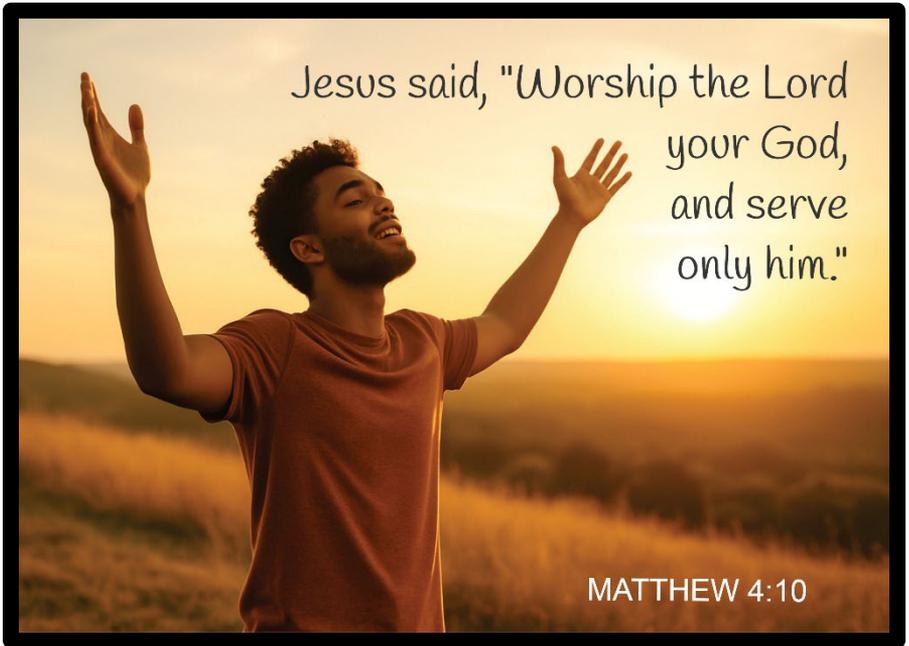


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**First Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026**



Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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

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

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

Handbell Choir and Timpani

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Please rise as you are able.

Invocation

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.

Gathering Hymn *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

ELW #319

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life: Gracious God, **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound. Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts, and gives you life and peace. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song

Breathe

Grace Band

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe
Your holy presence living in me
This is my daily bread
This is my daily bread
Your very word spoken to me
And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You
Repeat from beginning

Bridge:

And I, I'm desperate for You
And I, I'm lost without You
I'm lost without You
I'm lost without You

Ending:

This is the air I breathe
This is the air I breathe

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nikki Young

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

First Reading Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 Carolyn Fleming
A reading from the book of Genesis

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" ² The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.' " ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Here ends the reading.

Mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. (Ps. 32:10)

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you
in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*

Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ King of end - less glo - ry!

"Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ" Harmony by the Rev. Andris Solims. Gregorian melody.

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”

⁴ But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶ saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’

and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”

⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,

and serve only him.’ ”

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 *Blessed Be Your Name*

Grace Band

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge (2x):

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name

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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.**

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

Behold the Shepherd

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

“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.

Offering Prayer

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *As the Sun with Longer Journey* ELW #329

Please move to the Learning Center for a dedication. We will meet in the rooms across from the church office and then reconvene in fellowship hall for our annual meeting and dinner.

Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✚ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Postlude

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

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Announcements

Today

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Henrietta Stauffer, Janet Psota's mother.

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: Steve Weidner, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Carolyn Fleming, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, acolyte

Wednesday: Scott Geiser, head usher; Georgann Geiser, usher

Next Sunday: Jim Gross, head usher; Rick Solazzo, usher; Donna Kehs, lector; Carolyn Springer, children's sermon; Genesis Garcia, acolyte; Leslie Gates and Terry Sanangelo, communion assistants

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: 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 Vicar 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 and Dinner – Today, 10:00 AM,
room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Scout Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 37

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
Sunshine Learning Center Board – Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM,
room 37

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Lenten Dinner – Wednesday, 5:30 – 6:25 PM, rooms 1, 11
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34
Evening Prayer – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, sanctuary
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 7:15 – 8:15 PM, room 15
Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 33

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

Scout Crossover Set Up – Saturday, 6:00 – 9:00 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
JAM – Next Sunday, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 21
JAM Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room
15

KFC Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary
Scout Crossover Banquet – Next Sunday, 1:00 – 6:00 PM, rooms
1, 11

Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, room 33

Continue on your journey through Lent at NHEL.C. A Lenten dinner will be held on Wednesday at 5:30 PM, followed by a prayer service at 6:30 PM. Invite your family and friends to join you on Wednesdays in Lent at NHEL.C.

Upcoming Events

God on Tap is on Thursday, March 5th, at Main St Pub in Bally, at 6:00 PM. This month's discussion topic will be *If you were to witness an act of public bigotry against an individual or a group, what would you do?* Example: A waiter or another individual belittling another for his/her ethnicity/skin color/dress/sexuality/other, how would you handle it? Of course this will play differently due to the environment. If you were in a Hell's Angel's Biker bar, you'd play it differently than if you were in Saville's. So, let's say you were in Saville's when this took place. Go on...." RSVP to Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 by noon on March 5th or if you have any questions about this event.

Now is the time to order lilies for Easter, April 5th. The suggested donation is \$12 a plant. Order forms are available on the desk in the welcome center or order online at https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/lily_signups. Orders are due by March 8th.

The NHELCL Book Club is reading *Maybe you Should Talk to Someone* by Lori Gottlieb. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, April 7th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

Fire Drills If you are at NHELCL 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!

The 3rd Annual Community Band Extravaganza will be held at the SunnyBrook Ballroom on Saturday, March 21st, from noon – 5:00 PM. The Boyertown Alumni Concert Band and Marching

Unit will host this concert. Performances by additional bands include: Oley Valley Alumni and Community Band, Wyomissing Community Band, Pottsgrove Community Band, Exeter Community Band and Quakertown Band. Tickets in advance cost \$10, or \$15 at the door. To buy tickets online, go to SoulJoels.com. SunnyBrook is located at 50 Sunnybrook Road in Pottstown.

Help Needed

Your Garden of Hope team is looking for a Lead Gardener.

Last year this team grew 3 1/4 tons of organic produce making an enormous difference to our less fortunate neighbors. If interested in leading a team of amazing volunteers, contact Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverluthran.org.

Pottstown Cluster NHELCS 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?

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 NHELCS? 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. NHELIC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

NAMI Help Line 1-800-950-6242 is available Monday - Friday 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM ET.

Text "Helpline" to 62640 or if in crisis call or text 988.

PA Addiction Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357).

Online live chat offered at 1-717-216-0905 or text

You Can Help

Volunteers are needed to help during the church service: Ushers, Lectors, Children's Sermons, Acolytes and Communion Assistants. Contact Faye Weidner at omiweidner@gmail.com or 484-929-5958 if you can help.

Food Ministry

Over 300,000 meals have been distributed! NHELCC'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 Kim Capone and Robert Ganovsky

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	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	Steve Morriss
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Vicki Mutter
Carol Feick	Alice Nester	Linda Adams
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Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Janet Linskey
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During Lent, we do not say or sing the word ALLELUIA during worship. That's because Lent is a quiet, thinking time. We use Lent to get ready for Easter. On Easter, everyone celebrates that Jesus is alive. Then we say and sing ALLELUIA again.

Decorate this ALLELUIA. Then hide this paper someplace where you'll remember it on Easter.



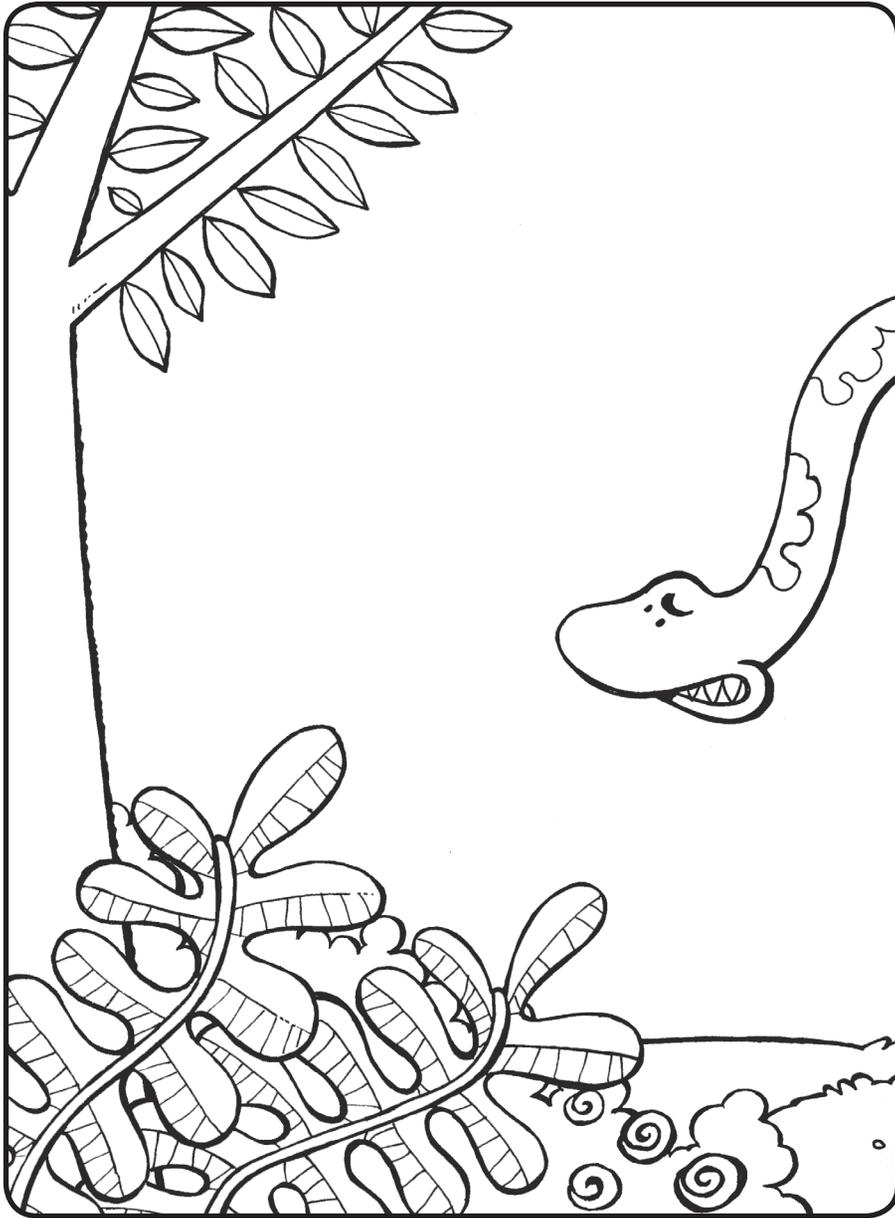
PRE-READER

Lent 1

- Today is the **1st Sunday in Lent.**
- During Lent we **learn** about the **life of Jesus.**
- The symbol we see for Lent is a **road to a cross.**
- A **road** reminds us of a **journey.**

Color the road to the cross.

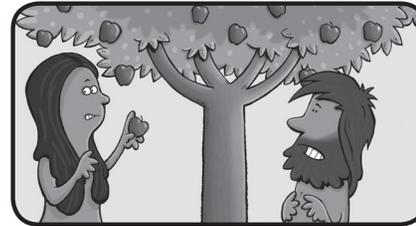




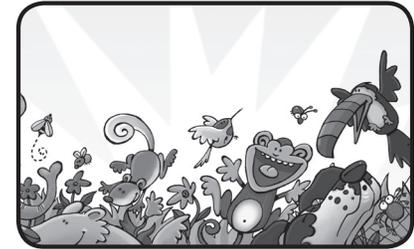
As soon as they ate the fruit,
EVERYTHING CHANGED.

Adam and Eve did not listen to God.
People today don't always listen to God either.
Jesus came to help us live how God wants us to live.

Number these pictures to tell the story of Adam and Eve.



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Where Did It Go?

There's something you won't hear this Sunday during worship: the word *Alleluia*! Lent is a serious, sometimes sad, time. You will hear *Alleluia* again on Easter Sunday.

Alleluia is a word used for praise and celebration. In the word search below, find some other words that celebrate God. Words are forward, backward, up, down, and diagonal. Hint: Every word ends in the letter E.

AWE LOVE ADORE SERVE
 PRAISE BELIEVE REJOICE CELEBRATE

A	R	B	W	I	L	J	O	E	V	D	O	M
S	O	Q	E	F	C	N	H	S	I	W	C	F
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READER

Lent I

- Today is the **first Sunday** in **Lent**.
- There are **six Sundays** in Lent before we celebrate **Easter**.
- The symbol we see for Lent is a **road** leading to a **cross**.
- The road reminds us of **Jesus' journey** to the cross.

Journey of Faith

Think of a journey you have taken. How many steps did it take to get there? Jesus took many journeys. He traveled many places to teach people about God. Unscramble these words to find out his important message.



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O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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Breathe

Words and Music by
Marie Barnett

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 58$

A2 D2/A A D2/A

This is the air I breathe, this is the air I breathe:

5 A E/G# F#m E D2 F#m E A2

Your Ho - ly pres - ence liv - ing in me. This is my dai -

10 D2/A A D2/A A E/G# F#m E

ly bread, This is my dai - ly bread: Your ver - y Word

CHORUS

15 D2 F#m E A E/G# F#m7 E D2 F#m

spo - ken to me. And I, I'm des - p'rate for You.

20 E A E/G# F#m7 E D2 F#m E

And I, I'm lost with - out You.

INSTRUMENTAL

(1) 2

D2 A2 E D2 A2 E E D.S. al Coda

And I,

ENDING

30 *Coda* E D2 F#m E A2 D2/A

I'm lost with - out You. This is the air I breathe,

35 A D2/A A

this is the air I breathe.

Blessed Be Your Name

(as published by Worship Together)

Words and Music by
Matt Redman and Beth Redman

VERSE

♩ = 116 B F# G#m7

1. Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -
2. Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
3. Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down
4. Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -

4 E B F#

ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed
ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed
on me, when the world's "all as it should be." bless - ed
fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed

PRE-CHORUS

7 E 1, 3 2, 4 B F#

be Your name. Ev - 'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll

be Your name. _____

be Your name. _____

be Your name. _____

12 G#m7 E B F# G#m7

turn back to praise. When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will

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CHORUS

17 E B F# G#m7 E
 say, "Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your name. Bless - ed be the

22 B F# G#m7 F# E
 name of the Lord, bless - ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." *Last time to Coda* *D.C.*

BRIDGE

27 2 B F# G#m7 E
 You give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My

32 B F# G#m7 E E *D.S. al Coda*
 heart will choose to say, "Lord, Bless - ed be Your name." You name." Bless - ed be the

37 *Coda* E B

As the Sun with Longer Journey



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

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