

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

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Scout Sunday
February 8, 2026**



Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

**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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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

Christ, Be Our Light

ELW #715

Prayer of the Day

Patrick Altamari

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.

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song

Mighty to Save

KFC Band

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever, Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Chorus

Bridge:

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King, Jesus.
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

Chorus

Ending:

Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Adrienne Brounce

A Scout Is

The Scout Law

Will Leigh and Noah Leigh

Leader The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of scouts and young adults throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Exodus 20:16)

Scouts **A Scout is trustworthy.**

Leader He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. (Luke 16:10)

Scouts **A Scout is loyal.**

Leader You shall not take vengeance or bear any grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:18)
For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to thy needy and to the poor, in the land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

Scouts **A Scout is helpful.**

Leader Love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. (Romans 12:10)
Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133)

Scouts **A Scout is friendly.**

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Justin Maldonado

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Shout out; do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

³ “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

^{9a} Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, “Here I am.”

Here ends the reading.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright. (Ps. 112:4)

The Psalms

Psalm 112:1-9

Megan Brounce

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸ **Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹ They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The Scout Law Continues

Will Leigh and Noah Leigh

Leader 1 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such
as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may
impart grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)

Scout **A Scout is courteous.**

Leader 2 A righteous man has regard for the life of his beast, but
the mercy of the wicked is cruel. (Proverbs 12:10)

Scouts **A Scout is kind.**

Leader 1 Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.
Honor thy first commandment with promise; that it may
be well with thee and thou mayest live long on the
earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Scouts **A Scout is obedient.**

Leader 2 A glad heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken. The mind of him who has understanding seeks knowledge, but the mouths of fools feed on folly. All the days of the afflicted are evil, but a cheerful heart has a continual feast.
(Proverbs 15:13-15)

Scouts **A Scout is cheerful.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gospel Acclamation (Taizé)*

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In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God’s commandments.

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20 Vicar Nikki Young
The holy gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all

in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Message

Josh Dawson

A moment of silence for reflection

Please rise as you are able.

Song of the Day *This Little Light of Mine*

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vs. 1-3, repeat vs. 1

KFC Band

Apostles' Creed

Will Uhlig

**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

Patrick Altomari, Megan Brounce, Ben Gieder

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

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.

The Scout Law Continues

Will Leigh and Noah Leigh

Leader Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise.

Without having any chief, officer or ruler, she prepares her food in summer, and gathers her sustenance in harvest.

(Proverbs 6:6-8)

Scouts **A Scout is thrifty.**

Leader Be strong and of good courage, do not fear or be in dread of them: for it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

Scouts **A Scout is brave.**

Leader Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully. He will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of his salvation. (Psalm 24:3-5)

Scouts **A Scout is clean.**

Leader And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

Scouts **A Scout is reverent, he is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.**

Please rise as you are able.

Peace

Emily Maldonado

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

Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come

Chancel Choir

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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.

Sending Hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon Lord
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Blessing Justin Maldonado
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 Justin Maldonado
Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Festive Voluntary*

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Cub Scout Pack 367 and Scouts BSA Troop 367 who are participating in the worship service this morning.

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Frank, by Terry Santangelo.

The sponsor signups for 2026 have been added to the sign-up genius 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: Barbara Repa, head usher; Mia Cassel, greeter; Megan Brounce, Ben Gieder, Stephen Sotak, greeters and ushers; Ben Cassel, acolyte

Next Sunday: Ron Fegley, head usher, Andy Van Dyke, usher;

Ron Fegley, lector; Lindsey Waltermyer, children's sermon; Caleb Woods, acolyte

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

A special congregational meeting will be held today 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.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday The Picnic Committee wants to help you enjoy the Super Bowl 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 church service. The suggested donation is \$9/quart. All three choices can be frozen in their container for future enjoyment.

Now is the time to order lilies for Easter. An order form is included in this bulletin. Also, you can go online to place your order at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/lily_signups. Orders are due by March 8th.

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

Congregational Meeting – Today, 10:00 AM, room 1
J.A.M. – Today, 10:15 AM, room 21
Soup-er Bowl Soup Sale – Today, 10:15 AM, room 11
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
Altar Guild – Monday, 3:45 PM, sanctuary
Cub Scout Pack #367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms
 welcome center, 1, 14, 27-34, 36-37
Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom
Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 27
Women’s Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty’s Sunflower
 Café in Pottstown
Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Endowment – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 1
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15
Food Ministry – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, room 14
District Scout Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM,
 room 27
Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34
Men’s Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family
 Restaurant in Pottstown
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
Fastnacht Social – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, room 1
Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Lutheran
 Church in Limerick
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.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

Upcoming Events

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 annual congregational meeting and dinner will be held on Sunday, February 22nd, immediately following the worship service. Sign up for the dinner online at

https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/dinner_signups
or use the QR code.



Sunshine Registration is OPEN: Are you considering New Hanover Sunshine Learning Center for your child's early education? We are happy to announce that registration for NHELIC families opens today. We are also excited that Grace Early Learning Center ("GELC") will be relocating to Sunshine Learning Center after the current school year. GELC will bring their staff and high-quality program to NHELIC's facility for the 2026/27 school year and registration for NHELIC families is now OPEN.

Some highlights of our program are we develop the whole child through academics, socialization, gross and fine motor activities,

spiritual and exploration activities using the PA Early Learning Standards. We welcome parent involvement through school wide activities and classroom activities. All GELC staff are coming from a PA Keystone Star 4 center and will be offering our children the highest quality of care in PA.

Sunshine will be open from 6:30 AM - 5:00 PM. At this time, registration is open for full-time and part-time classes for children who will be 1 - 5 years old in September. Full day childcare is available for all classes with an option to choose 3 or 5 days of care. Part-time classes for 1 - 3-year-old children will be offered 9:00 - 11:30 AM, and PreK classes will be offered from 9:00 AM - noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Monday through Friday. In addition, all age groups will be offered a 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Monday through Friday option.

For the convenience of our families, snacks are included for all morning and full day programs at Sunshine Learning Center. Lunch is also available for our 9-3 and full day students provided by Kremmer's Food Service.

For questions about our program or registration, email directornhslc@gmail.com or call 610-323-9435.

Fire Drills If you are at NHELCC and the fire alarm goes off, please exit the building as quickly and safely as possible. After you exit, walk to the far side of the parking lot across from the church office. Sunshine and church staff will be meeting there and will let you know if it is a drill and when you may return inside the building. Practicing drills is a requirement of PA regulations. Local emergency officials are made aware of a fire drill prior to the alarm going off. If an emergency triggers the alarms, our system automatically alerts all necessary local emergency services. Police and fire department will be arriving and will check the building and let staff know when it is safe to return inside. Thank you for your understanding as we learn this new procedure!

Help Needed

Pottstown Cluster NHELCC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are

located in the welcome center, fellowship hall, and multi-purpose room for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the January issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

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

Over 300,000 meals have been distributed! 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 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 and Kim Capone

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
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The Wisdom Course

By Garden Spot

The Wisdom Course helps participants uncover, appreciate and confidently share the wisdom already held within a life story. The course guides participants to focus on sharing hard earned wisdom with a younger generation.

The eight-session intergenerational storytelling journey brings residents of Frederick Living and friends in the community with local college students. Participants reflect on their life experiences, extract meaningful insights and learn to share their stories in ways that inspire and connect across generations. This course offers a transformative experience, changing how people understand themselves, each other and the purpose of their lives.

The course is held at Frederick Living the second Tuesday of the month from May through December 2026. Frederick Living is located at 2849 Big Road in Zieglerville.

Looking for More Information

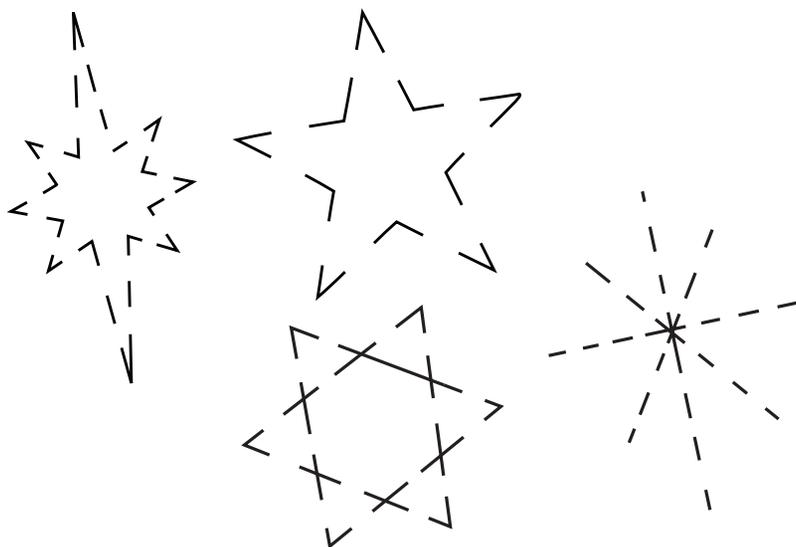
Garden Spot is offering an Information Session on Monday, February 16th, at 1:00 PM at Frederick Living. You are encouraged to come early for a lunch at noon for Fireside Dining. RSVP to Betsy Natter at 610-754-7878, ext. 1290.

We can be shining stars for God! Do you see any stars in your church today?

Draw them here.



There are many different ways to draw stars. Practice some of them by tracing the dotted lines.



PRE-READER

Epiphany 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** in **Epiphany**.
- We use the symbol of a star during Epiphany. A star reminds us of **light**.
- **God** shines light on us. We can **shine** light in the world!

Color this picture to remind yourself of God's light.

JESUS
IS THE
LIGHT
OF THE
WORLD

Two eight-pointed star symbols are placed between the words 'IS' and 'THE' on the first line, and between 'OF' and 'THE' on the fourth line.



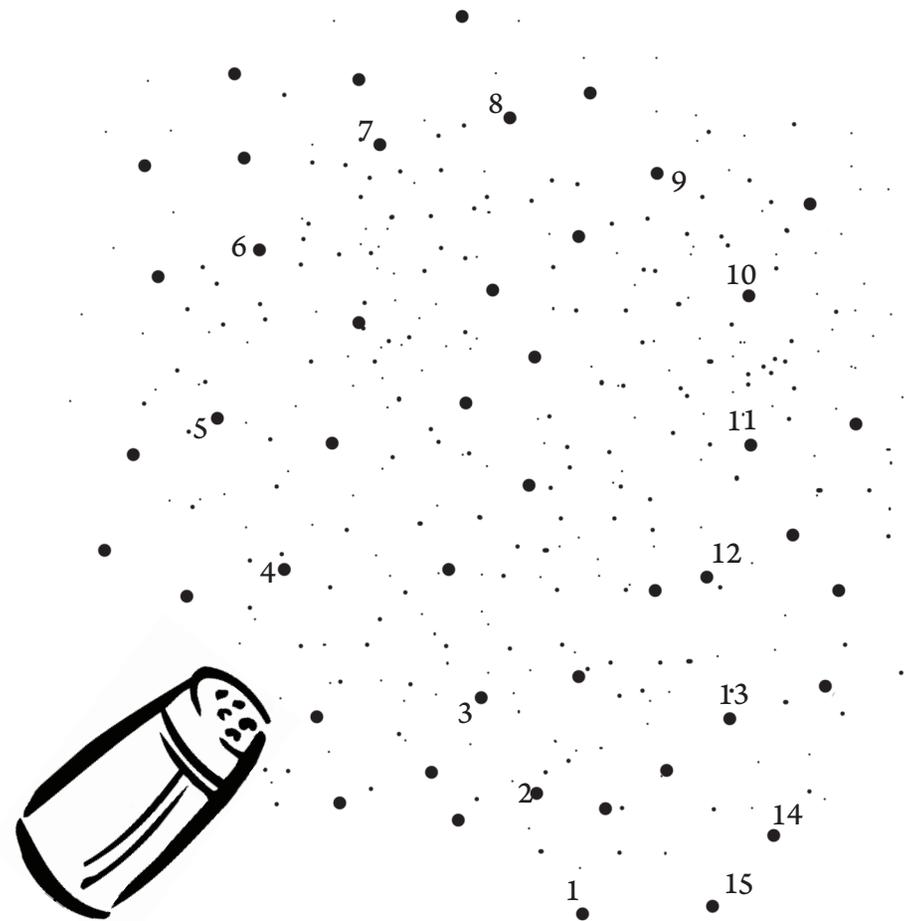
“You shouldn’t hide the bright light that you are!”

Jesus tells us that we are like **salt**. We may be **small** but we are important.

Jesus tells us that we are like **light**. We can **shine** God's love in the world.

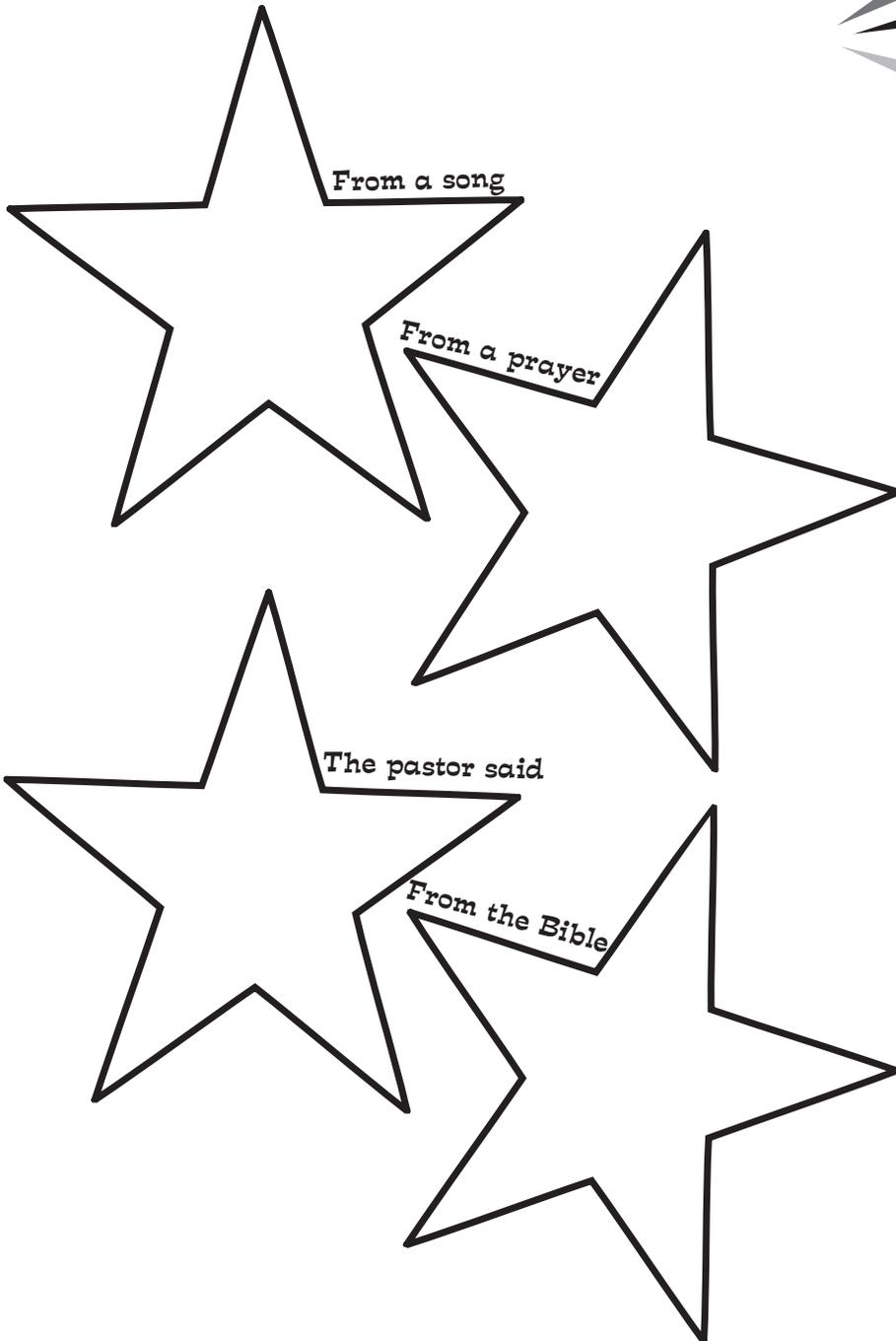


Connect the dots in this salt spill to reveal a hidden picture!



Written in the Stars

Use words you hear, say, or sing during worship to fill in these stars.



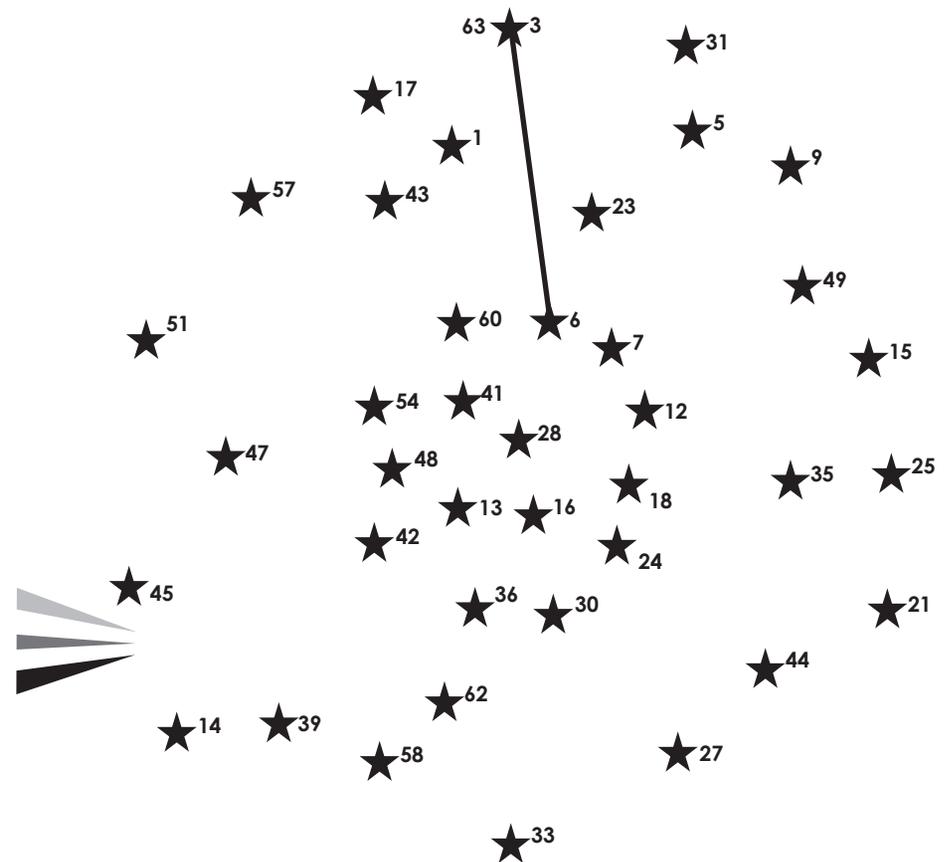
READER

Epiphany 5

- Today is the **fifth Sunday in Epiphany**.
- We use the symbol of a **star** during Epiphany because it reminds us of **light**.
- **God** shines light on us. **We** can shine light in the world!

Constellation Station

Connect the stars to make an Epiphany constellation. Start with 3 and move through all the multiples of 3 in order. The first connection is done for you.



Lamplight Maze

Jesus says that we can spread our light to the world just like a small lamp lights up a whole room! **Get through this maze to help spread this light.**



Use the symbols to figure out this week's memory verses. Check in your Bible to see if you're right!



In the same way let your shine

before others, so that they may your good works

and give glory to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16



You are the of the . A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:14

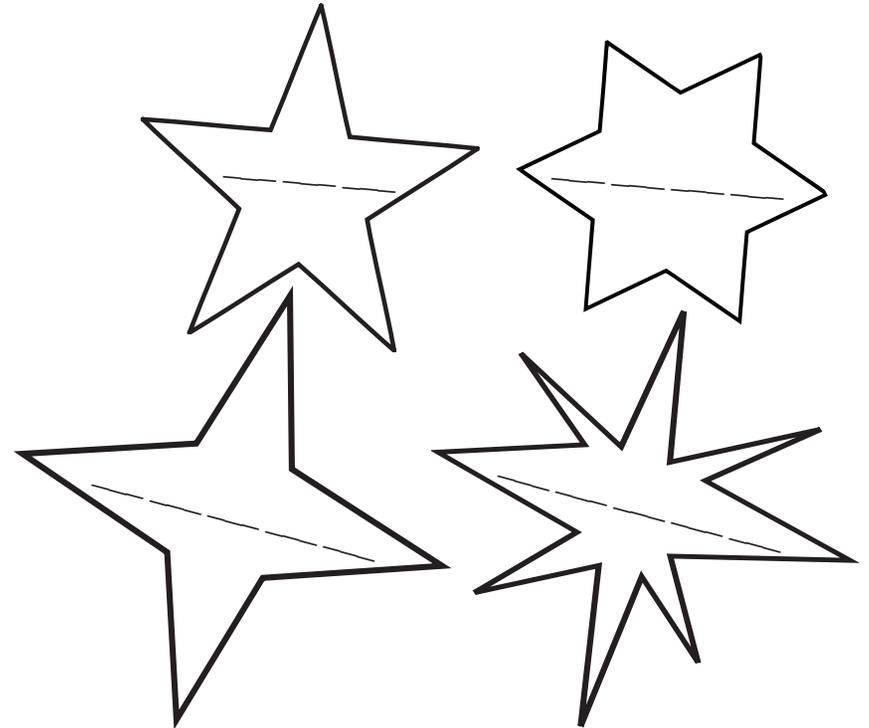
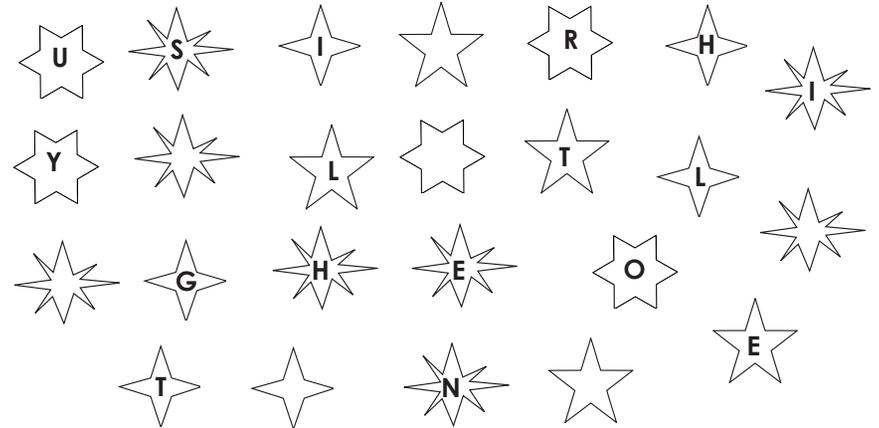
Memory Verse



Jesus is the light of the world. We can share this light too! Look up John 1:3-5 to read more about Jesus, the light of the world.

Skywriting

Jesus has a message for you. Unscramble the letters inside the different types of stars. Then match them with the spaces below to find out what it is!



Christ, Be Our Light



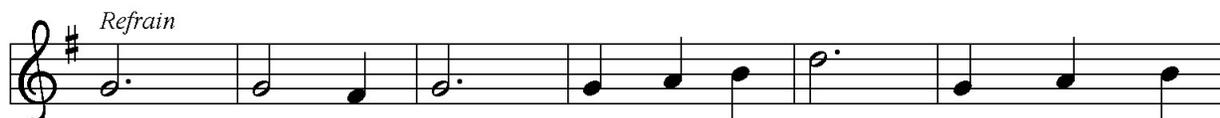
1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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Mighty To Save

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VERSE

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A



1. Ev 'ry - one needs com - pas - sion, love that's nev - er fail -
2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail -



ing. Let mer - cy fall on me. Ev - 'ry - one needs for - give -
ures. Fill my life a - gain. I give my life to fol -



ness, the kind - ness of a Sav - iour. The hope of na - tions.
low, ev - 'ry - thing I be - lieve in. Now I sur - ren - der. _____

CHORUS

A

E

D

A



Sav - iour, He can move the moun - tains. My God is might - y to save. He is



might - y to save. For - ev - er, Au - thor of sal - va - tion. He rose and

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TURNAROUND

17 **1**

D A F#m E D A

con - quered the grave. Je - sus con - quered the grave.

INSTRUMENTAL

21 **(1)** **2**

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

con - quered the grave.

BRIDGE

27

E F#m D A E F#m

Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're sing - ing

30

D A E F#m D A

for the glo - ry of the ris - en King. Je - sus. Shine your light, and let the whole world

CHORUS

33

E F#m D A E Fine A

see. We're sing - ing for the glo - ry of the ris - en King. Sav - iour, He can move the

37

E D A F#m E A

moun - tains. My God is might - y to save. He is might - y to save. For - ev - er, Au - thor of Sal -

41

E D A F#m E

va - tion. He rose and con - quered the grave. Je - sus con - quered the grave.

1

44

F#m E

con - - quered the grave. _____

2

D.S. al Fine

This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
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