

Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 1, 2026



Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

**Nicole Young, vicar
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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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

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore WOVS #784

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.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

First Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Maddie Hansley

A reading from the book of Micah

¹ Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

² Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³ "O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."

⁶ "With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you

but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Here ends the reading.

Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)

The Psalms

Psalm 15

Maddie Hansley

¹ Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue,
they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who fear the Lord.
They have sworn upon their health
and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gospel Acclamation (Taizé)*

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

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Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 *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.**

**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.**

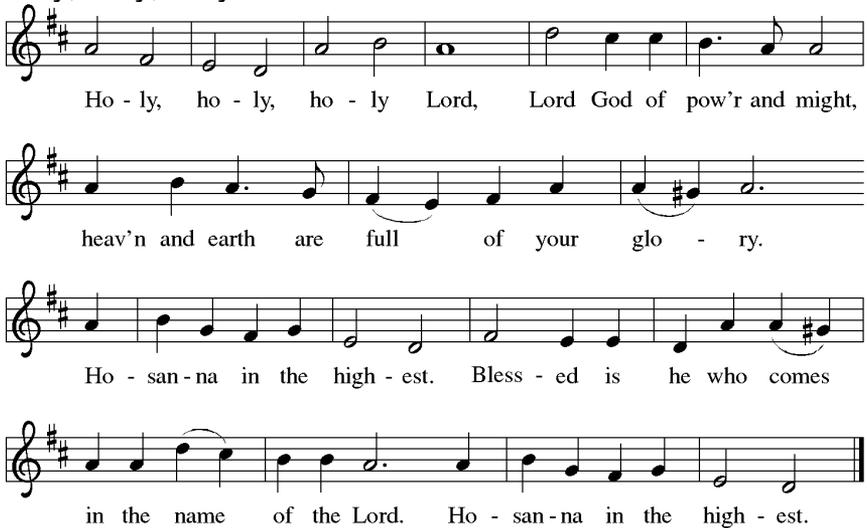
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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 Hymns *O God of Mercy, God of Light* ELW #714
As We Gather at Your Table ELW #522
O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts ELW #658

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.
Offering

Choir Anthem

Blest Are They

Chancel Choir

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The offering will be taken at this time.

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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory

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 to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Celebration of Ministry

Pastor Erika L. Wesch

Let us pray.

O God, your Holy Spirit illumines the mind and sanctifies the lives of those who are called to be pastors and deacons, teachers and leaders. Look with favor upon all seminaries for the instruction and discipline of those who are to serve in the sacred ministry of your Church. Bless your people in this ministry site of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. Guide them by word and example to aid your servant Nikki as she applies the principles of ministry that have been taught in school. Led by your Spirit, grant that they may diligently and joyfully work together to enrich the life of your Beloved Community and glorify your holy name.

Amen.

In his letter to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul writes, “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God that inspires them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Cor. 12:4-7).

It is the duty of the intern to be completely involved in the life of their ministry site. This allows the intern to practice what they’ve learned in seminary, try new things, and gain practical, experiential knowledge. In a very real sense, Nikki is an un-ordained partner in this ministry.

I ask you, Nikki, are you ready to assume your responsibilities of ministry as vicar at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church? Will you seek under God’s hand to fulfill that ministry to God’s glory? If so, please answer, “I am ready, God helping me with God’s grace.”

Vicar Nikki: I am ready, God helping me with God’s grace.

People of New Hanover, it is your duty as members of this ministry site to accept Vicar Nikki as your intern and strengthen and encourage her as you work together. Will you receive this servant of God as a fellow laborer in the Gospel of Christ and uphold and support her in every way? If so, please answer, “Yes, by God’s help.”

Yes, by God’s help.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you inspire us to work together to build your Beloved Community. We humbly ask you to bless Vicar Nikki and this ministry site. With your continual help, inspire all those who participate in the ministry of New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. Grant them humble hearts, joyful spirits, steadfastness of faith, and perseverance to do your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* ELW #841

Blessing

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 *Glorious Majesty* Lani Smith

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Announcements

Today

We welcome The Rev. Erika L. Wesch, assistant to the bishop for formation of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA to our worship service this morning to help us celebrate the ministry of Vicar Nikki.

The sponsor signups for 2026 have been added to the signpugenius on the church's website. Click on the link

newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026 or QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



Serving Today: George Trowbridge, head usher; Bryce Manthorne, usher; Maddie Hansley, lector: Ariel Hansley, children's sermon; Landon Woods, acolyte; Erica Lucas and Carolyn Fleming, communion assistants

Next Sunday: Barbara Repa, head usher; Scouts serving as ushers, lectors, children's sermon and acolyte

Altar Guild members serving this month: Lynn Fegley, Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Terry Santangelo.

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

Town Hall Meeting – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1

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

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 33

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Scout Pack #367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14,
27-34, 36-37

Sunshine Grace Learning Center Open House – Tuesday,
5:00 – 7:00, rooms 21-33

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
NHELK Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, WQ Diner in Pottstown

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15
Town Hall Meeting – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 1
Property – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 27

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main Street Pub in Bally
Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

Pinewood Derby Set Up – Friday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM, rooms 1, 14

Pinewood Derby – Saturday, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, rooms 1, 14

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

Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale – Next Sunday, 10:15 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

Upcoming Events

A special congregational meeting will be held next Sunday, February 8th, immediately following the worship service. This will be the first vote to approve the proposed amendments to the congregation's constitution, changes to the by-laws and changes to the continuing resolutions. Members are encouraged to attend one

of the two Town Hall meetings to discuss the items for the vote. Town Hall meetings are scheduled today following the worship service and on Wednesday, February 4th, at 6:30 PM in Fellowship Hall.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday The Picnic Committee wants to help you enjoy the Super Bowl on February 8th by providing delicious, homemade soup for you to enjoy before, during and after the game. Beef vegetable, chicken pot pie and chili will be available in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 AM church service on February 8th. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment.

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!

The NHELCL 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 NHELCL 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

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. 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.

Food Ministry

Nearly a quarter million meals have been delivered! NHELHC’s Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1.) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays between 1 – 2 PM and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2.) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3.) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

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 Carol Estes

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

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| 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 |

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| 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 | Donna Day |
| John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto | | |
| Dennis and Sandy Rothermel | | |

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Green is the color for Epiphany. Green reminds us of how we can grow in God's love!



Do you see any green in church today? What about flowers, plants, or other growing things?

Write or draw about them here.

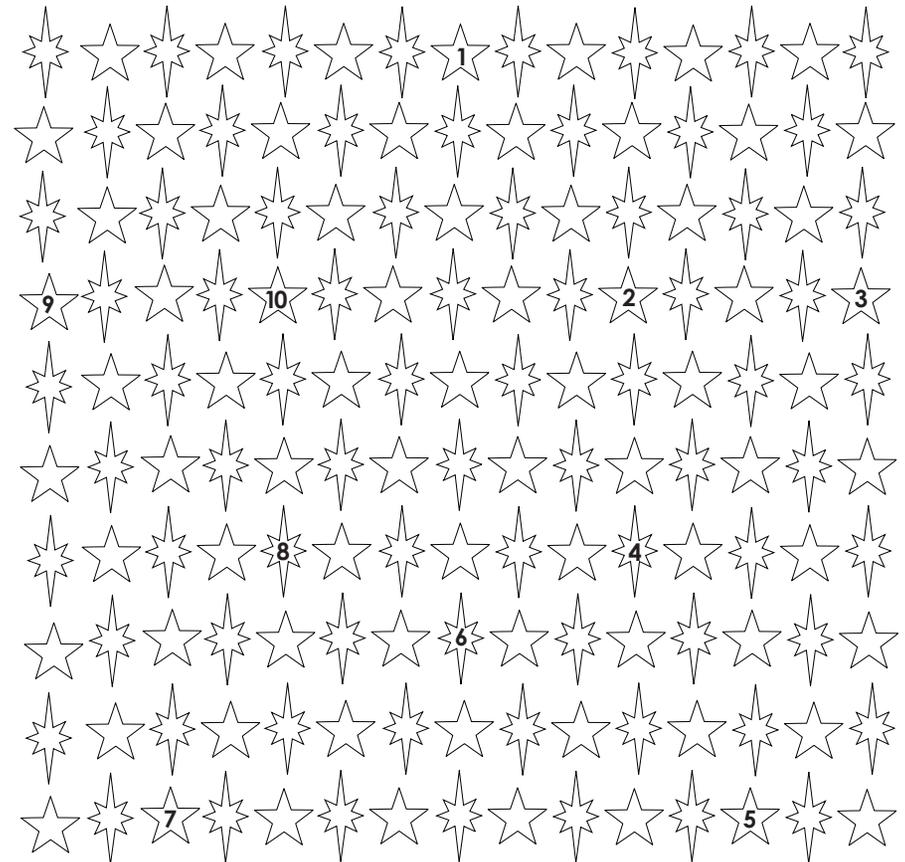


PRE-READER

Epiphany 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in **Epiphany**.
- Epiphany means **appearing**.
- During Epiphany we **celebrate** how God appears to us.

Something is hidden inside this starry sky. Connect the numbered stars to make it appear!



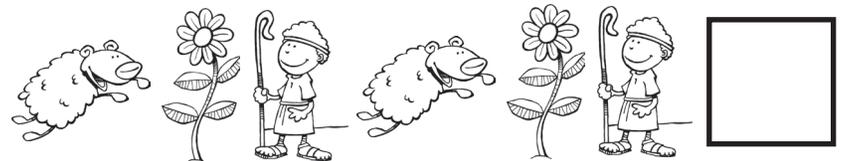


“Be happy because God has a special place for you in heaven!”

In the **Beatitudes**, Jesus tells us that people who are poor or suffering are the **most important** to God. This is a new pattern!



Can you finish these patterns?



Now make your own patterns!



Going Green

Green is the color for Epiphany because it reminds us of how we can grow in God's love!

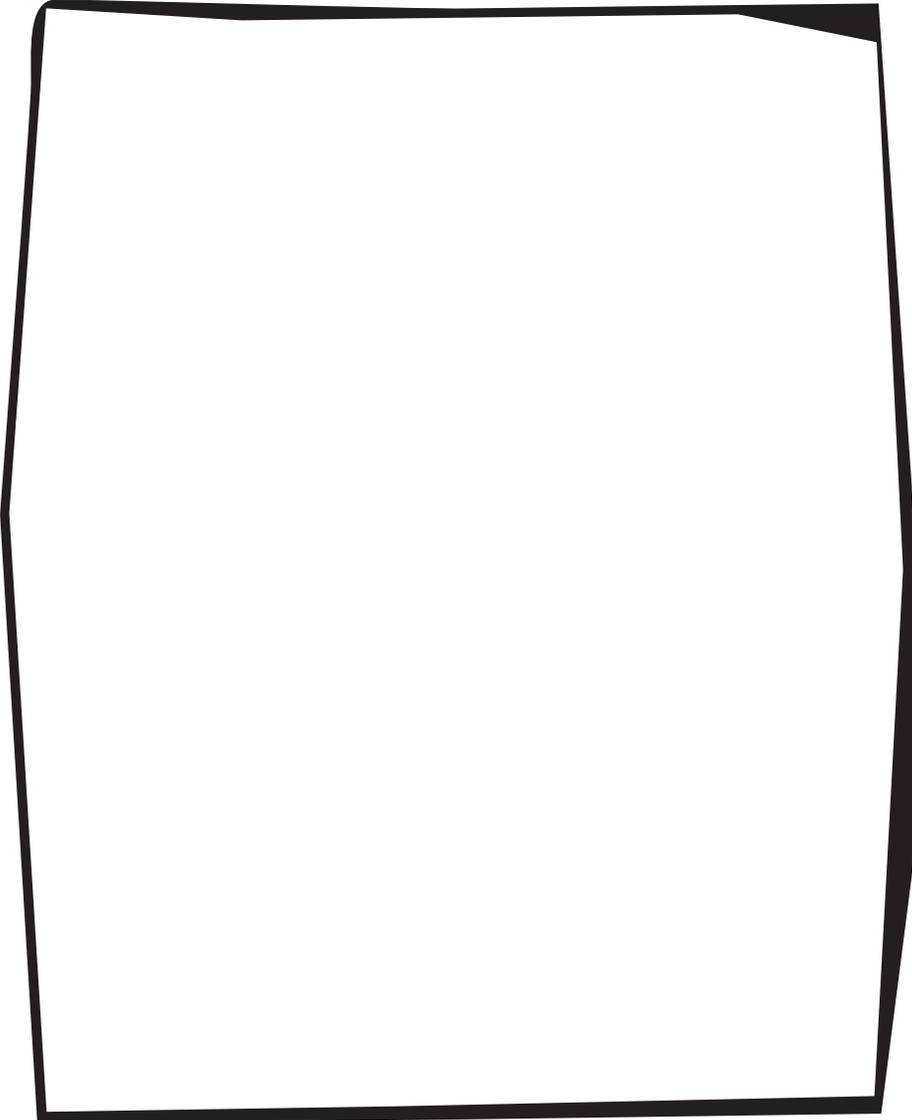
Do you see any green in church today? What about flowers, plants, or other growing things? Write or draw about them here.



READER

Epiphany 4

- Today is the **fourth Sunday** in **Epiphany**.
- One meaning of Epiphany is **manifestation**. That means appearing or becoming clear.
- During Epiphany we celebrate how God **appears** to us.



The Appearing Act

Shade in all of the squares containing even numbers. See what appears!

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Faith for Fools!

The apostle Paul tells us that the message of Jesus can seem foolish at times. God loves us so much it seems crazy!

Unscramble the bold words to make God's message clear.

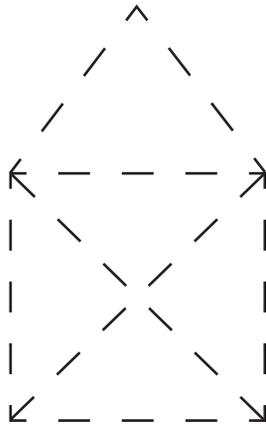
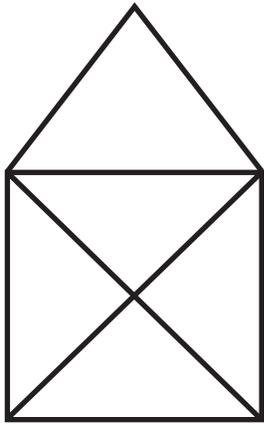
God **vsase** those who **lbeivee**

God _____ those who _____!

Mission Impossible

With Jesus in our lives, things that once seemed crazy or impossible are now possible!

Is it possible to draw this shape without lifting your pencil or retracing any lines?



What words fit in these blanks? Look up the verses to find out.

When _____ saw the crowds, he went up the

_____;

and after he sat down, his _____ came to him. Matthew 5:1

Blessed are the _____, for they will receive _____. Matthew 5:7

Memory Verse



When Jesus shared the Beatitudes with his disciples and followers, he was standing on a mountain. The crowds gathered below him to hear him speak. This is why the Beatitudes are in a section of the Bible called the Sermon on the Mount.

Did You Know?

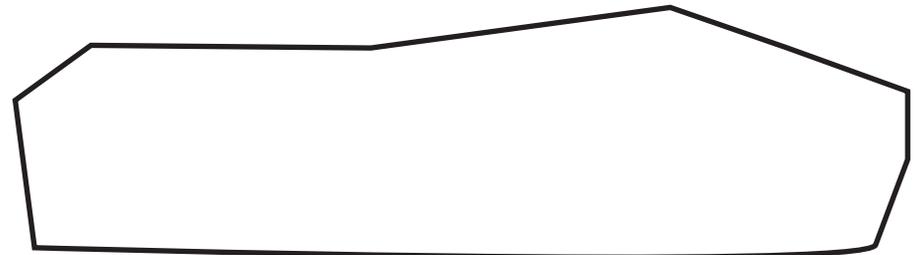
Match the Message

Listen to today's Gospel reading. Look up Matthew 5:1-12 in your Bible to find out who is blessed and why. Then, draw lines to match them.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| The poor in spirit | They will be filled |
| Those who mourn | They will be called children of God |
| The meek | They will be comforted |
| Those who hunger | Theirs is the kingdom of heaven |
| The merciful | They will see God |
| The pure in heart | Theirs is the kingdom of heaven |
| The peacemakers | They will receive mercy |
| Those who are persecuted | They will inherit the earth |

Beautiful Blessings

A **blessing** is the way that you tell someone they are **blessed by God**. Listen for a blessing during worship today. How does the pastor tell you that you are blessed by God? Write or draw about it here.



You can bless others too! Tell your friends and family that God is always with them!

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well what I have, Lord: nei - ther
 3 You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion, work - ing
 4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly
 trea - sure nor wea - pons for con - quest, just these my
 love for the rest of the wea - ry— a love that's
 long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing: O lov - ing



quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low.
 fish nets and will for work - ing.
 will - ing to go on lov - ing.
 Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos; son - ri - en - do,
 Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



has di - cho mi nom - bre. En la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi
 you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



bar - ca; jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

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Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

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

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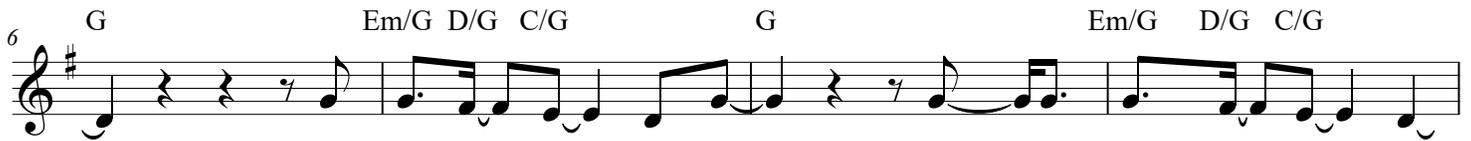
INTRO

♩ = 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

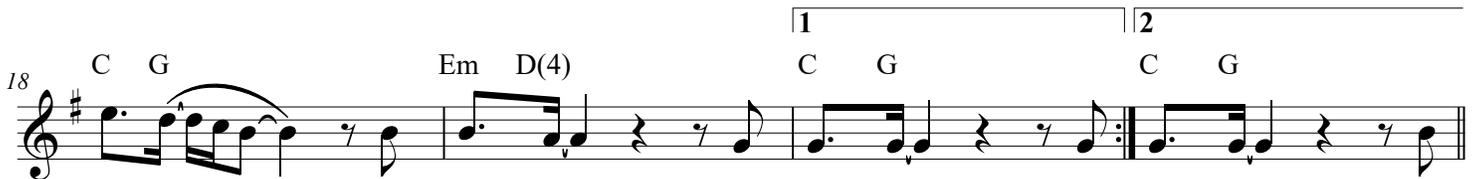
CHORUS 1a



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..

O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

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As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

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O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

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Lift Every Voice and Sing



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
 felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
 thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
 yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
 thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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