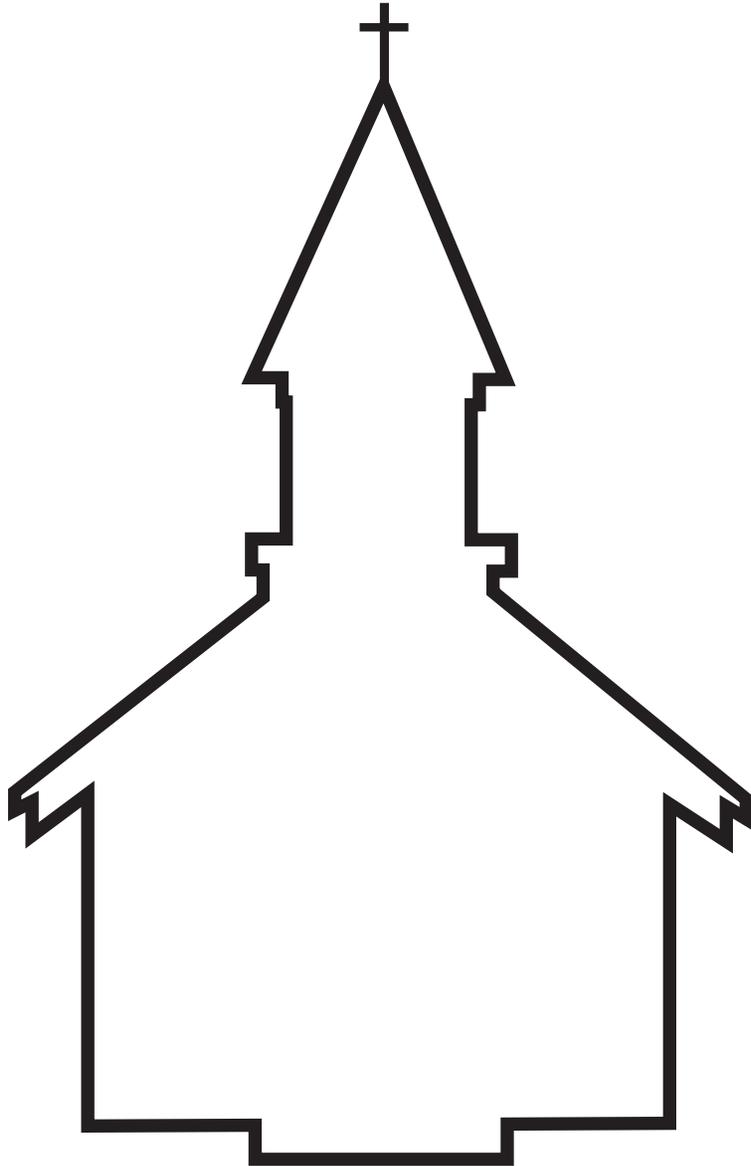
In today's Bible story, people admire the beautiful temple, with all its shiny stones and sparkling gems. Jesus says even the temple won't last forever. But God's love will!

Decorate the temple below with stones and gems.



What is Extra?

In your worship space, there are probably some very important things used in each worship service: a cross, an altar, and chairs or pews for people to sit. There are probably some things that are less necessary, things that decorate the space, but aren't as essential for worship, like decorative banners, flowers, and artwork. Draw some of the "extras" that you can see in your worship space. Do you think these are still important for worship?



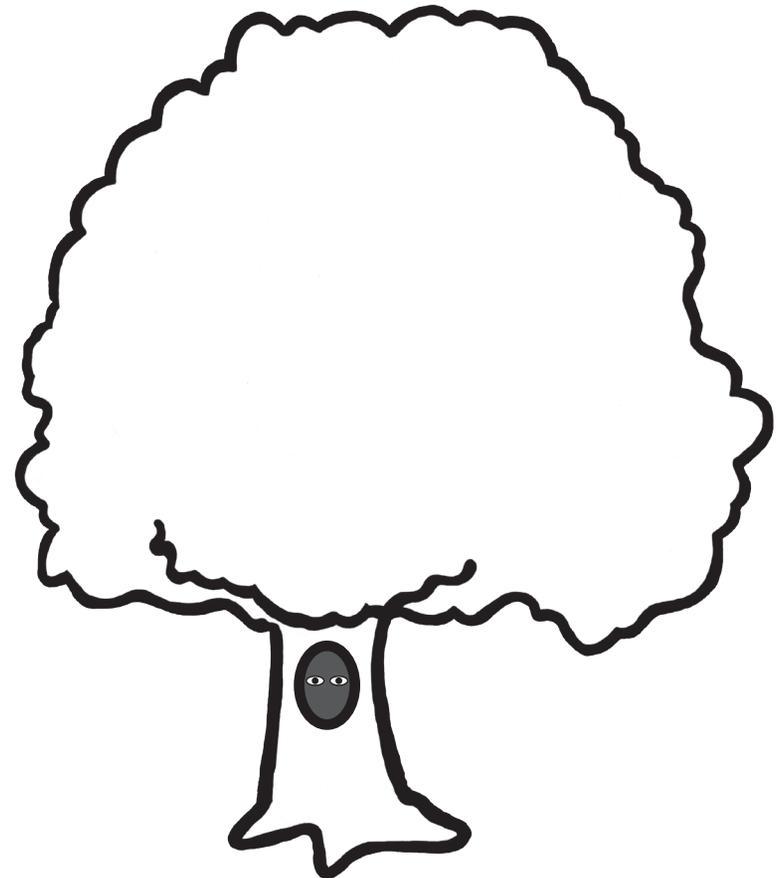
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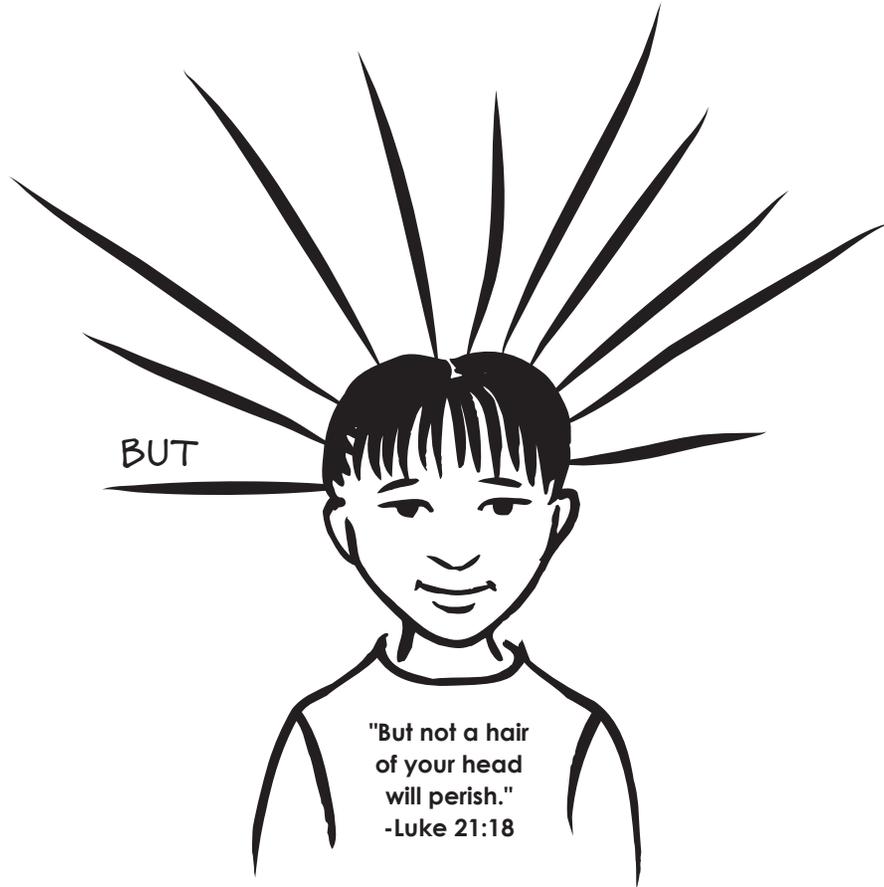
- Today is the **23rd** Sunday after Pentecost.
- **Advent** is the church season that comes after Pentecost.
- In Pentecost, we're reminded that **God's love lasts forever!**

Whose Eyes?

Do you see the eyes peering out of the hole in this tree? Using the space around the tree, draw all the different animals that this set of eyes could belong to.



It may sound silly, but today's memory verse is about your hair! Well, actually it's about eternal life. See Sally's shirt for the memory verse, and write each word on one strand of her hair. The first word is written for you.



Bells and Whistles

Have you heard the term "bells and whistles" before? It doesn't literally mean bells and whistles. Rather, it means things that are fancy and decorative, but extra and unnecessary. In today's lesson, Jesus tells people at the temple that all the precious stones and sparkling gems in the temple don't matter, because God's love is really what will last forever. Decorate the temple below with lots of shining and sparkling "bells and whistles."



Remember: this temple won't last forever...but God's love will!

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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Here I Am To Worship

(as published by Survivor)

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

♩ = 75

E Bsus F#m E Bsus

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

A2(no3) E Bsus F#m E Bsus

see. Beau - ty that made this heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with
bove. Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came

CHORUS

A2(no3) B7sus E B/D#

You. So, here I am to wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to
poor.

E/G# A E

say that You're my God. And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er

B/D# E/G# Last time to Coda A A2(no3) A

wor - thy, al - to - geth - er won - der - ful to me.

And I'll nev -

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BRIDGE

B/D# E/G# A B/D# E/G# A

er know how much it cost to see my sin up - on that cross. And I'll nev

24 A B7sus *D.S. al Coda*

that cross. So, here I am to

26 ~~A~~ Coda A2(no3) E

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

(based on the recording by Pat Barrett | original key - A)

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and Chris Tomlin

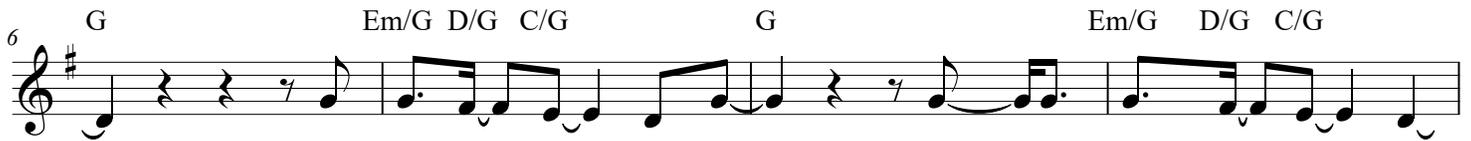
INTRO

♩ = 103 Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G



VERSE 1 & 2

It all comes down to this,
It) all comes down to this,



what You re - quire of me: Love my neigh - bor as my -
to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the

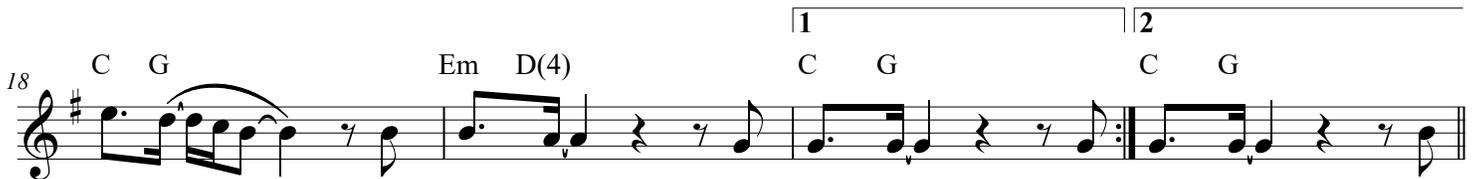
CHORUS 1a



self, and You a - bove all things. Act just - ly, love
world, the truth will set us free.



mer - cy, walk hum - bly with You, God. In all things, in



all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God. It You, God. It's

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BRIDGE

C G/B D(4) C G/B

beau - ty for ash - es, it's mourn - ing to danc - ing. It's clos - er and clos - er, the

TURNAROUND

1 2

D(4) D(4) Em/G D/G Gsus G Em/G D/G

King - dom of heav - en. It's King - dom of heav - en.

VERSE 3

Gsus G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G

3. Years from now we'll see the fruit our hands have sown.

INSTRUMENTAL

Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D(4)/G

Faith, just like a seed, the on - ly way it grows.

CHORUS 1b

C/G G Em/G D(4)/G C/G G Em D(4)

Act just - ly, love

C G Em D(4) C G Em D(4)

mer - cy, walk hum - bly with You, God. In all things, in

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C G Em D(4) C G

all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God...

When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



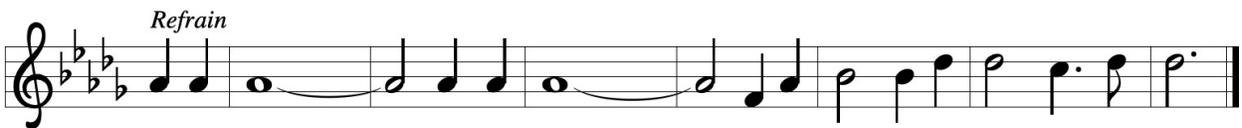
1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

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