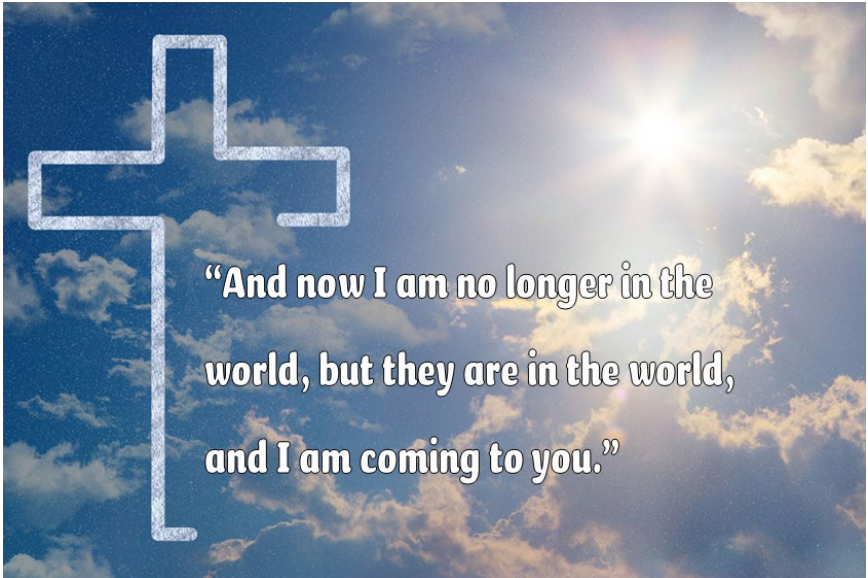


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 17, 2026**



In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

**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
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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

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 *The Head That Once Was Crowned* ELW #432

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 of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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

Janine Springer

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Faye Weidner

A reading from the book of Acts

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Faye Weidner

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

- ² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**
- ³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.
- ⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**
- ⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;
- ⁶ **you give the solitary a home
and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**
- ⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
- ⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.
- ¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision for the poor.**
- ³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.
- ³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**
- ³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.
- ³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Easter Alleluia*



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Gospel

John 17:1-11

The holy gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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 *Give Me Faith*

Grace Band

I need You to soften my heart

And break me apart

I need You to open my eyes

To see that You're shaping my life

Pre-Chorus:

All I am
I surrender

Chorus:

Give me faith to trust what You say
That You're good and Your love is great
I'm broken inside I give You my life

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to pierce through the dark
And cleanse every part of me

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge:

'Cause I may be weak
But Your Spirit's strong in me
My flesh may fail
My God You never will

Repeat Bridge

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Holy Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Michael William Richardson for baptism.

Parents called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Michael baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring Michael to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the
Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Michael may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents do you promise to help Michael grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Michael Richardson and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Please rise as you are able.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.

Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

Michael William Richardson, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Michael with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Michael, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptism Song

Jesus Loves Me!

ELW #595

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

Choir Anthem

Simply Alleluia

Chancel Choir
Nancy Mest, flute

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The offering will be taken at this time.

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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.

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn

Thine the Amen

ELW #826

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

Rondeau from “Te Deum”

Marc Antoine Charpentier; arr. Michael Ryan

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Michael William Richardson, who will be baptized this morning. Michael is the son of David and Laura Richardson and little brother of Audrey.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Randy and Vicki Dotterer.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Gary and Jean Moser.

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: Steve Weidner, head usher; Jim Mack, usher; Faye Weidner, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon; Alexa Moser, acolyte

Next Sunday: George Trowbridge, head usher; Ryan Waltermeyer, usher; Carolyn Fleming, lector; Carolyn Springer, children's sermon; Landon Woods, acolyte; Tom and Jayne McHugh, communion assistants

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt.

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

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

New Members Session – Today, 10:15 AM, room 14

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

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

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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Organ Repair Work – Monday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, room 4

Organ Repair Work – Tuesday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, picnic grove

Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 37

Organ Repair Work – Wednesday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Multi-purpose Room Floor Cleaning – Wednesday, 7:00 AM -
midnight

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

Organ Repair Work – Thursday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Multi-purpose Room Floor Cleaning – Thursday, midnight –
noon

Sunshine Learning Center Graduation – Thursday, 6:00 PM,
room 1

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 37

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

Doris Callow Funeral – Thursday, 8:00 AM

Organ Repair Work – Friday, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Handbell Choir Setup – 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
Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
JAM – Next Sunday, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, room 21
KFC Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM
Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Upcoming Events

It's almost time for the Sunshine Learning Center/Grace Early Learning Center merger! We need all hands-on deck to move classroom furniture, boxed teacher supplies, toys, books, etc. Team work makes the dream work. HEEEEEEEEEEELLLLLLLL!!! However you would like to say it, we could use your help. The move will occur on Tuesday, May 26th, at 9:00 AM, rain or shine. We will meet at Grace Lutheran Church, 660 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown. We plan to rent one or two box trucks to move large items. If you are willing to drive the truck, contact Donna Kehs. We are also asking for pickup trucks to move smaller items.

If you cannot help with the physical move on May 26th but want to help, food donations will be appreciated! THANK YOU for helping out in whatever way you can! A SignUpGenius has been created to sign up to volunteer and/or donate food at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-63940076-graceslc>.

Also, in case you'd rather have a QR Code it's here.

If you have any questions, reach out to Donna Kehs, 610-212-2673 or Vicar Nikki.

The Reconciling in Christ team is collecting donations during the month of June for Reconciling Works, a non-profit organization, to fulfill our annual donation commitment. Reconciling Works provides outreach and education for congregations on their

Reconciling in Christ journey and strengthens relationships with current Reconciling in Christ partners.



There will be a container in the narthex for cash or check donations and a designated QR code is provided to donate through [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly). If you are writing a check, please make it out to NHELCC with Reconciling Works in the memo space. Thank you for considering making a donation to support this organization.

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.

NHELCC'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 NHELCC 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.

The annual chicken dinner will be held on Sunday, June 14th, at the picnic grove. Dinner will be available from 3:00 – 6:00 PM. Plan to stay and enjoy the lively music by Sons of Phelan (John, Jeremy and Orin) from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.

Reminder

Attention committee and group leaders. Be sure to turn out the lights when leaving the church.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Now through 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 May issue of *New Hanover Highlights*. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

Want to be a member?

If you are interested in becoming a member of NHELCC, contact Vicar Nikki on a Sunday via Voice from the Pew Cards, which are found in the pew rack or email Vicar Nikki at nikki.young@newhanoverlutheran.org. On Sunday, May 17th, we will have time to get together and introduce you to NHELCC and answer any questions you may have. We will meet after worship.

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.

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. NHELHC 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! 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 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 Marguerite Nyce, Patricia's mother and Phil Underkoffler, Leslie Gates' father

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 and Candis Sander, Yvonne Peto	
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Janet Linskey
James Dawson	Kevin Fleming	Sharon Tracey
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Diane Davidheiser
Timmy Fabian		

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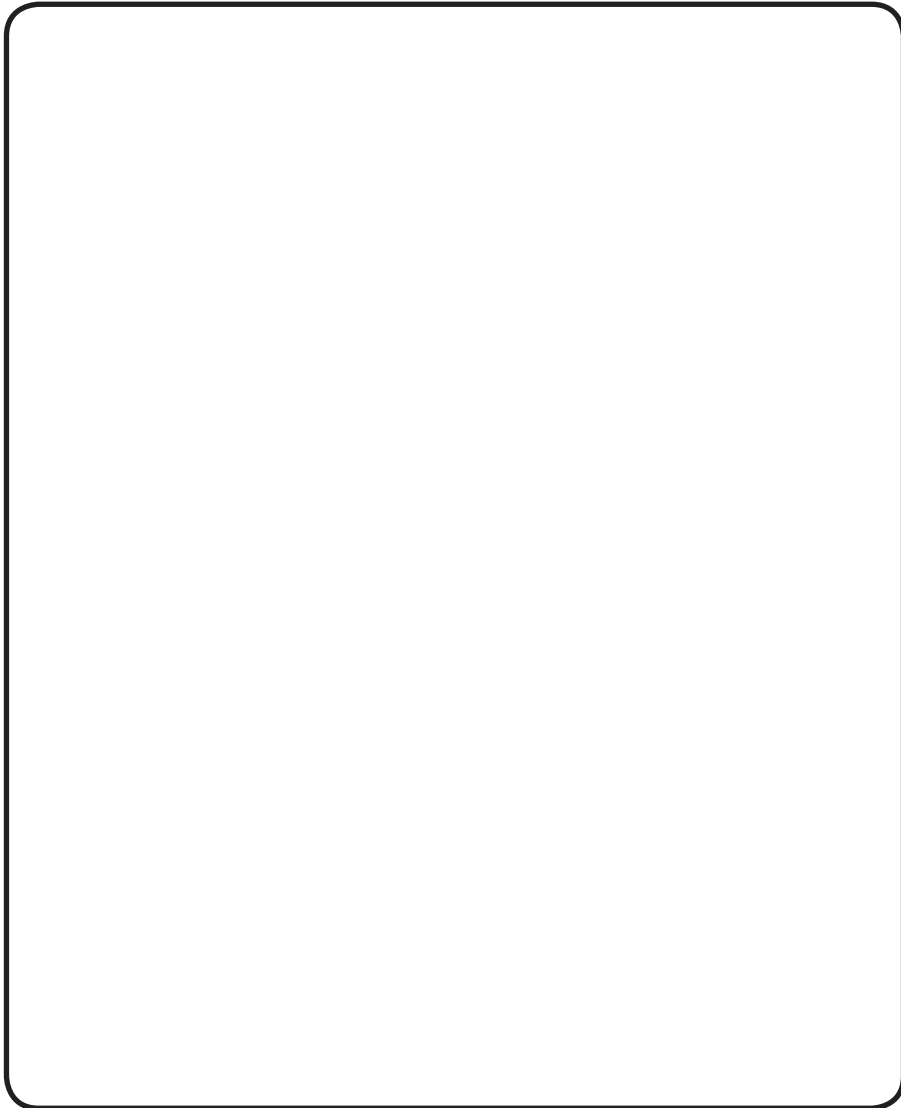
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The color for the season of Easter is white. In today's Gospel story, two men dressed in white stood with Jesus in heaven.

What do you see in your worship space that is white? Write or draw about it here.

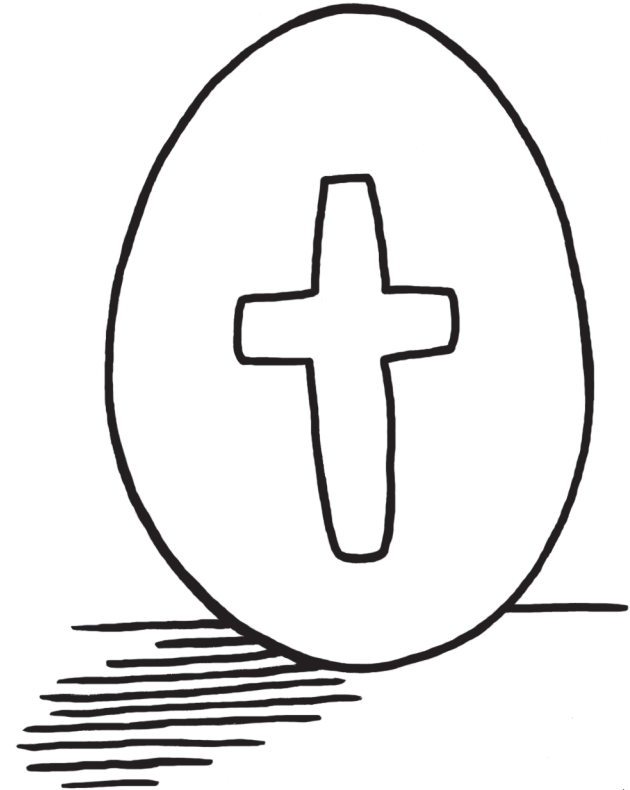


PRE-READER

Easter 7

- Today is the 7th Sunday in Easter.
- A very important word during Easter is **Alleluia**.
- **Alleluia** means **praise God!**

How do you praise God? Write or draw the ways you praise God inside this symbol for Easter.



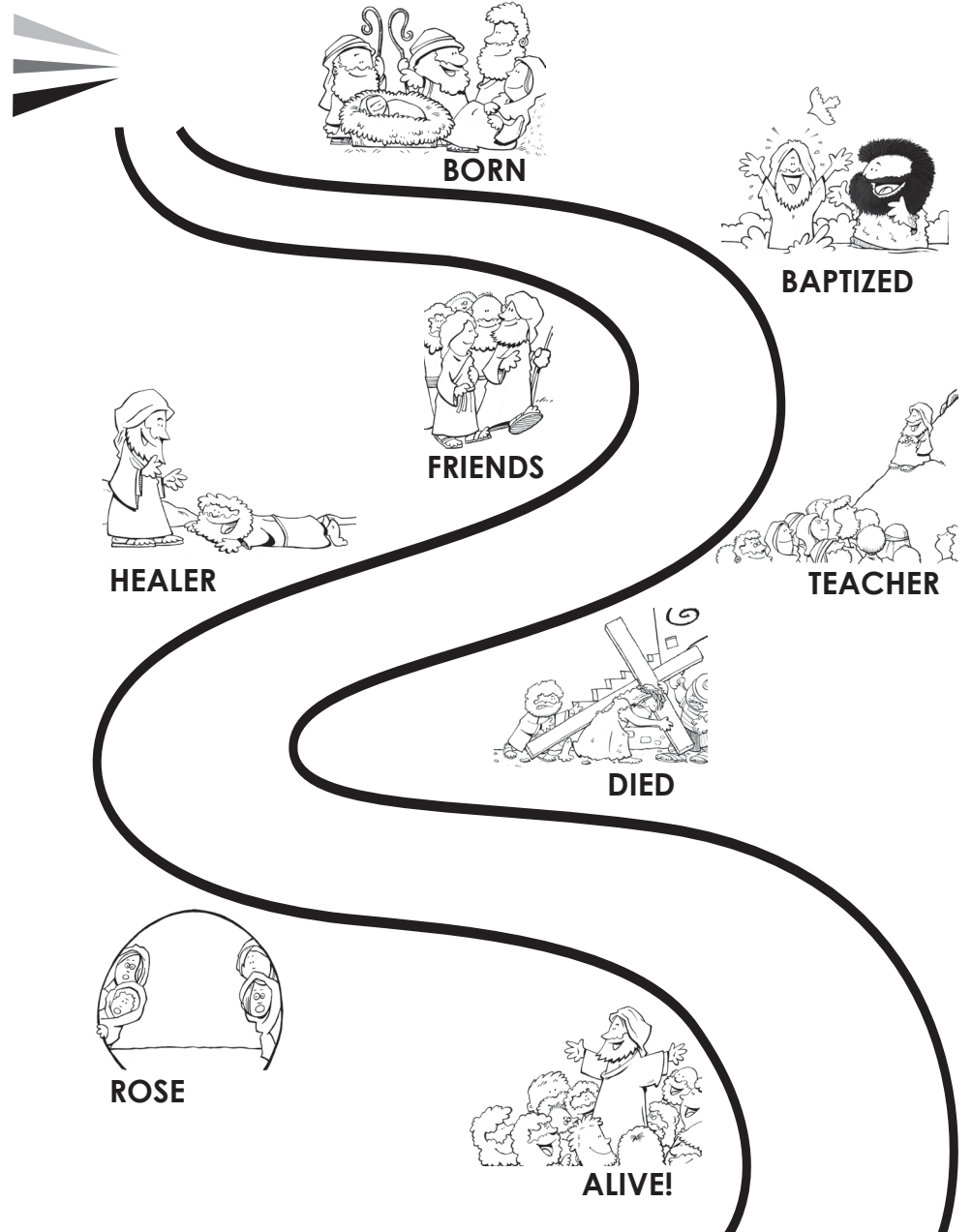
ALLELUIA



Then suddenly Jesus was rising—up in the air!

Today we hear the story of the **Ascension**.
The **Ascension** is the end of Jesus' time on earth.

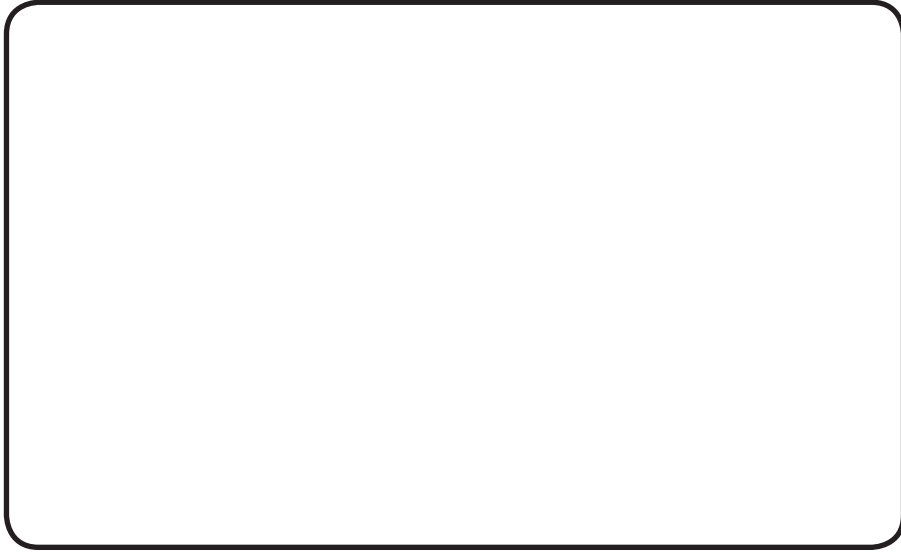
Follow this path to remember all the things Jesus did on earth.



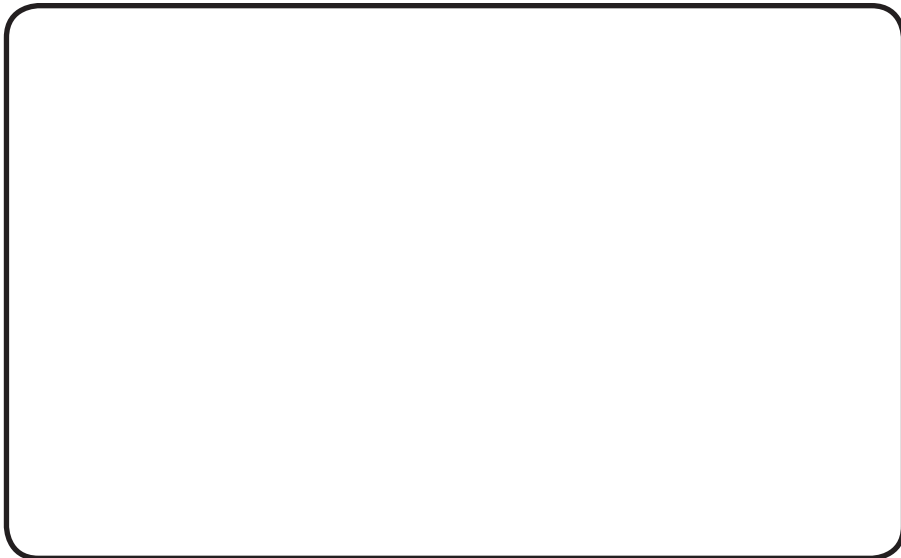
Why? Where? White?

The color for Easter is **white**.

In today's Gospel story, two men **dressed in white** stood with Jesus in heaven. White is the color for the season of Easter. What other colors do you think are good ones for celebrating Easter?



What do you see in your worship space that is white?
Write or draw about it here.



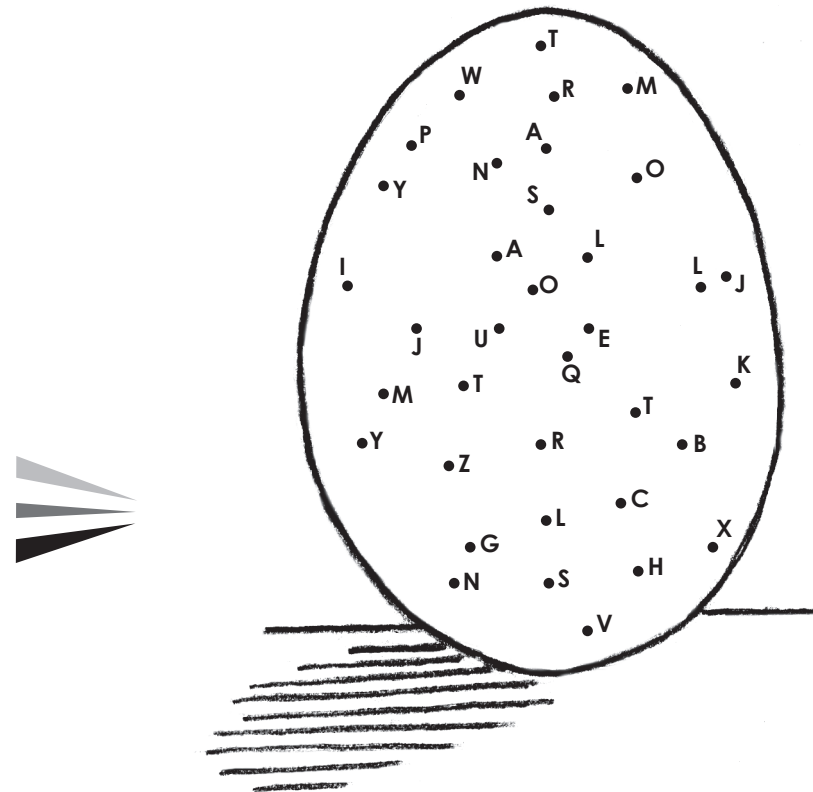
READER

Easter 7

- Today is the **seventh Sunday** in **Easter**.
- A very important word during Easter is **alleluia**.
- **Alleluia** is a word that expresses **joy, thanksgiving, and celebration**.

Connect and Celebrate

Connect the letters that spell A-L-L-E-L-U-I-A to make a symbol for Easter appear.



Find the letters in matching shapes to spell the words that fit into the blanks of this week's memory verse.

Memory Verse



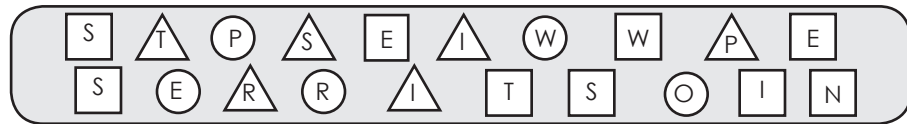
But you will receive ○○○○○○

when the Holy ▲▲▲▲▲▲

has come upon you; and you will be my

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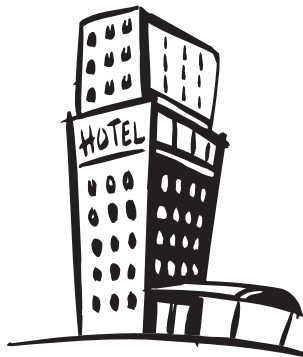
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8



Going Up

To ascend means to go up. When Jesus' time on earth was over, he ascended into heaven on a cloud! Elevators go up too! The elevator in this building goes up and down all day long. See if you can figure out where it ends up each time.

If the elevator starts on this floor...	... and goes...	It will end up on the...
1st	Up 7 floors	_____ floor
5th	Down 2 floors	_____ floor
15th	Down 8 floors	_____ floor
3rd	Up 2 floors and then down 4 floors	_____ floor
10th	Down 5 floors and up 7 floors	_____ floor
3rd	Up one floor and down one floor	_____ floor



Earth's atmosphere reaches over 560 kilometers (348 miles) from the surface of the earth!

Did You Know?



Prayer Postcard

In today's Gospel lesson, Jesus says a prayer for all of his friends and disciples. Who in your life would you like to say a prayer for? Fill out this prayer postcard for him or her.

Dear God,
 Today I would like to pray for _____
 I care about _____
 because _____
 Please protect _____
 from _____
 Please help _____
 to _____
 Thank you, God. Amen.

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To: God
 From: _____

The Head That Once Was Crowned



- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
- 2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
- 3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

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In Christ Alone

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VERSE

♩ = 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

4

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 -

8

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

12


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

Give Me Faith

VERSE 1


A E F#m D



1. I need You to soft-en my heart and break me a-part. I need

PRE-CHORUS


A E F#m D A/C# D



5 You to o-pen my eyes, to see that You're shap-ing my life. All I

CHORUS


E A/C# D E D A E F#m



10 am, I sur-ren-der. Give me faith to trust what You say,

D A F#m E Bm D

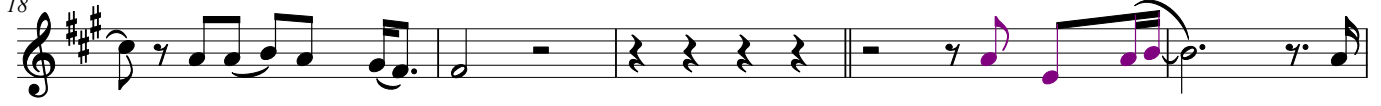
2nd time to Coda \oplus



15 that You're good and Your love is great. I'm bro-ken in-side,

VERSE 2

A E D E A E



18 I give You my life. 2. I need You to

F#m D A E



23 soft-en my heart and break me a-part. I need You to pierce through the dark, and

F#m D A E D A E F#m

Coda

INSTRUMENTAL

27 *D.S. al Coda* Θ

cleanse ev-'ry part of me. I give You my life.

BRIDGE

D A F#m E D A E F#m

32

'Cause I may be weak, but Your Spir-it's strong in me.

D A F#m E D

36

My flesh may fail. My God You nev - er will.

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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