

Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026



"This is my Son,
the Beloved,
with whom I am
well pleased."

MATTHEW 3:17

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

**Nicole Young, vicar
Steve Eisenhart, guest organist
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 New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God's love and guided by Christ's example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God's grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God's image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus' example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward racial equity and inclusion 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.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,

you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in † Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *Crashing Waters at Creation* ELW #455

Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray.

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, 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

Donna Kehs

God's servant is endowed with God's spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever prevent the fulfilling of the servant's task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the servant's new assignment is to bring light to the nations.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

Nancy Gross

A reading from the book of Isaiah

- ¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
- ² He will not cry out or lift up his voice
or make it heard in the street;
- ³ a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- ⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth,
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
- ⁵ Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- ⁶ I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
- ⁸ I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
- ⁹ See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.
- Here ends the reading.

The Psalm

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**
- ³ The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- ⁴ **The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ **the Lord makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord bursts forth in lightning flashes.
- ⁸ **The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
and in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ **The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forevermore.**
- ¹¹ O Lord, give strength to your people;
give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gospel Acclamation (Taizé)*

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

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

Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.

Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God's Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *How Great Is Our God* Grace Praise Band

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God
Sing with me

How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):
Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus 2x

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Dialog
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface
It is indeed right....join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The congregation echoes the first 3 responses.

...We praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.
...We bless you, O God.

We bless you, O God.

... We thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

... We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Communion

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

The gifts of God, for the people of God. All of you are invited to this table of grace.

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, grant us peace.

The body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

Communion Song

Holy Spirit

Grace Praise Band

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Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

Peace

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

The offering will be taken at this time.

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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739. Text and music are in public domain.

The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Sending Hymn *The Spirit Send Us Forth to Serve* ELW #551

Blessings

God bless you and keep you,
Jesus grant you grace and truth,
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,
now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements

Today

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Richard Hausch and Jeffrey Renninger's anniversary by parents Virginia and George Hausch and Jean Renninger.

The Word in Season devotional is presented to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Don and Jo Anne Wirt.

The sponsor signups for 2026 have been added to the signuugenius on the church's website. Click on the link <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/2026-worship-signups> or QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



Serving Today: Jim Gross, head usher; Rick Solazzo, usher; Nancy Gross, lector; Donna Kehs, children's sermon; Hannah Waltermeyer, acolyte; Debbie Solazzo and Donna Kehs, communion assistants

Next Sunday: Todd Rothermel, head usher; Bill and Sharon

Tracey, ushers; Janet Psota, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Rae Bechtel, 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.

Have a pastoral emergency?

Contact Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

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. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21

KFC Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:15 AM,
room 15

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

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

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

Endowment – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, room 1

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 – 9:00 PM, room 14
District Scout Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room
27

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Council – Thursday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 27
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34
Birthday Party – Saturday, 12:00 noon – 5:00 PM, room 1

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
Coffee with Council – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, room 1
J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21
KFC Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary
J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:15 AM,
room 15

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary
Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James,
Pottstown
Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1 and
sanctuary

Women’s Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty’s
Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.
Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Lynn
Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don’t forget,
husbands are invited too.

Upcoming Events

The Council will hold a “Coffee with the Council” open informational session next Sunday, January 18th, immediately following the 9:00 AM worship service in the Fellowship Hall. NHELC has a lot of activities and projects moving forward in 2026 and the Council would like to share information, listen to feedback, and answer questions. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

New Hanover’s Got Talent! Fastnacht Social & Talent Show
Sunday, February 15th, 10:15 AM Everyone is blessed with a talent. What’s yours? Here’s an opportunity to showcase your

talent. The event will follow the 9:00 AM worship service and, of course, will include fastnachts! Do you sing? Like to dance? Play an instrument? Tell stories or jokes? Recite poetry? Do a skit with a friend? If so, see Nikki Young or Patricia Nyce to sign up. Folks of all ages are invited to participate. It's a fact that New Hanover's got lots of talent! We can't wait to see yours!

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.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *Summer Sisters* by Judy Blume. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, February 3rd, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about this event, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Help Needed

Pottstown Cluster NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center, fellowship hall, and multi-purpose room for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the January issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

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.

Want to be a member?

Please fill out “Your Voice from the Pew” card, located in the pew rack and 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 Nikki Young.

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. NHELC 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.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHELC’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.

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 Josephine Heck, Donna Evans and Carol Estes

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	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	Robert Ganovsky	Dorothy Bingaman
Emily Ocelus	Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care
Deb Matthews	Marceline	Anne Eshleman
Daniel Johnson	Chris Fatzinger	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
Ralph Borneman	Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey
Chuck Beck	Rich Freed	Joe
Joe	Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer
David Helfrich, Sr.	Tara Hauck	Hazel LeVan
David Gottshall	Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge
Dave Pollock	Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Patty Houseal
Steve Morriss	Vicki Mutter	Carol Feick
Alice Nester	Linda Adams	
John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto		
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		

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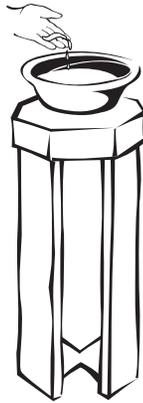
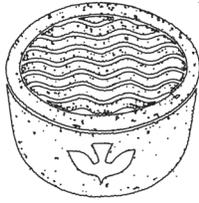
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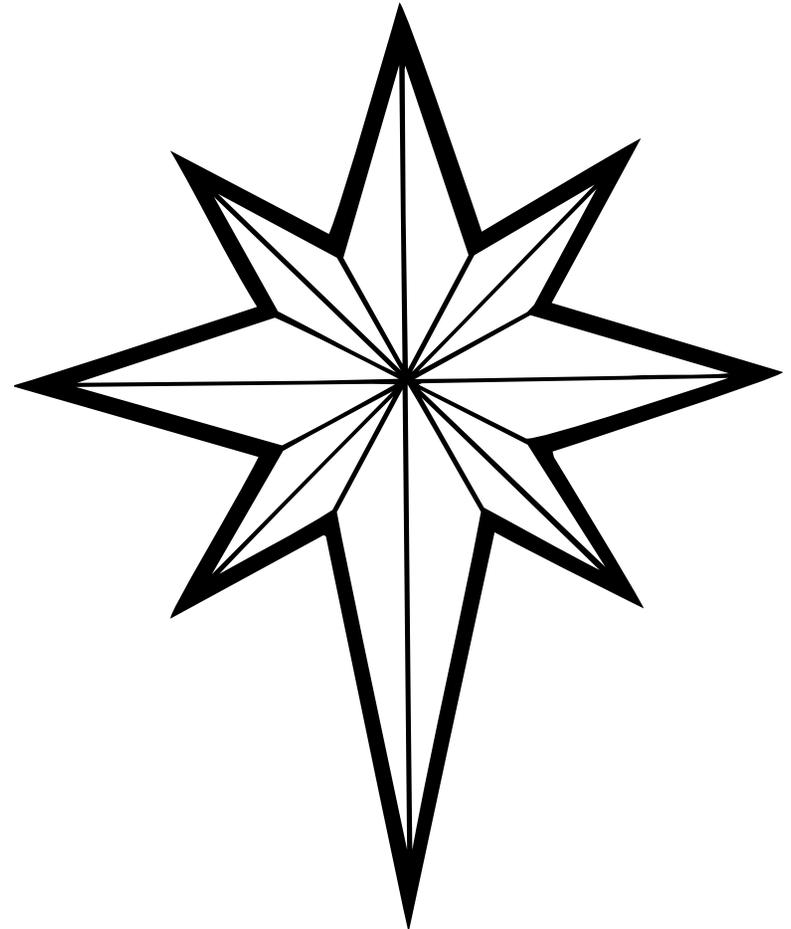
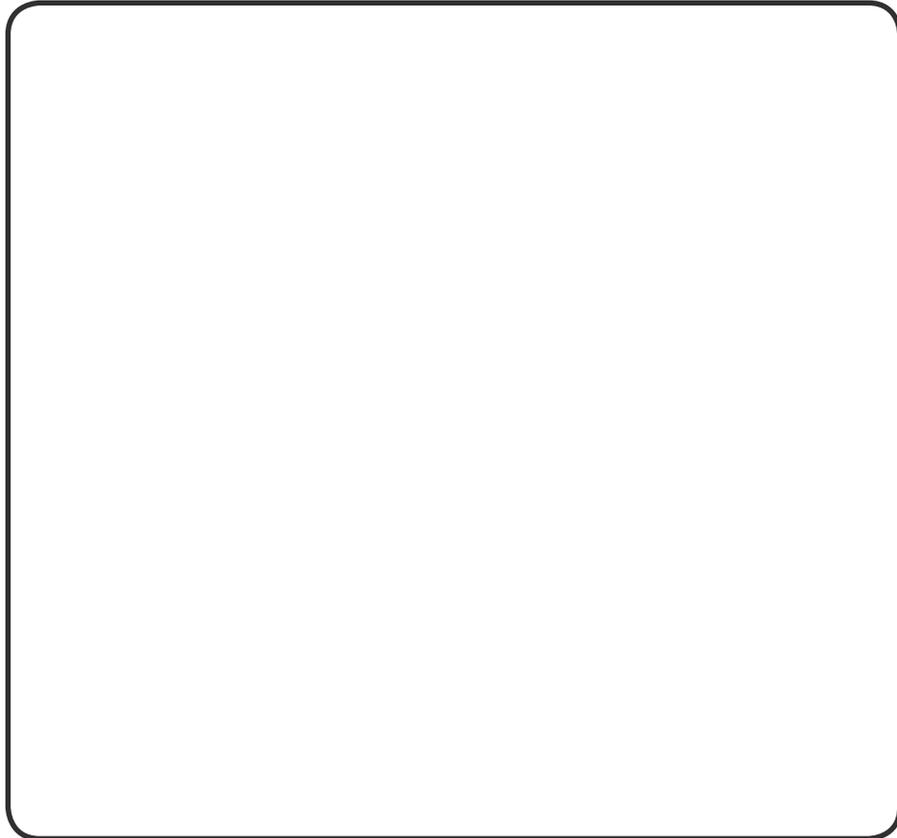
Splash! The container that holds water for a baptism is called a **font**. Some fonts look like small bowls. Other fonts look like pools! **Look at all these fonts. Then find the baptismal font in your worship space and draw it in the space.**



PRE-READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is the **Sunday** we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- The symbol we see for the Baptism of Our Lord is a burst of **light**.
- God sent **Jesus** to be our **light**.





The voice said, "This is my Son!"

Today we remember when Jesus was **baptized**.
Baptism uses **water** as a symbol of God's spirit.
God claimed Jesus as his **son**.

Have you ever seen a baptism? When someone is baptized, the people in the church make a **promise**. They promise to **help** each other stay close to God. When we make the sign of the cross, we remember that God has marked all of us as his children.

Color a cross on the forehead of each person in the picture.



Baptism True or False

Have you ever seen a baptism at your church? Is there a special place where they keep the water? Do people wear special clothes? **See how you answer these questions about baptism.**

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|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1. Only babies should be baptized. | True | False |
| 2. Being baptized means you can do whatever you want. | True | False |
| 3. Baptism is a sacrament. | True | False |
| 4. You need to use fancy water during a baptism. | True | False |
| 5. Baptism marks us as children of God. | True | False |
| 6. If you really mess things up, you should be baptized again, just to make sure God knows you're sorry. | True | False |



After worship, ask an adult to share a baptism story.

1. False. People of all ages can be baptized. Remember, Jesus didn't get baptized until he was a grown-up!
2. False. Being baptized means that you are part of God's family and that you receive God's grace. It also means living life as a follower of Jesus.
3. True. Baptism is a sacrament. It is the combination of something ordinary (water) and God's word.
4. False. Plain water from the sink will be just fine. As long as God's word is there, the baptism can happen!
5. True. Being baptized is a sign that God loves you and that your life can be dedicated to knowing and loving God.
6. False. Baptism is once and for all.



READER

Baptism of Our Lord

- Today is the **Sunday** we celebrate the **Baptism of Our Lord**.
- After Jesus was baptized, he began his **public ministry**.
- The symbol we see for the Baptism of Our Lord is a burst of **light**.
- This symbol looks like **a ray of sunshine** breaking through the clouds.



Let Your Light Shine Through

Match each sunburst with a raindrop to find some words about Jesus' baptism. One has been done for you already. SO + N = SON.

Cross out the Ms, Xs, Cs, Us, and Rs.
Circle the remaining letters and use them to fill in the rest of this verse.

Memory Verse

CCSMUONCXBUEMLOXVCERDPCLEUXAMUSCERD

And a voice from the heavens said "This is my , the

, with whom I am well

." Matthew 3:17

Splashed with the Spirit

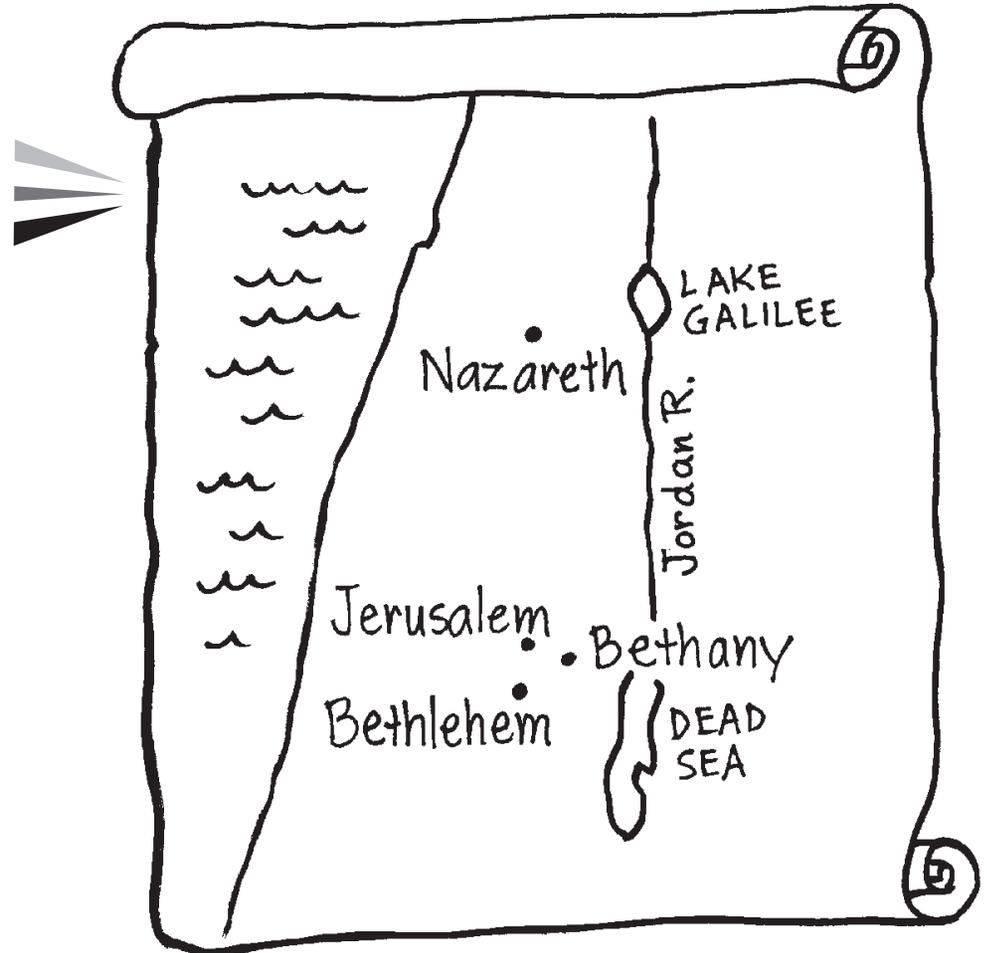
Read today's Gospel story from Matthew 3:13-17 using the pictures below.

				
Jesus	baptized	John the Baptist	God's Spirit	Jordan River

 was  by  in the . As  was coming out of the water, the heavens opened up and  came down to him. Then  heard a voice that said, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." After being ,  started his ministry.

Bible Tip!

Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River. The Jordan River is 156 miles (251 kilometers) long. Use the map below to find the Jordan River and other important places in Jesus life.



Crashing Waters at Creation



- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

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How Great Is Our God

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VERSE

$\text{♩} = 76$ C Am7



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4 F2



Let all the earth re - jice, all the earth re - jice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

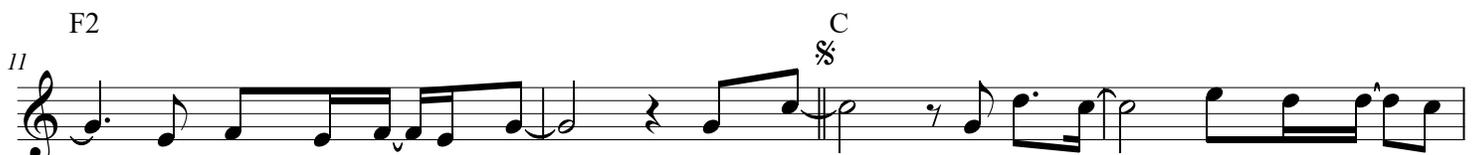
7 C Am7



Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide, and trem - bles at His voice,
head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, the Li - on and the Lamb,

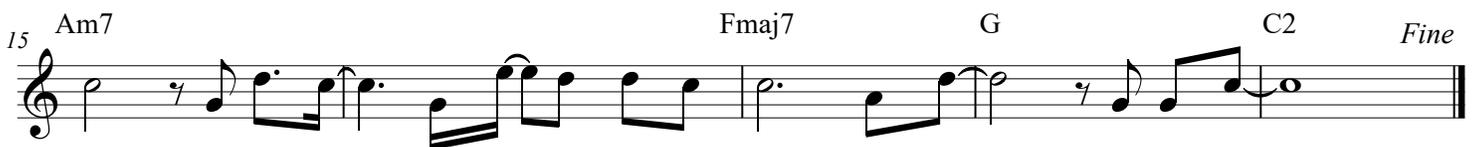
CHORUS

11 F2 C



and trem - bles at His voice. How great is our God! Sing with me: How
the Li - on and the Lamb.

15 Am7 Fmaj7 G C2 Fine



great is our God! And all will see how great, how great is our God!

BRIDGE

20 **1** **2** C Am7

2. And Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise.

25 Fmaj7 **1** G C

My heart will sing: How great is our God!

30 **2** G C *D.S. al Fine*

is our God! How great

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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