

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

**Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 22, 2026**



**“DID I NOT  
TELL YOU  
THAT IF YOU  
BELIEVED  
YOU WOULD  
SEE THE  
GLORY OF  
GOD?”**

John 11:40

In today's gospel Jesus reveals his power over death by raising Lazarus from the dead. The prophet Ezekiel prophesies God breathing new life into dry bones. To those in exile or living in the shadows of death, these stories proclaim God's promise of resurrection. In baptism we die with Christ that we might also be raised with him to new life. At the Easter Vigil we will welcome the newly baptized as we remember God's unfailing promise in our baptism.

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

**We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!**

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[newhanoverlutheran.org](http://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

*Pi  Jesu*

Handbell Choir

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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

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

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### 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.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Centering Song

*I Am Free*

Grace Band

Through You the blind will see  
Through You the mute will sing  
Through You the dead will rise  
Through You all hearts will praise  
Through You the darkness flees  
Through You my heart screams I am free

*Chorus:*

(I am free to run) I am free to run  
(I am free to dance) I am free to dance  
(I am free to live for You) I am free to live for You  
(I am free) I am free  
(Yeah I am free) Yeah I am free

Through You, the kingdom comes  
Through You, the battle's won

Through You, I'm not afraid  
Through You, the price is paid  
Through You, there's victory  
Through You, my heart sings  
I am free

*Chorus*

*Ending:*

(I am free to run) I am free to run  
(I am free to dance) I am free to dance  
(I am free to live for You) I am free to live for You  
(O, I am free) O, I am free  
(I am free) I am free

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*Please be seated.*

Children's Message

Nikki Young

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Leslie Gates

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these

slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 130

Leslie Gates

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths

I cry to you, O Lord;

<sup>2</sup> **O Lord, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch over sins,

O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord**

**more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

**more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the Lord,

for with the Lord there is steadfast love;

with the Lord there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> **For the Lord shall redeem Israel**

**from all their sins.**

*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.*

Gospel John 11:1-45

The holy gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

<sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world.

<sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I

was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.”

<sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”

<sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out.

They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”

<sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did believed in 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**                      *Forever Reign*

Grace Band

You are good, You are good

When there's nothing good in me

You are love, You are love

On display for all to see

You are light, You are light

When the darkness closes in

You are hope, You are hope

You have covered all my sin

You are peace, You are peace

When my fear is crippling

You are true, You are true

Even in my wandering

You are joy, You are joy

You're the reason that I sing

You are life, You are life

In You death has lost its sting

*Chorus:*

(Oh) I'm running to Your arms  
I'm running to Your arms  
The riches of Your love will always be enough  
Nothing compares to Your embrace  
Light of the world forever reign  
  
You are more, You are more  
Than my words will ever say  
You are Lord, You are Lord  
All creation will proclaim  
You are here, You are here  
In Your presence I'm made whole  
You are God, You are God  
Of all else I'm letting go

*Chorus 2x*

*Bridge (sing 2x):*

My heart will sing  
No other Name  
Jesus, Jesus

*Chorus 2x*

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**Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried:  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession

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

*Go to Dark Gethsemane*

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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

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 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey* ELW #326

## 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

*Praise Him with Trumpets!*

Richard Blake

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# Announcements

## Today

**Would you like to sponsor the bulletin, flowers, communion or devotional?** Sign up today by clicking on the link [newhanoverlutheran.org/worship\\_signups\\_2026](http://newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026) or use this QR Code. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



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

**Wednesday:** George Trowbridge, head usher; Faye Weidner, usher

**Next Sunday:** Steve Weidner, head usher; Bill and Sharon Tracey, ushers; Barbara Noecker, lector; Hayley Quigley, children's sermon; Hannah Waltermeyer, acolyte; Debbie Solazzo and Leslie Gates, communion assistants

**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.

**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

**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

**Sunshine Learning Center Board** – Tuesday, 7:00 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, 7:00 – 8:15 PM, room 15

**Troop 367 Committee** – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 37

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

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

**Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday, 10:00 AM – noon

**Brass Ensemble Rehearsal** – 10:00 AM, sanctuary

**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

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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. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. Invite your family and friends to worship with you here at NHEL.C!

**The annual Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign up using this QR Code or go to

[https://newhanoverlutheran.org/easter\\_egg\\_hunt](https://newhanoverlutheran.org/easter_egg_hunt).



## Upcoming Events

**The Council will hold a “Coffee with the Council”** open informational session next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

**The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit** will hold their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary spring concert on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 PM at the Boyertown Senior High School Auditorium. Tickets are sold at Aunt Nannie’s Bake Shop (913 Rte. 100, Bechtelsville) and Bachman’s Music (38 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown). Adult tickets are \$10, student tickets are \$2 and under age six are free. For more

information, visit the band’s website at [www.boyertownalumnimarchingunit.org](http://www.boyertownalumnimarchingunit.org).

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, Good Friday service. Sign up today on the sheet for readers located 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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

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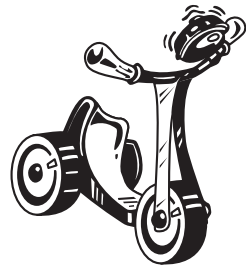
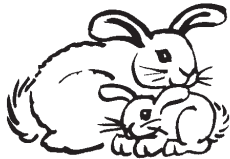
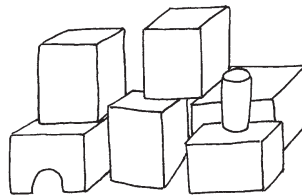
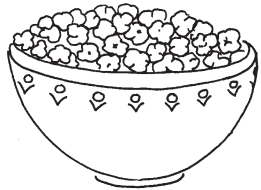
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The church uses symbols. Symbols are pictures that mean something. Are there any symbols in your worship space today? Some of the pictures below are symbols.

**Circle the ones that are pictures of spring.**



# PRE-READER

Lent 5

- Today is the **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in **Lent**.
- The word *lent* means **spring**.
- In the spring, we celebrate **new life**.

**Color the flowers along the path and the birds in the sky. Make everything colorful to celebrate that spring is coming!**

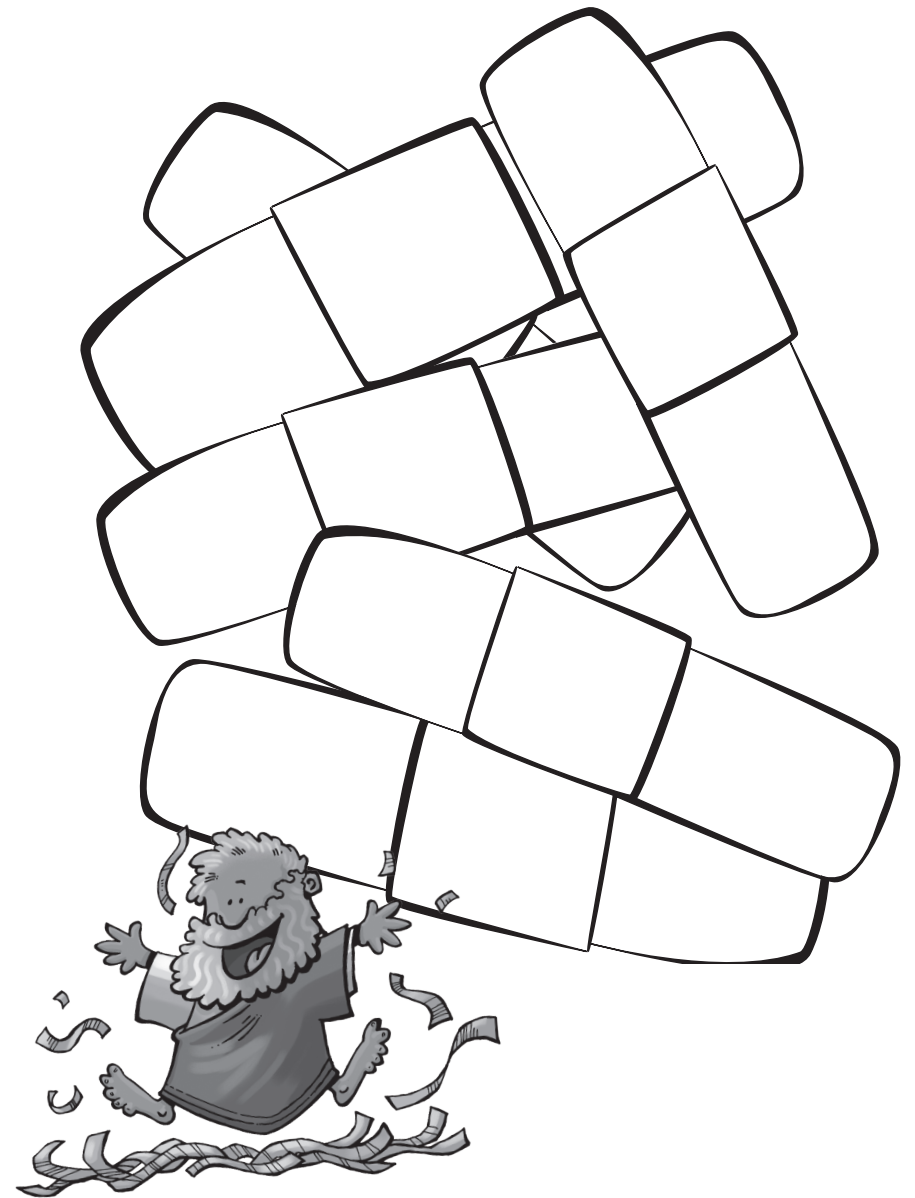




**“Don’t be sad. Lazarus will live again!”**

Lazarus got sick and died. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. When we’re hurting or upset, Jesus can help us, too!

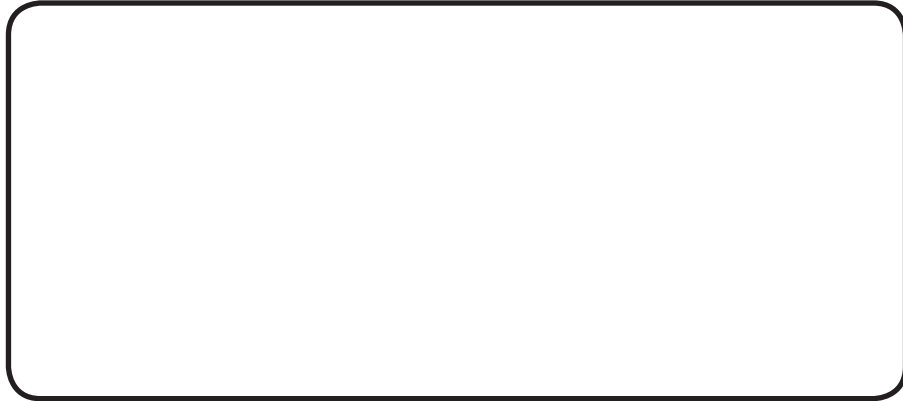
**Use the bandages below to write or draw things that make you feel better.**



## Symbols of Spring

Many churches decorate their worship space with fresh flowers. They might show artwork of birds or lambs. Look around your worship space.

Do you see any symbols of spring and new life? Draw them below.



Christians also use a cross as a symbol. How many crosses are there in your worship space? \_\_\_\_\_

Come up with your own symbols for the items below.

Friendship	A playground
Free time	Home



## READER

Lent 5

- Today is the **fifth Sunday** in Lent.
- Lent always happens during the **season** of spring.
- In the spring, we celebrate **new life**.
- Jesus brings **new life** to us!

## It's Spring!

Draw **40** spring leaves on the branch to help you count the **40** days of Lent. Remember that **Jesus brings us new life!**



Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_\_ the  
 1  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_."  
 2 3

## Memory Verse



John 11:25a

Look up the passages below to find the missing words from the memory verse.

1. Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "\_\_\_\_\_ 1 \_\_\_\_\_ who I am."
2. Matthew 27:53 After his \_\_\_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_\_\_ they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city.
3. Job 10:12 You have granted me \_\_\_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_\_\_ and steadfast love.

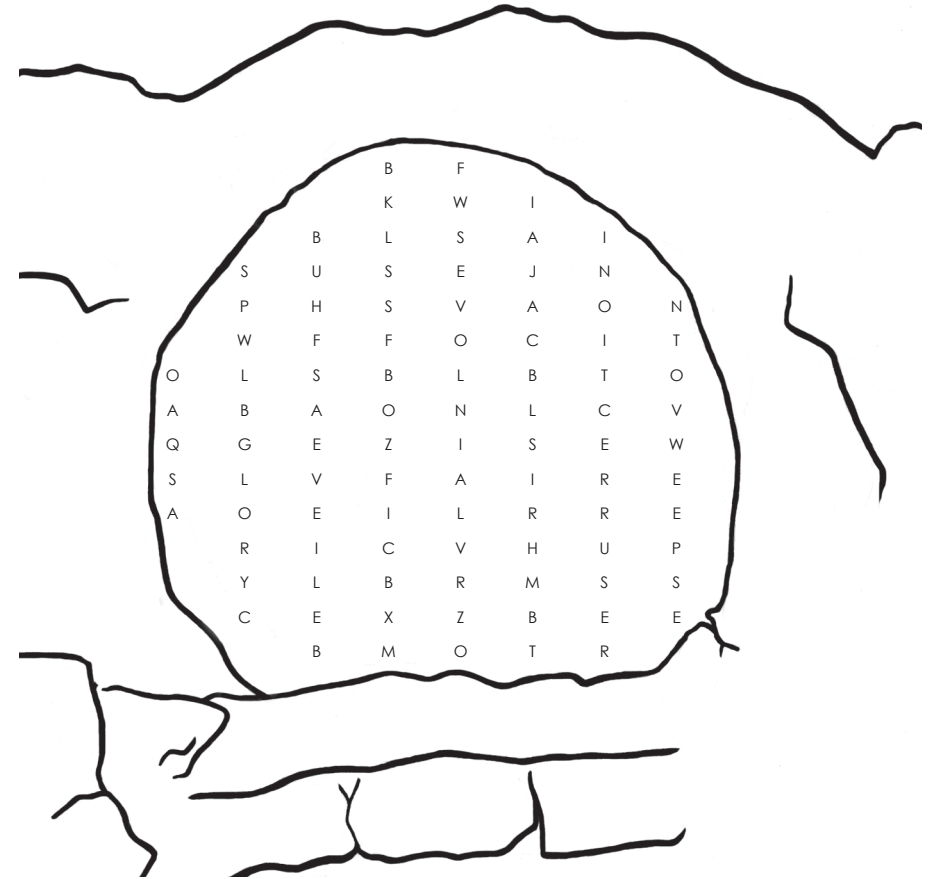
## Lazarus Finds New Life

Jesus was sad when his friend **Lazarus** died.

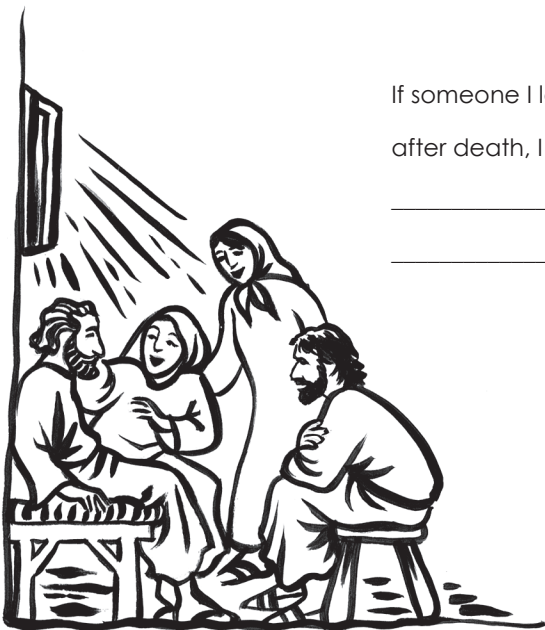
Jesus brought Lazarus **back to life!**

The people believed in Jesus because of this **miracle**.

Through Jesus, Lazarus found new life. Look at the opening of the tomb and see if you can find words from today's Bible story.



If someone I loved came back to life  
 after death, I would \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_



### Bible Tip!

If you open your Bible in the middle, you should end up in Psalms or Proverbs. If you split the right half in half again, you'll be at the beginning of the New Testament.

## Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
- 3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

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# I Am Free

Words and Music by  
Jon Egan

## VERSE

D

$\text{♩} = 136$



Through You the blind will see; Through You the mute will sing;

G2



Through You the dead will rise; Through You all hearts will praise;

Bm7

Asus



Through You the dark-ness flees; Through You my heart screams I am free.

## CHORUS

D

$\text{♩}$  D

(1st time and D.S. 8vb)



I am free to run, (I am free to run.)

G

Bm7




I am free to dance, (I am free to dance.) I am free to live for You,

Asus

D

Last time to Coda  $\text{⊕}$



(I am free to live for You.) I am free, (I am free.)

3rd and 4th times:

Yeah, I am free, (I am free.)

**INSTRUMENTAL**

32

1,3,5      2      4

*D.C.*      D

I am

**ENDING**

38

*D.S. al Coda*       $\oplus$  *Coda*      D

I am      O, I      am free,      (I am free.)

43

I am free,      (I am free.)

# Forever Reign

Words and Music by  
Reuben Morgan and Jason Ingram

## INTRO

C

♩ = 83

1. You are

## VERSE 1

C

G/B

good, You are good, when there's noth-ing good in me. You are love, You are love, on dis-

9

C

-play for all to see. You are light, You are light, when the dark-ness clos-es in. You are

12

G/B

C

hope, You are hope, You have cov-ered all my sin.

2. You are  
(3. You are)

## VERSE 2 & 3

C

G/B

peace, You are peace, when my fear is crip-pl-ing. You are true, You are true, e - ven more, You are more, than my words will ev-er say. You are Lord, You are Lord, all cre-

19

C

in my wan - der - ing. You are joy, You are joy, You're the  
- a - tion will pro - claim. You are here, You are here, in Your



C G G F Am G  
Coda

49 1,2,3 | 4 *D.S. al Coda*  $\Phi$

Je - sus, Je - sus. Je - sus. for - ev - er reign.

**BRIDGE**

55 C Am F

My heart will sing, no oth-er Name.

61 C 1,2,3 | 4 G G F

Je - sus, Je - sus. Je - sus.

## Bless Now, O God, the Journey



1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
2 Bless so - journ-ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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