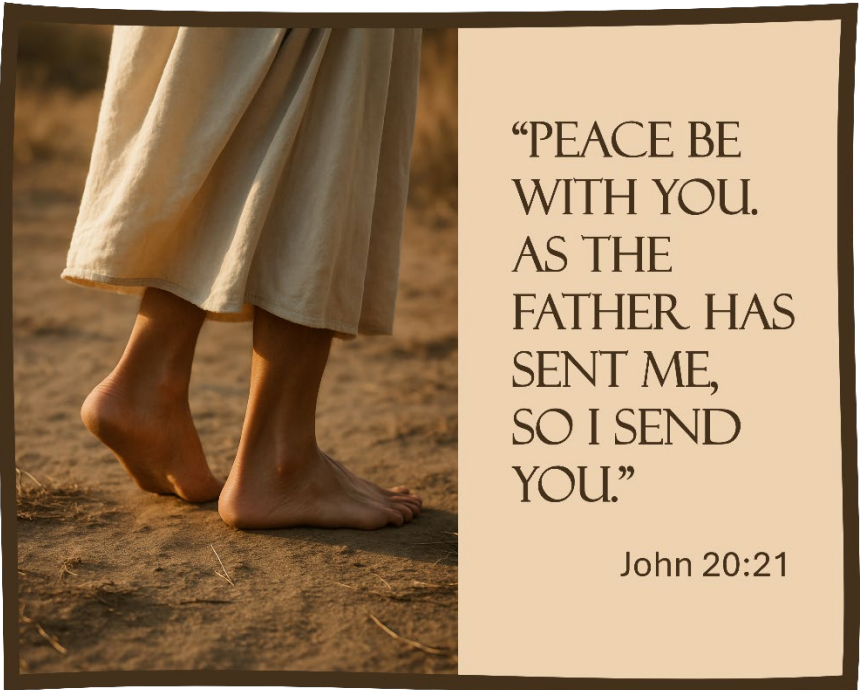


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026**



“PEACE BE
WITH YOU.
AS THE
FATHER HAS
SENT ME,
SO I SEND
YOU.”

John 20:21

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

**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.

Organ Prelude *“Alleluia! Ye Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”*
Benton Price
Based in the traditional French Easter melody “O Filii et Filae”

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 *With High Delight Let Us Unite* ELW #368

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Centering Song

Stronger

Grace Band

There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

Chorus:

You are stronger
You are stronger
Sin is broken
You have saved me
It is written
Christ is risen
Jesus, You are Lord of all

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Donna Kehs

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Ed Becker

A reading from the book of Acts

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 16

Ed Becker

¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Easter Alleluia*



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Gospel John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I

send you.”²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Living Hope

Grace Band

How great the chasm that lay between us

How high the mountain I could not climb

In desperation I turned to heaven

And spoke Your name into the night

Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness

Tore through the shadows of my soul

The work is finished the end is written

Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus:

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3 (sing 2x):

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, Yours is the victory

Chorus

Ending:

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried:
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

Prayers of Intercession
Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

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

The offering will be taken at this time.

You can donate to NHELCC's ministry electronically.

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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in there - praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 set fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* ELW #366

Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Fanfares on "Easter Hymn"

Robert Lau

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Announcements

Today

The Word in Season devotional is presented to the glory of God and in honor of his wonderful, diversified world which he created by Janet Psota.

The sponsor signups for 2026 is available on signupgenius 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: Bill Allen, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Ed Becker, lector; Donna Kehs, children's sermon; and Collins Quigley, acolyte

Next Sunday: Steve Weidner, head usher

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Deb Solazzo, Barb Eisenhart, Corrine Bartholomew and Judy Sloan.

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Reconciling in Christ – 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

Walnut Woods Service – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, rooms 33-34

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

Handbell Choir – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:00 PM, room 15

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 37

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

Garden of Hope Planting – Saturday, 9:00 AM

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

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Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM, St. James Limerick

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

Upcoming Events

Garden of Hope We have BIG plans for the garden this year! We plan to allocate a couple rows of raised beds for our school children so they can experience God's work in action as they plants seeds, water them, and watch them grow. We're also adding a washbasin to make the cleaning of our harvested produce a little

easier. Our new Lead Gardener Jim Mack and the Food Ministry are identifying more convenient ways to volunteer in the garden, so keep an eye out for more information on volunteer opportunities. Last year we produced 3 ¼ tons of organic produce that we gave to local Food Banks. None of this is possible without the dedication and support of our congregation and our neighbor volunteers.

If you enjoy working with your hands, playing in dirt, or simply like the camaraderie of friends, come out and join us. The garden's first planting is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th, at 9:00 AM** (rain date April 25th). No experience necessary! Feel free to reach out to Jim Mack at jimmack203@gmail.com or Steve Weidner at steveusamail@duck.com for more information.

Gathering of Daughters, Sunday, May 3rd, 11:30 AM In celebration of Mother's Day, daughters of all ages are invited to a Gathering of Daughters featuring a **luau with luau themed foods, crafts and activities**. Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is available on the desk in the Welcome Center or you may sign up at

https://newhanoverlutheran.org/Gathering_of_Daughters.

Reservations are due by Sunday, April 26th. Those attending are asked to participate in the service project by bringing diapers and/or baby wipes to be distributed to local families in need through Boyertown Area Multi-Service.

If you have any questions, contact Jean Moser at 610-367-0342.

Youth Sunday is NEXT SUNDAY, April 19th! Our youth have been working hard to create a meaningful worship experience for the congregation. We'll also be doing a special collection that morning to support our Camp Falckner program. Join us for this special service led by our youth!

Camp Falckner will be held July 27-30, 2026 at the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. This year's theme is God is Greater. We'll discover how God's power and presence are greater than any of life's highs or lows. Registration is available [online](#), but there are also paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit will hold their 50th anniversary spring concert on Saturday, April 25th, 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.boyertownalumnmarchingunit.org.

Preston's Pantry 8th Annual Food Drive and Community Day hosted by the Boyertown Area Multi-Service will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Activities include: Bounce House Slide, Joust Arena, Rock Painting/Crafts, Balloon Animals, Face Painting, Caricature Artist, DJ, 9 Hole Mini Golf Petting Zoo, Food Trucks and Zootopia Meet and Greet (11 AM – 1 PM). The event is free but participants are asked to bring a non-perishable item for Preston's Pantry. Multi-Service is located at 200 West Spring Street in Boyertown.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown need our help. Throughout the months of April, May and June, NHELCC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and fellowship hall for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the April issue of New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

A special thank you to all who donated during the winter months to the Pottstown Cluster boxes. With the help of a Thrivent Action Team project, we donated 218 pounds of food and personal care items.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the March collection for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. We received 50 lbs. of non-perishable items to help our neighbors in the Boyertown area.

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. NHELCC 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! NHELIC’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 Doris Callow

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
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Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey	Chuck Beck
Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
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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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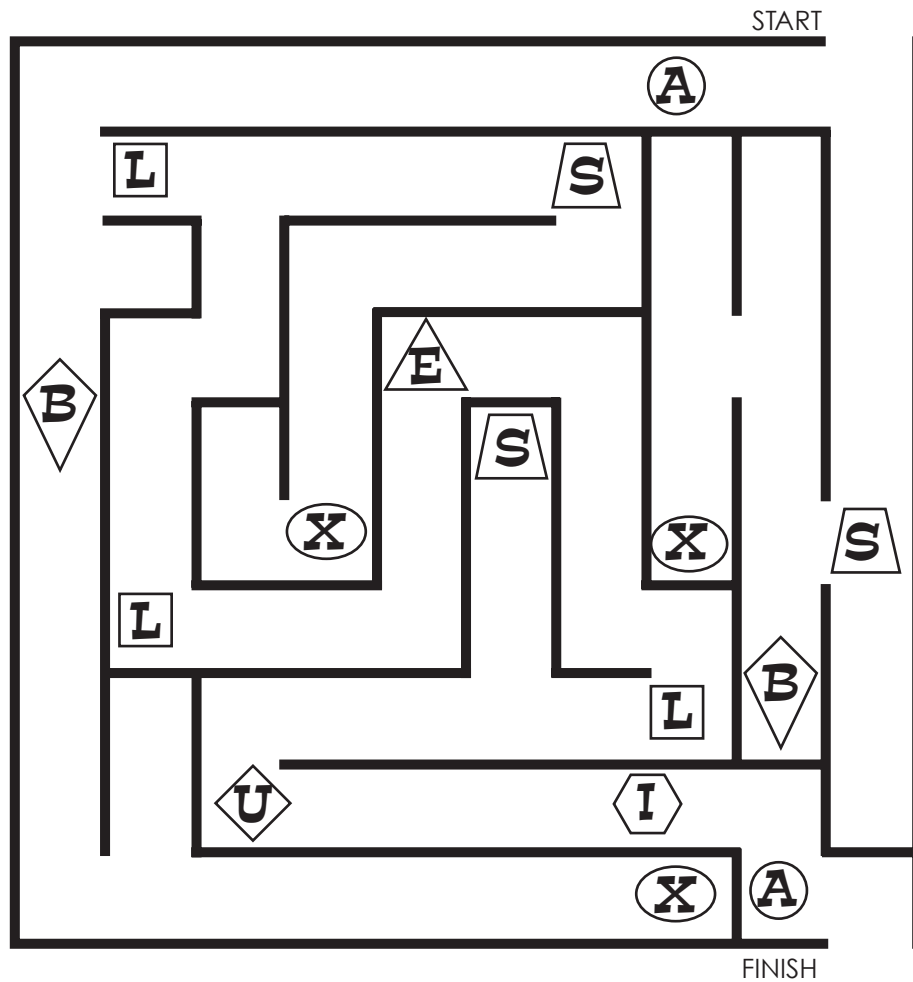
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We hear a word during Easter that we did not hear during Lent. Pick up letters on your way through the maze to spell this important word.

Did you say, sing, or hear this word during worship today?

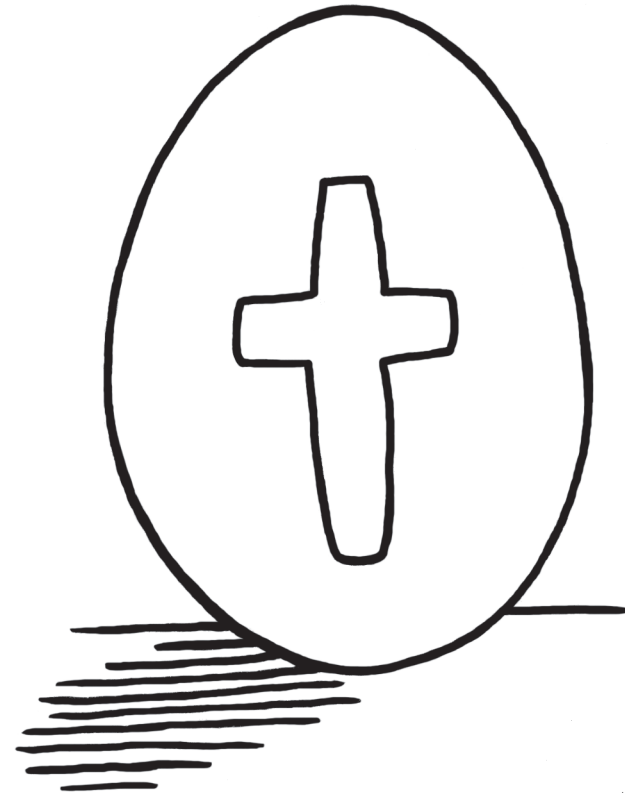


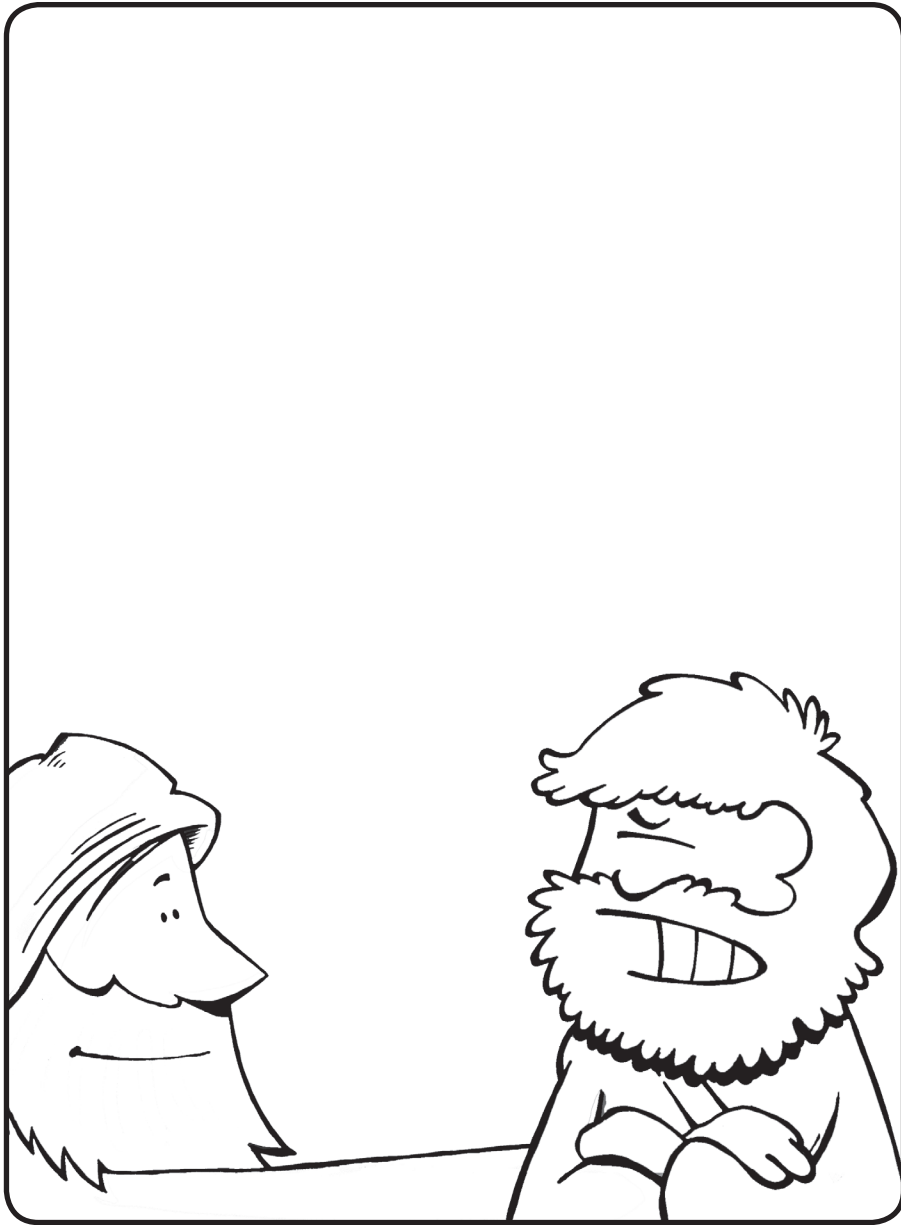
PRE-READER

Easter 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in **Easter**.
- The color for the season of Easter is **white**.
- Easter is a time for **joy** and **celebration**.
- During the Easter season, we celebrate that Jesus is **alive!**

**What colors do you use for celebration?
What colors bring you joy? Use those colors
to decorate this Easter egg!**

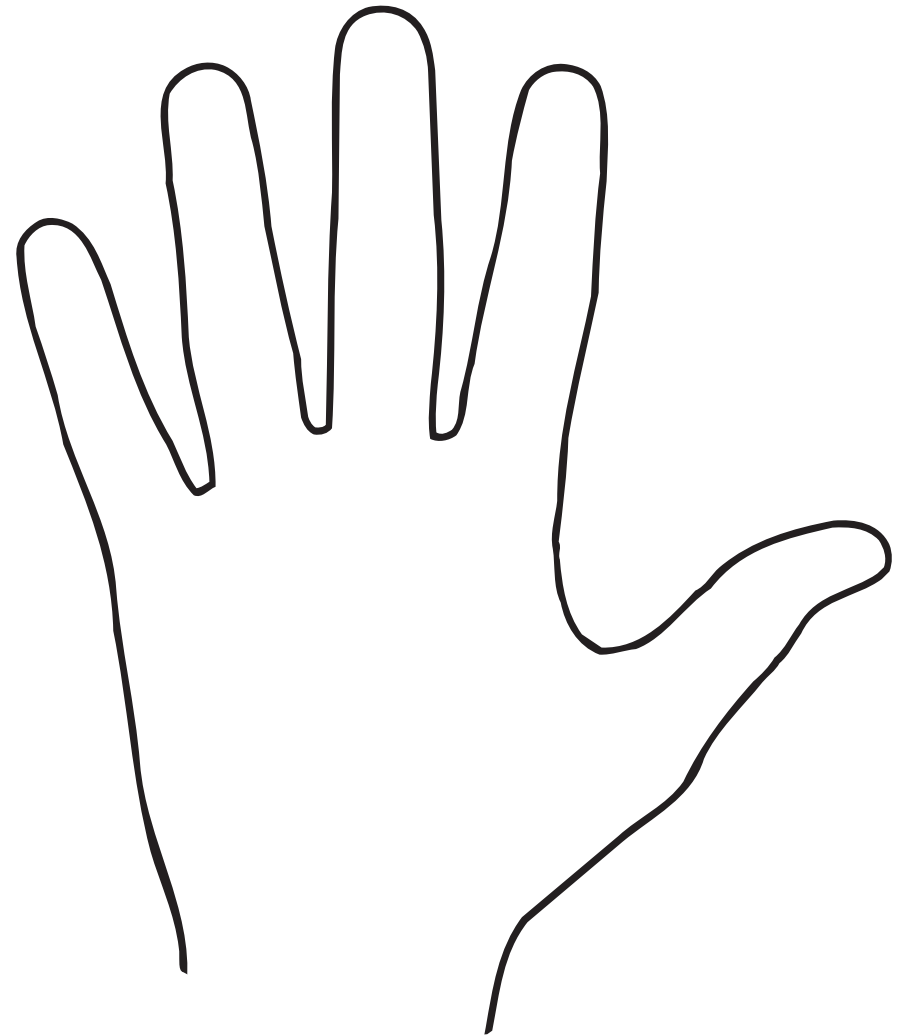




“I don’t believe you!” Thomas said.

When Doubting Thomas felt Jesus’ hands, he knew it was Jesus.

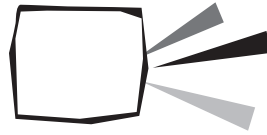
What makes you special? Trace your hand inside the bigger hand. Then draw things that make you special on your hand tracing.



Alleluia! For...

A very important word during Easter is **Alleluia**.

How many times did you say, sing, or hear the word Alleluia during worship today? Keep track here.



We say Alleluia in times of joy and celebration. Draw or write about one thing that brings you joy inside each letter of the word Alleluia.



READER

Easter 2

- Today is the **second Sunday** in **Easter**.
- The color for the season of Easter is **white**.

Color Clues

Find all of these things that are white in the word search. Then look for the three letters that you form with the circled words. They will spell a word that tells what the color **white** means.

O	K	H	C	P	S	O	A	P	S	R	W	D	F	L	M
I	L	E	O	E	N	L	U	C	E	W	O	D	P	O	A
R	I	A	C	A	O	T	A	L	T	S	A	R	O	L	B
M	U	K	O	R	Y	J	B	O	W	J	K	N	B	B	E
I	R	U	N	T	A	M	C	U	A	A	L	O	R	Y	R
L	P	J	U	S	R	Y	V	D	E	G	I	I	D	H	T
K	A	S	T	H	C	S	M	S	S	O	C	N	A	R	S
L	I	L	Y	T	S	N	O	W	T	F	R	O	Y	O	U

SWAN
SNOW
LILY
MOON

SOAP
MILK
ONION

CRAYON
CLOUDS
COCONUT



Unscramble the underlined words to complete this week's memory verses.

Do not btodu but eelbive.

John 20:27c

Memory Verse



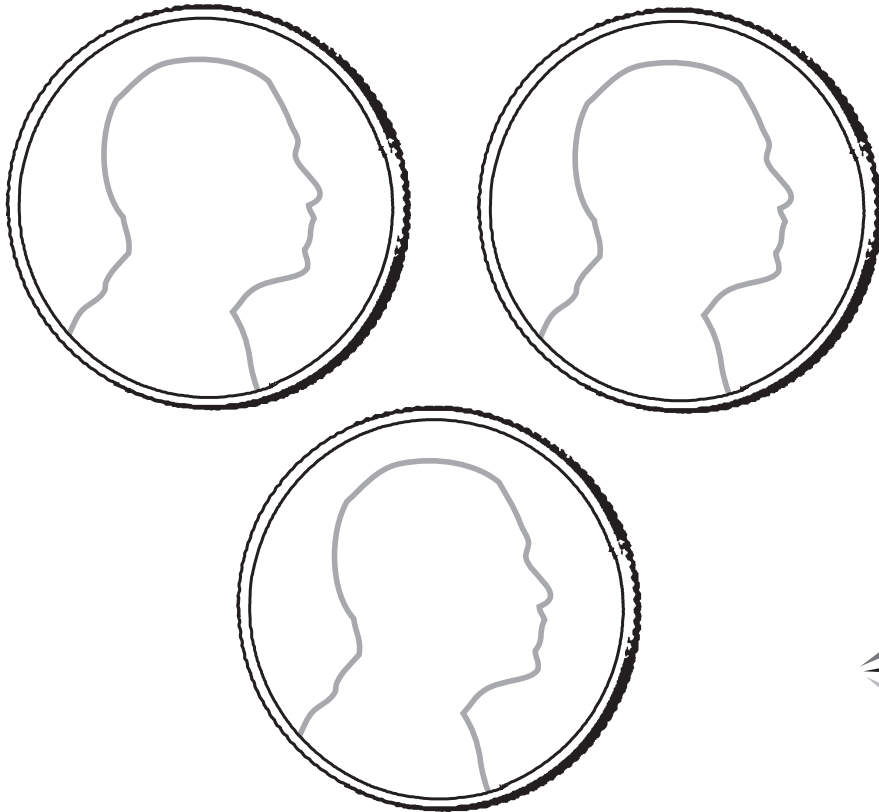
Do not _____ but _____.

John 20:27c

Treasure It

Peter wrote a letter to his friends to tell them that their faith is more precious than gold. What is most important to you?

Draw or write about these things on the coins.



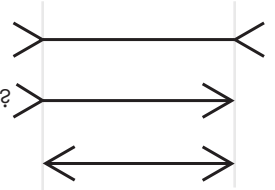
At first, Thomas did not believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas had to **see for himself** before he believed.

Did You Know?

Optical illusions trick the eye into believing something about what it sees. Look at these optical illusions.

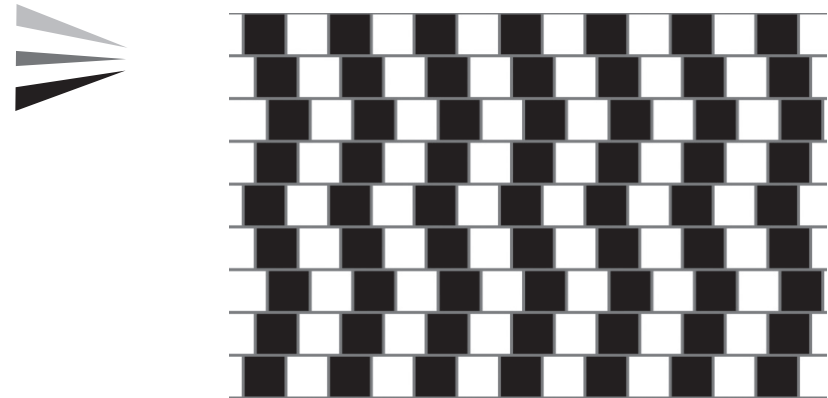
The Line Length Illusion

Do you believe that these lines are all the same length?



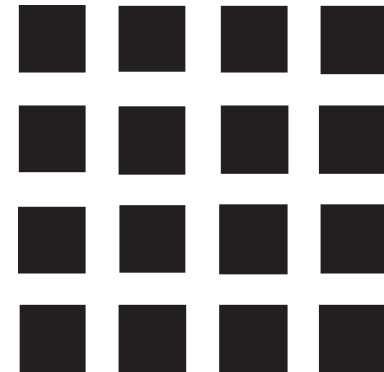
The Café Wall Illusion

Look at the lines and the black and white squares. Do you believe that the lines going left to right are straight across or bent?



The Hermann Grid Illusion

Look at these black squares with the white lines between them. Do you believe there are gray blobs where the white lines cross each other?



With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
 van-quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.


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Stronger

VERSE 1

$\text{♩} = 75$


F G C F G C



1. There is Love, that came for us. Hum-bled to a sin-ner's cross. You broke my

INSTRUMENTAL 1


5 F G Am F G F G C/E C F G



shame, and sin-ful - ness. You rose a - gain, vic-to - ri - ous.

VERSE 2


11 C/E C F G C/E C F G C/E C



2. Faith ful-ness none can de - ny. Through the storm, and through the fire. There is

CHORUS

16 F G Am G F G C C



truth that sets me free. Je-sus Christ who lives in me. You are strong-er. You are

22 G Am F C G

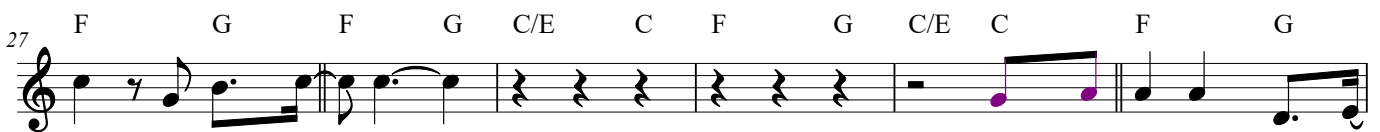


strong - er. Sin is bro - ken, You have saved me. It is writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus

INSTRUMENTAL 1

VERSE 3

27 F G F G C/E C F G C/E C F G



You are Lord of all. 3. No be - gin - ning, and no

33 C F G C F G Am G

end. You're my hope, and my de-fence. You came to seek, and save the lost. You paid it

CHORUS

38 F G C G C G Am

all, up-on the cross. You are strong-er. You are strong-er. Sin is bro-ken, You have

INSTRUMENTAL 2

44 F C G F G F Am G

2nd time to Coda \oplus

saved me. It is writ-ten, Christ is ris-en. Je-sus You are Lord of all.

BRIDGE 1a

50 C/E G/B G/B F Am G

So let Your Name be lift-ed high-er. Be lift-ed high-er.

BRIDGE 1b

55 C G F Am G

Be lift-ed high-er. So let Your Name be lift-ed high-er. Be lift-ed high-er.

59 C/E G/B C/E G/B F G

D.S. al Coda \oplus

Be lift-ed high-er. So let Your Name Be lift-ed high-er. You are You are Lord of

CHORUS

64

C G C G Am F

all. You are strong-er. You are strong-er. Sin is bro-ken, You have saved me. It is

69

C G F G F

writ - ten, Christ is ris - en. Je - sus You are Lord of all.

Living Hope

(based on the recording by Phil Wickham)

Words and Music by
Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson

INTRO

VERSE 1

$\text{♩} = 72$

1. How great the cha-sm that lay be-

6

-tween us. How high the moun-tain I could not climb. In des-per-a - tion I turned to

10

heav-en and spoke Your name in-to the night. Then through the dark-ness Your lov-ing-

14

-kind-ness tore through the shad-ows of my soul. The work is fin-ished, the end is

VERSE 2

18

writ-ten. Je-sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. 2. Who could im-ag - ine so great a

23

mer - cy? What heart could fath - om such bound - less grace? The God of

26 $E\flat$ $B\flat$ sus $A\flat 2$ $B\flat$ sus $E\flat$



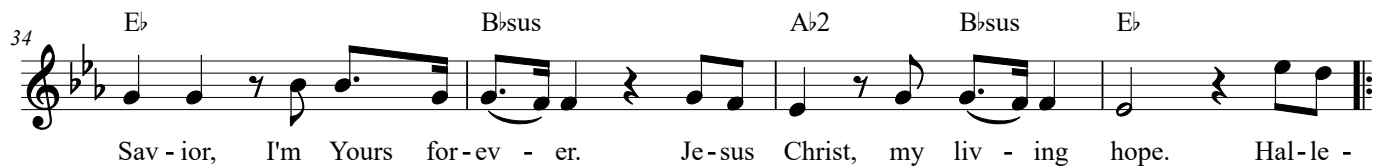
ag - es stepped down from glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has

30 $A\flat 2$ $E\flat$ $Cm 7$ $B\flat(4)$



spo - ken; I am for - giv - en. The King of kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful

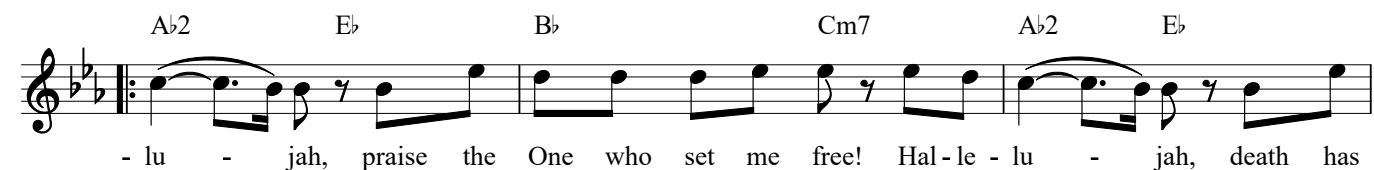
34 $E\flat$ $B\flat$ sus $A\flat 2$ $B\flat$ sus $E\flat$



Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le -

CHORUS

$A\flat 2$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $Cm 7$ $A\flat 2$ $E\flat$




- lu - jah, praise the One who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah, death has

41 $B\flat$ $Cm 7$ $A\flat 2$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ $Cm 7$ $E\flat/B\flat$



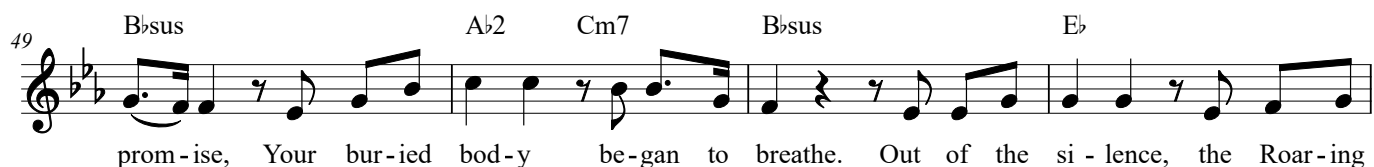
lost its grip on me! You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain. There's sal - va - tion in Your name. Je - sus

44 $A\flat 2$ $B\flat$ sus $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $E\flat$ $E\flat$ **VERSE 3**



Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le hope. 3. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the

49 $B\flat$ sus $A\flat 2$ $Cm 7$ $B\flat$ sus $E\flat$



prom - ise, Your bur - ied bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the Roar - ing

ENDING

A musical score for the ending of a piece. The notation is on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some notes beamed together. Chords are indicated above the staff: Ab2, Bbsus, Bb, Cm, Eb/G, Eb/Bb, Ab2, Eb/Bb, Bb, and Eb. The lyrics are: "Christ, my liv - ing hope. O God, You are my liv - ing hope." The piece ends with a double bar line.

Ab2 Bbsus Bb Cm Eb/G Eb/Bb Ab2 Eb/Bb Bb Eb

Christ, my liv - ing hope. O God, You are my liv - ing hope.

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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