

Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026



Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. “I was blind, now I see,” declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God’s beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

**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.

Prelude *In the Silence of the Garden* Roger C. Wilson

Welcome and Announcements

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 God of Mercy, God of Light* ELW #714
vs. 1-4

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.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Grace Band

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus:

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus 2x

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Harry White

A reading from the book of 1 Samuel

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you."

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of

these.” ¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him, for this is the one.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 23

Harry White

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ*



Praise to you, Lord Je - sus Christ

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰ His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue.

²³ Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵ He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”

²⁶ They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ⁷ He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰ The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴ They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶ He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.”

³⁷ Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸ He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and

said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

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 *Open the Eyes of My Heart* Grace Band

Chorus (sing 2x):

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up

Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy holy holy

Repeat from beginning

Bridge (sing 2x):

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

Ending:

I want to see You

I want to see You

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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 *Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee* 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 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* ELW #324

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude *March in D* George F. Handel
arr. Rick Parks

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Announcements

Today

The flowers on the altar are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their son Alexander's birthday by Joseph and Lisa Caputo.

Would you like to sponsor the bulletin, flowers, communion or devotional? Sign up today by clicking on the link

newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026 or use this QR Code. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



Serving Today: George Trowbridge, head usher; Kyle and Kady Singley, ushers; Harry White, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Alivia Singley, acolyte

Wednesday: Todd Rothermel, head usher; Stacey Rothermel, usher

Next Sunday: Ron Fegley, head usher; Terry Santangelo, usher; Leslie Gates, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Maddie Artim, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Kay Kurtz.

The Nursery room is located between the Welcome Center and the Fellowship Hall. Parents are welcome to use the room during worship as needed. The room provides for a comfortable play area in a joyful environment; toys and books are included. The room has access to a changing room and a private nursing room next door.

Doors leading to fellowship hall and the education wing remain locked during the worship service for the safety of all.

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

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

JAM – Today, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 21

JAM Choir Rehearsal – Today 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

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

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

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

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

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

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

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Walnut Woods – Wednesday, 10:00 AM

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, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

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

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 37

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, rooms 33-34

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

Coffee with Council – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

JAM Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday 11:00 – 11:15 AM, room 15

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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. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held on April 2nd and 3rd at 7:00 PM.

Upcoming Events

The Council will hold a “Coffee with the Council” open informational session next Sunday, March 22nd, immediately following the 9 AM worship service in the Fellowship Hall. NHEL.C has a lot of activities and projects moving forward in 2026 and the Council would like to share information, listen to feedback, and answer questions. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 28th. Sign up using this QR Code or go to https://newhanoverlutheran.org/easter_egg_hunt.



Time to make room for spring in the church cemetery. If you have Christmas decorations on your loved ones graves in the NHEL.C cemetery, please remove the decorations. Christmas decoration left in the cemetery after today will be removed by cemetery personnel.

The NHEL.C 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.

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. In addition, music will be provided by: 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

Hams Needed The Food Ministry is looking for ham donations for Easter. Hams may be dropped off in the kitchen on Wednesdays and Sundays between 9:00 – 10:00 AM or stop by the office Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

Boyertown Area Multi-Service NHELCC is collecting non-perishable items throughout the month of March to be distributed to our neighbors in local communities. For a list of suggested items most needed by the pantry, see the March issue of *New Hanover Highlights*.

Readers are needed for the April 3rd, Good Friday service. A signup sheet for readers is on the desk in the welcome center.

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 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 Vicar Nikki Young.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. NHELC has links with helpful information available on our website (newhanoverlutheran.org) or contact NAMI Helpline or PA Addiction Helpline directly.

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

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

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

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

You Can Help

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

Food Ministry

Over 300,000 meals have been distributed! NHELC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1.) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays 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

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 | 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 |
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| 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 |
| Donna Day | John Sander, Candis Peto, Yvonne Peto | |
| Dennis and Sandy Rothermel | | Janet Linskey |
| James Dawson | | |

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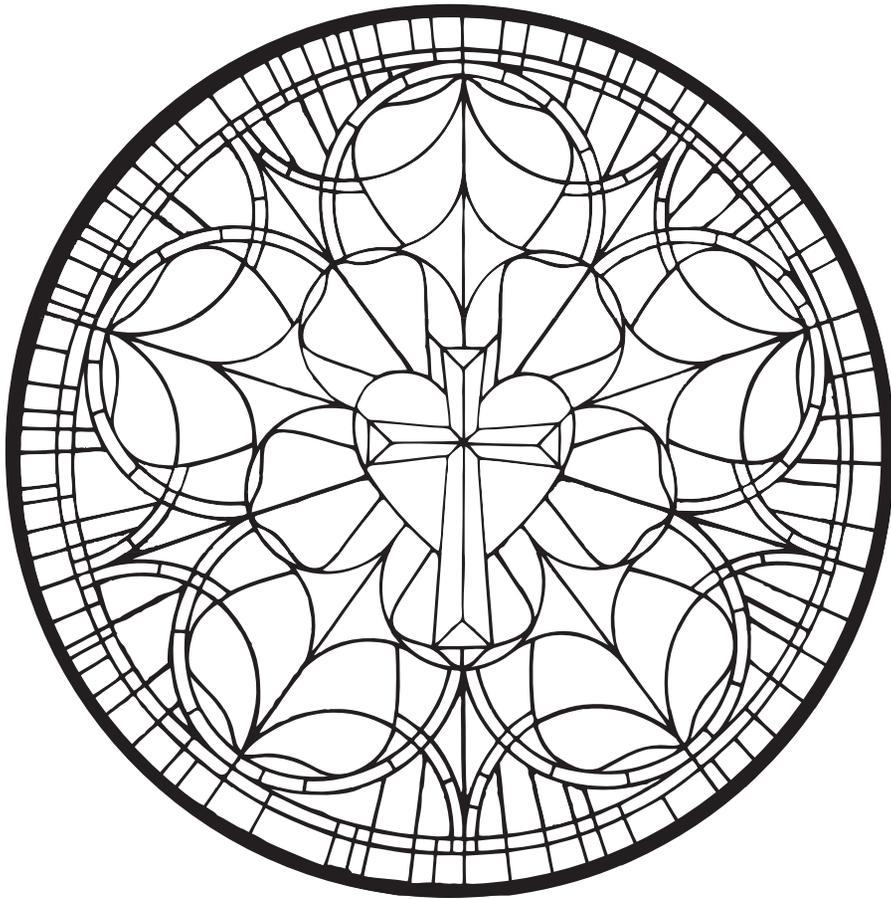
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Lent is in the spring. In the spring, the sun comes out earlier and stays out longer. Look around your worship space. Find all the windows.



Do you see light shining through them? As you color in this window, remember that Jesus is our light and that Jesus is always with us.



PRE-READER

Lent 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in Lent.
- During Lent, we **prepare** for **Easter**.
- **Prepare** means to **get ready**.

During Lent we prepare for 6 weeks.

Color in the six steps on the road. Where are we on this road today? Circle that number.

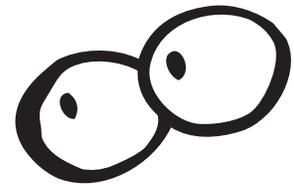
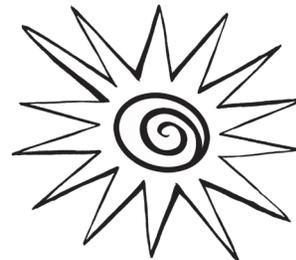
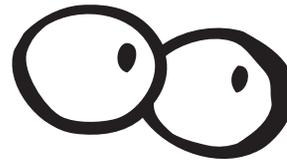
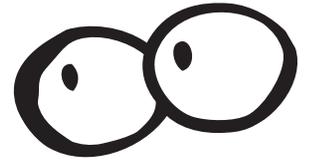
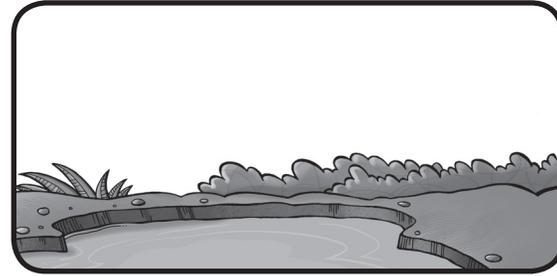




**The blind man remembered Jesus' words,
"I'll give you light."**

Jesus used water to heal the blind man. The blind man could see the water. He could see his own reflection. He could see the sun shining all around him!

Color all the things that the man could see.



See the Light

During Lent, spring arrives! Birds and other animals come out of their winter nests. The days start to get longer, too. That means that the sun rises earlier and sets later.

Look around your worship space. Do you see light coming in through the windows? There is more light in the spring. This light reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world!

Color in the window below to help remind you that Jesus is our light.



READER

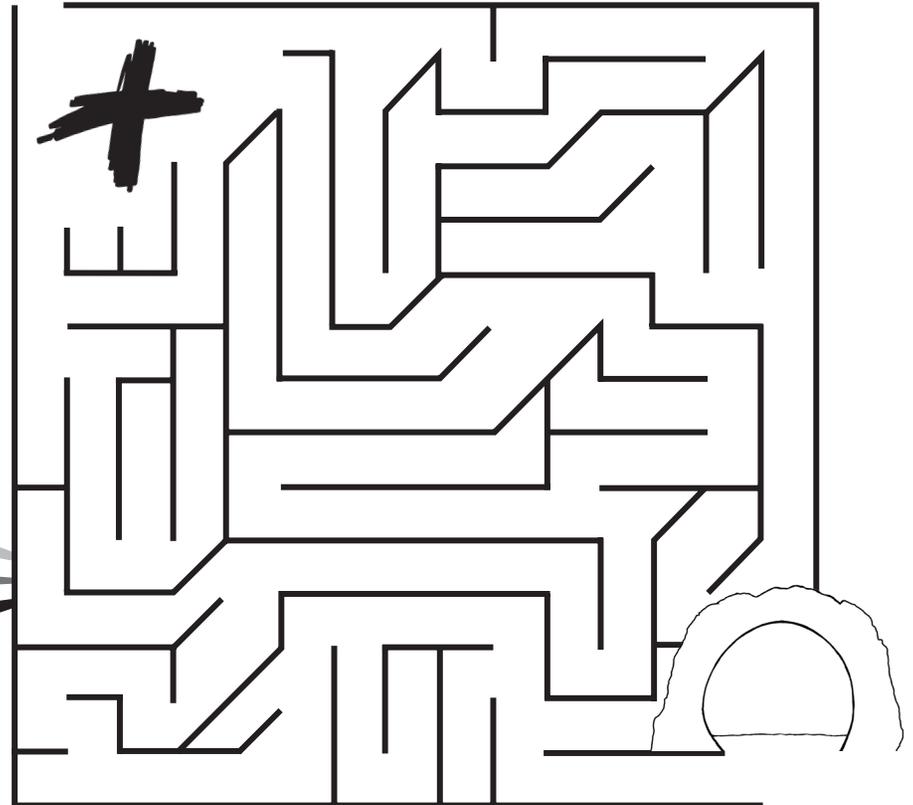
Lent 4

- Today is the **fourth Sunday** in **Lent**.
- Lent is a time of **sadness** and **thinking**.
- During Lent, we **prepare** for the **joy** of Easter.

A Lenten Journey

Find the path below that will take you through Lent and all the way to Easter.

START



FINISH

Follow the directions below to discover what Jesus said. If you need help, try looking at John 9:5b.



Cross out these letters:
 All U's
 Every other T
 All N's
 Every other I
 All S's



Jesus said _____

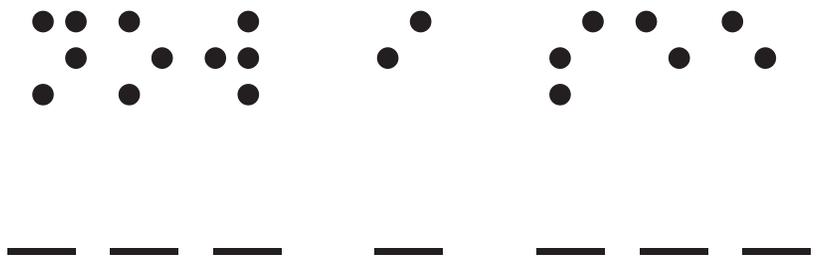
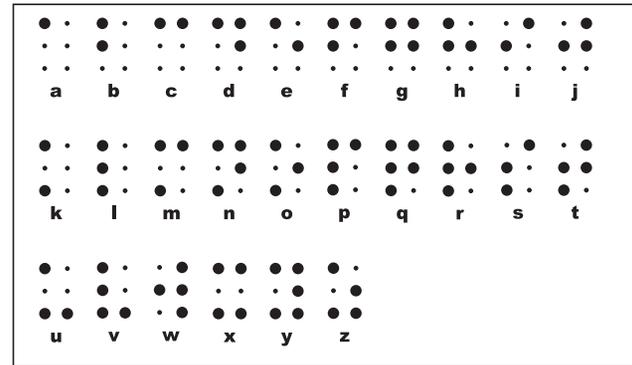
Feeling God's Love

Jesus came to teach and to heal.
 Jesus sent a blind man to wash in a pool of water. The blind man could see!
 Jesus brought the blind man light. Jesus brings us light, too!



Today, many people who cannot see use Braille to read. They use their fingers to read instead of using their eyes.

Decode the Braille below to figure out what the blind man said. Then use a pencil to push through the back of the dots. Close your eyes and see if you can feel the pattern of each letter.



The giant squid has the largest eyeball of any animal. It can be up to 10 inches (25 cm) in diameter!



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.

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Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

(as published by Worship Together)

Words and Music by
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and Louie Giglio

VERSE 1 & 2

$\text{♩} = 60$

F B \flat /F F

1. A maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears re -

4

C/F F F/A B \flat F C/F

me. I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I
lieved. How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear, the hour

1

8

F C/F F F/A B \flat

see. 2. 'Twas I first be - lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set

CHORUS

12

F/A B \flat /D F/C F/A B \flat

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

VERSE 3

16

F/A Gm7 C7 F F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. 3. The Lord has prom - ised good

20

B \flat /F F C/F F F/A

to me, His word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and por -

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CHORUS

24 $B\flat$ F C/F F F/A $B\flat$

tion be, as long as life en - dures. My chains are gone. I've been set

28 F/A $B\flat/D$ F/C F/A $B\flat$

free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a flood His mer - cy

32 F/A $Gm7$ C7 F F/A F

rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace. My chains are

VERSE 4

36 $B\flat/F$ F $B\flat/F$ F

4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine.

40 C/F F F/A $B\flat$ F C/F

But God, who called me here be - low, will be for - ev - er mine,

44 F C/F F C/F F

will be for - ev - er mine. You are for - ev - er mine.

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Open The Eyes Of My Heart

(as published by Integrity Music)

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

CHORUS

♩ = 112

E5

B/D#

O - pen the eyes of my heart, Lord, o - pen the eyes of my heart; I want to

1, 3

2, 4

5 A2/C#

A2

Esus

E

Esus

see You, I want to see You. To see You

VERSE

B

C#m

A2

Bsus

high and lift - ed up, shin - ing in the light of Your glo - ry.

1

14 B

C#m

F#m11

Bsus

D.C.

Pour out Your pow'r and love; As we sing ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.

BRIDGE

19 2

E5

B/D#

Ho - ly, ho - ly;

1

2

A2/C#

A2

Esus

E

Esus

Esus

E

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see You. see You.

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

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