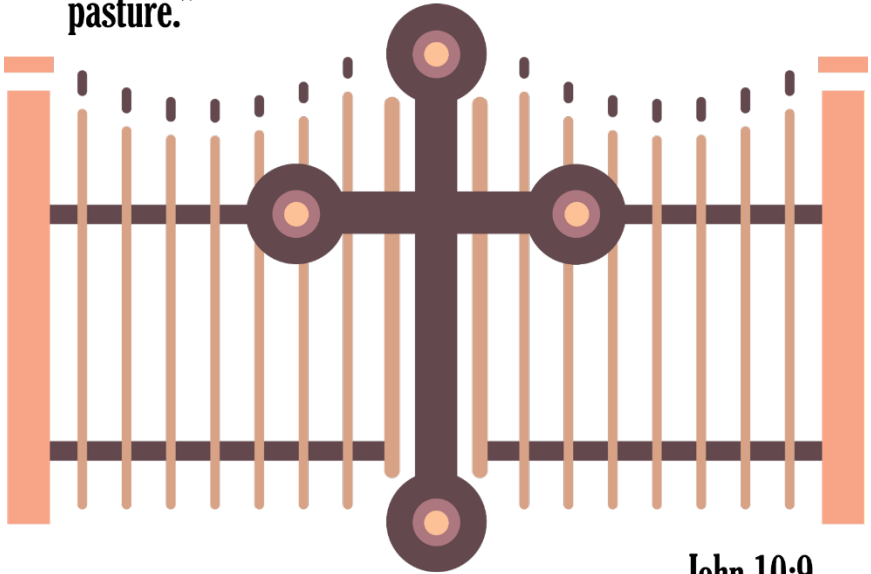


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter
Blessing of the Fields
April 26, 2026**

Jesus said, “I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture.”



John 10:9

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

**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

Allegretto

Wilson Manhire

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Lamb

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 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* ELW #789

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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.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to
safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that
we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared
in your house, 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

In Christ Alone

Grace Band

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain

Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Erica Lucas

A reading from the book of Acts

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Easter Alleluia*



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Gospel John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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 *How Sweet the Sound*

Grace Band

Yea though I walk through the valley
I know that You are always right beside me
And I will fear no evil
You're my rock and my strength
You comfort me

Chorus:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
I hear You singing over me
I once was lost but now I'm found
And it's beautiful
Amazing grace how sweet the sound
It covers every part of me
My soul is silent I am found
And it's a beautiful sound
It's a beautiful beautiful sound

Carry me through the waters
Where Your peace clears away all my sorrow
And nothing can separate us from Your love
Oh Your love it will always be

Chorus

Bridge (2x):

You were healing in the pain
You were shelter in the storm
Hallelujah, You restore my soul

Chorus

Ending:

It's a beautiful beautiful sound
It's a beautiful beautiful sound

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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.

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

Jubilate Deo

Chancel Choir

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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	praise	of	love	that	still	a -	bounds:	“Christ has
there -	fore	our	heart	with	rap -	ture	sings:	“Christ has
set	heart	and	will	on	things	a -	bove	that we
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	suf -
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

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

Congregation assembles out front of the church (weather permitting).

Blessing of the Fields *We Plow the Fields and Scatter*

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
 but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand,
 who sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
 the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.
 All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
 We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

We thank you, our creator, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all your love imparted,
but what you most would treasure - our humble, thankful hearts.
All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above.
We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Noah's 13th birthday by Ryan, Lindsey and Hannah Waltermeyer.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Herbert D. Burkhart, and in honor of Erin Eisenhart's 23rd birthday by Janet Burkhart.

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: Ed Becker, head usher; Doug and Bette Senne, ushers; Erica Lucas, lector; Ariel Hansley, children's sermon; Maddie Hansley, acolyte

Next Sunday: Barbara Repa, head usher; Rick Solazzo, usher; Scott Geiser, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Genesis Garcia, acolyte; Terry Santangelo and Carolyn Fleming, communion assistants

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

Due today! Reservations for the **Gathering of Daughters** on Sunday, May 3rd, 11:30 AM are due today. 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.

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.

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

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 – 7:30 PM, room 15

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 14

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

KFC Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Gathering of Daughters – Next Sunday, 11:30 AM, rooms 1, 11

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

Upcoming Events

The Council will hold a “Coffee with the Council”, an open informational session after the May 3, 2026 worship service (prior to the 11:30 AM Gathering of Daughters event). NHELCC has a lot of activity and projects moving forward in 2026 and the Council would like to continue sharing information, listen to feedback, and answer questions. Plan to grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation in the Multi-Purpose Room.

Help decorate the church red with geraniums for Pentecost on Sunday, May 24th. Order forms are available on the desk in the Welcome Center. Orders are due by May 3rd.

Rainforest Falls Kids Camp 2026 June 15 - 19, 2026, 9:00 AM

– **Noon** Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees and colorful creatures.

Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a life-long adventure, discovering the nature of God, and exploring what it means to be rooted in relationship with their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

NHELK's Kids Camp is for Pre-K (four-year-olds and **MUST BE POTTY TRAINED**) through Rising fifth graders.

Registration is now open. Sign up today at

<https://vbspro.events/p/nhelckidscamp2026>.

The NHELK Book Club is reading *The People We Keep* by Allison Larkin. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

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.

Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash The Scouts will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 9th, from 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. In addition, the scouts will be in the parking lot holding a car wash.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Throughout the months of April, May and June, NHELK 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.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Boyertown Lodge #708 is holding a Drive up & Drop off Food Drive to support Preston's Pantry in Boyertown. The Odd Fellows will be collecting non-perishable food at Morrell's Funeral Home located at 124 West Philadelphia Avenue today, Sunday, April 26th, from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

You Can Help

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

Food Ministry

Over 300,000 meals have been distributed! NHELCC's Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry is changing lives. And, you can be a part of the team. 1.) You can donate food. Drop off your donation on Wednesdays and Sundays between 9 – 10 AM. **Items most needed include: hamburger, chicken (thighs and breast meat), pasta (ziti, elbows, bowties), cheese (mozzarella, cheddar, parmesan), potatoes, fresh fruit (apples, oranges, bananas) and eggs.** 2.) Donate money through Thrivent Gift Cards. Place monetary donations on the offering plate or mail to the church. 3.) Deliver meals. Sign up at <https://www.newhanoverlutheran.org/loaves-fishes-food-ministry/>.

Reconciling in Christ Serving All and Loving Unconditionally

In case you want any information, enter this link in your web browser:

<https://newhanoverlutheran.org/reconciling-in-christ/>
or connect using this QR Code.



Additional Information

Facility Use for Meetings or Events Requests All meeting and event requests by committees, members or non-members are to be communicated to the church office manager. The request will include the date and time, purpose, amount of people attending, necessary space and equipment of the meeting or event. Given the information the meeting or event will be posted on the church calendar by the church office manager (only). Providing an announcement for the bulletin, newsletter or social media posting does not constitute a request or guarantee a space.

There is a Facility Use policy, and fees do apply in some cases. In no case will fees be waived. Deposits are required to hold the space, date and time. If the meeting or event is not posted on the church calendar or you do not place a deposit if necessary, you do not have permission to use the space. Contact Susan Gutshall, church office manager at (610) 326-1335, or email her at

susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org for requests or information.

Prayer Requests

Military: Shawn Dietz, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Grieving: family and friends of 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
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	Kevin Fleming	Sharon Tracey
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		

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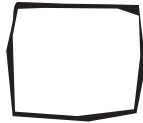
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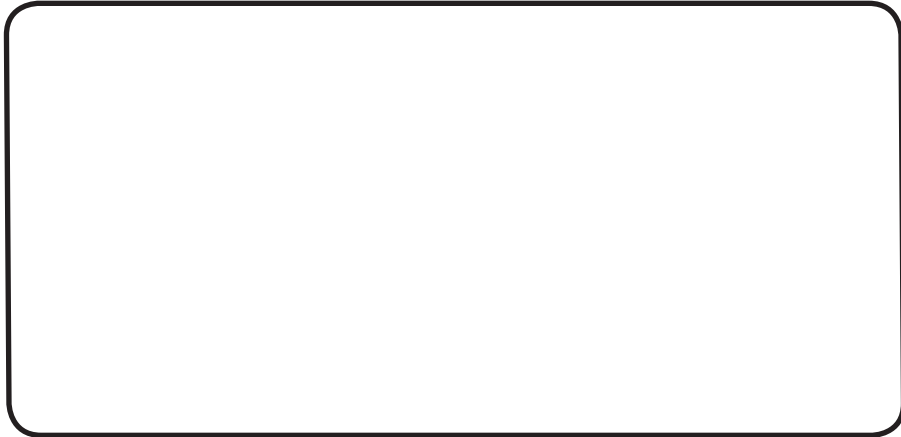
We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

The Gospel lesson for today tells us that Jesus is like a **gate** or a door. He is the **way** in to God.

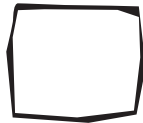
How many doors are there in your church?



Draw a door that you use.



How many doors are there in your home?



Draw a door that you use.

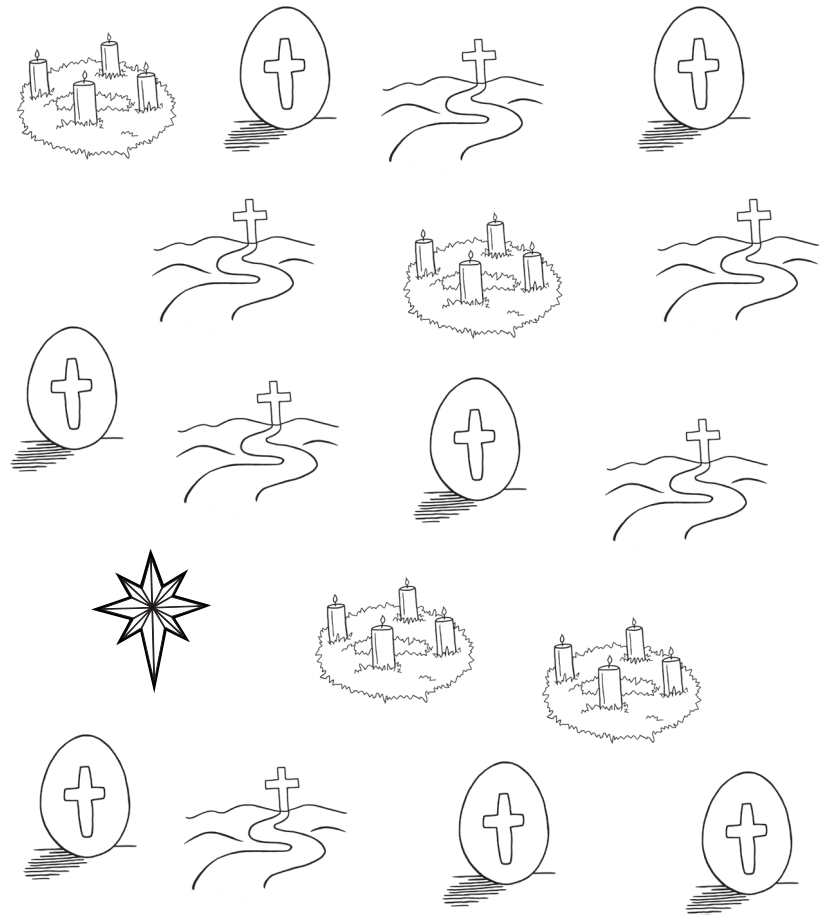


PRE-READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4th Sunday** in **Easter**.
- There are **7 Sundays** in the Easter season.

Count how many of each symbol you see.
Which symbol has seven?





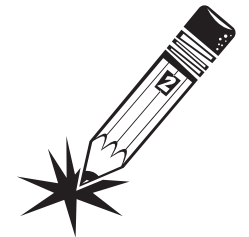
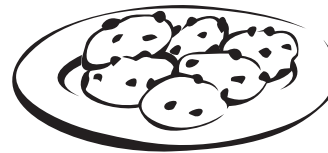
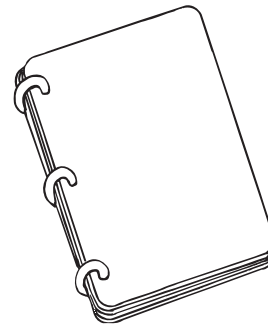
They became one big Christian family.

The book of Acts tells us that the first members of the Christian church **shared everything**.
Sharing is a great way to **show God's love**.



Draw lines to match the things you could share with a friend.

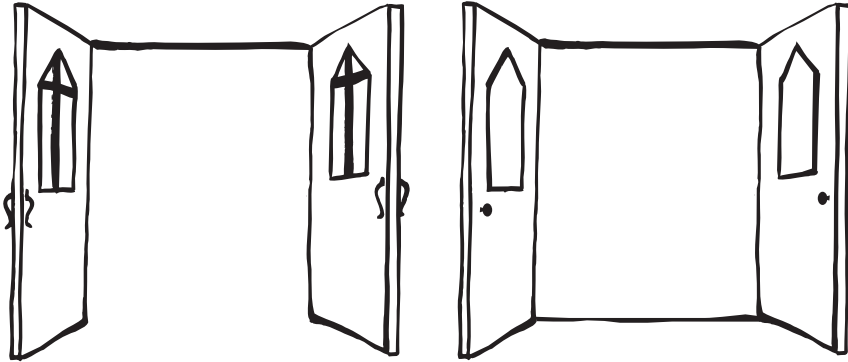
If a friend had this... I could share this...



Door Differences

Listen to today's Gospel lesson. Jesus tells us that he is like a gate or a door. He is the way we get close to God.

Can you spot three differences between these two sets of church doors?



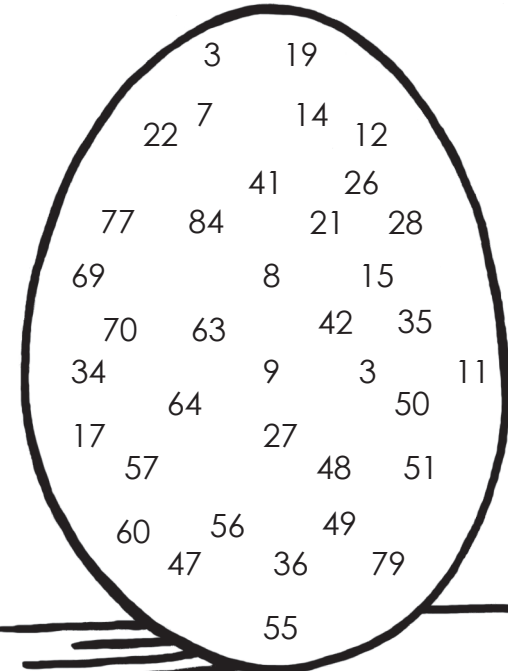
What does the door to your church look like? Draw it here.



- Today is the **fourth Sunday** in Easter.
- There are **seven Sundays** in the Easter season.

Lucky Sevens

Start with number seven. Connect all of the multiples of seven in order to reveal a symbol for Easter.



EVERYTHING IN COMMON ANSWERS
 1. All have double letters
 2. Each set of two words begins with consecutive letters of the alphabet
 3. All have more vowels than consonants
 4. All are palindromes—words that are spelled the same forward and backward

Draw lines to connect the pieces of this week's memory verses in order.

Memory Verse



Acts 4:34

There was not a needy person among them,

the proceeds of what was sold.

sold them and brought

for as many as owned lands or houses

Acts 4:33

and grace was upon them all.

The apostles gave their testimony

to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,



Look it Up!

The early believers did not own anything, but shared everything with each other. Look up Mark 10:17-31 to read what Jesus has to say about sharing our possessions.

Shepherd Search

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is like a shepherd, and not like a thief. Can you find all these shepherd words?

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

Find the four letters that are shared by two words in the puzzle. Unscramble these letters to find out what Jesus brings to us as the Good Shepherd.

Shepherd	Lead	Lamb
Sheep	Flock	Fleece
Wool	Shearing	Staff
Protect	Guide	Graze

"I came that they may have ___ ___ ___ ___, and have it abundantly."
John 10:10b

Everything In Common

The earliest believers of the Christian church shared everything in common with each other. Can you figure out what these groups of words have in common? Answers are on the back page.

- | | |
|--------|----------|
| Apple | Scissors |
| Letter | Balloon |
- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Brown Coconut | Quiet Rhino |
| Funny Girl | Tiny Umbrella |
- | | |
|---------|--------|
| Ohio | Iowa |
| Alabama | Hawaii |
- | | |
|-------|---------|
| Kayak | Racecar |
| Mom | Eye |

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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In Christ Alone

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Words and Music by
Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in

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song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
babe! This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

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storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
-gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

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cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
-fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

INSTRUMENTAL

How Sweet The Sound

Words and Music by
Ben Calhoun and Josh Calhoun

J = 76

F#m7 D2(no3) A F#m7 D2(no3)

1. Yea, though I walk through the val - ley, I know that You are al-ways

4 A Esus F#m7 D2(no3) A Bm7

right be-side me, and I will fear no e - vil. You're my rock and my strength; You com

8 Esus $\frac{5}{8}$ D A E F#m E

-fort me. A-maz-ing grace, how sweet the sound I hear You sing-ing o-ver me.

11 D A E D F#m

I once was lost but now I'm found, and it's beau-ti-ful. A-maz-ing grace, how sweet the sound;


14 E Bm D E


It cov-ers ev-'ry part of me. My soul is si-lent, I am found, and it's a beau-ti-ful




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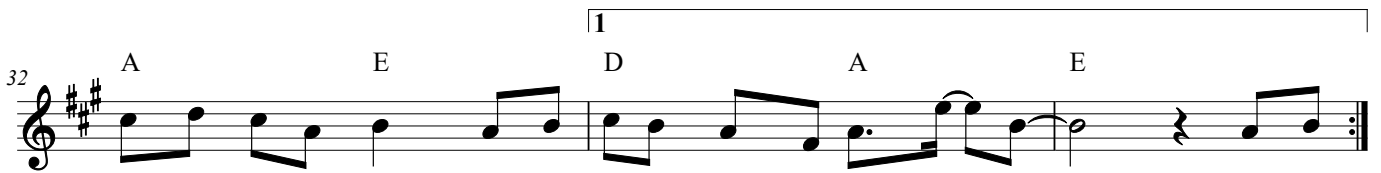
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sound. It's a beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful sound.


21  2. Car ry me through the wa - ters where Your peace clears a - way all my sor -

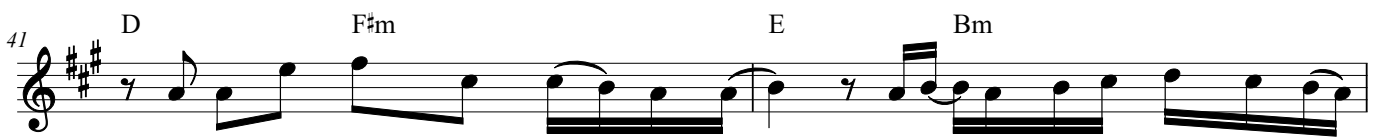
24  - row. And noth - ing can sep - a - rate us from Your love, oh Your love, it will al -

E D A E Bm F#m
Coda 
28 *D.S. al Coda*   - ways be. sound. You were heal - ing in the pain; You were

32  shel - ter in the storm. Hal - le - lu - jah, You re - store my soul. You were

35  lu - jah, You re - store my soul. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound

38  I hear You sing - ing o - ver me. I once was lost but now I'm found.

41  A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound; It cov - ers ev - 'ry part of me.

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D E D A

My soul is si-lent, I am found, and it's a beau-ti-ful sound.

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E F#m E D A E D A

A beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful sound. A beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful sound.

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E F#m E D A E

A beau-ti-ful, beau-ti-ful sound.