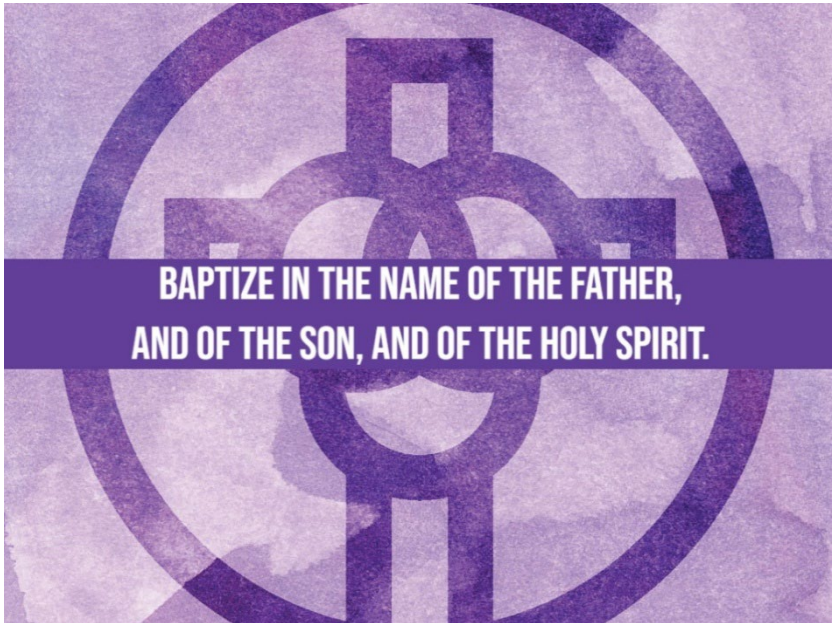


**Welcome to worship at  
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**The Holy Trinity  
May 31, 2026**



Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

**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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[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

## 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

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Greeting**

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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children's Message**

Hayley Quigley

**First Reading**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Ron Fegley

A reading from the book of Genesis

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then

God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.

<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 8

Ron Fegley

<sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens  
out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**  
<sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Please rise as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel *Matthew 28:16-20*

The holy gospel according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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                      *King of Kings*

Grace Band

In the darkness we were waiting  
Without hope, without light  
Till from Heaven You came running  
There was mercy in Your eyes  
To fulfill the law and prophets  
To a virgin came the Word  
From a throne of endless glory  
To a cradle in the dirt

*Chorus:*

Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, three in one  
God of Glory, Majesty  
Praise forever to the King of kings

To reveal the kingdom coming  
And to reconcile the lost  
To redeem the whole creation  
You did not despise the cross  
For even in Your suffering  
You saw to the other side  
Knowing this was our salvation  
Jesus, for our sake You died

*Chorus*

And the morning that You rose  
All of heaven held its breath  
Till that stone was moved for good  
For the Lamb had conquered death  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
And the angels stood in awe  
For the souls of all who'd come  
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born  
Then the Spirit lit the flame  
Now this Gospel truth of old  
Shall not kneel, shall not faint  
By His blood and in His Name

In His freedom I am free  
For the love of Jesus Christ  
Who has resurrected me

*Chorus*

*Ending:*

Praise forever to the King of kings

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**Affirmation of Baptism Celebration**

*Confirmands and family proceed to the altar.*

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

**Danielle Bechtel, Peyton Comtois, Genesis Garcia, Madison Hansley, Ava Hubley, Ainsley Lucas, Malaina Meeker, Alexa Moser, Miller Quigley, Kayleigh Urbassik, Landon Woods**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

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?

*Confirmands: I renounce them.*

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.**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ  
through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each Confirmand responds:* **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

People of God, do you promise to support these brothers and sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Danielle Rae Bechtel, Peyton Ray Comtois, Genesis Isabella Garcia, Madison Grace Hansley, Ava Belle Hubley, Ainsley Harper Lucas, Malaina Mallory Meeker, Alexa Taylor Moser, Miller T Quigley and Landon Joseph Woods the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. **Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation turn and face the assembly.*

Let us rejoice with these brothers and sisters in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession

Todd Rothermel

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Peace

Todd Rothermel

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

*Battle Hymn of the Republic*

Chancel Choir

*Congregation sings the first verse and refrain*

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;

He is trampling out the vintage

where the grapes of wrath are stored;

He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;

His truth is marching on.

Refrain:

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on

*"Battle Hymn of the Republic" by Julia Ward Howe. Words and music are in public domain.*

*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!

*"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"* Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köhl, 1623. Text © 1958 Service Book and Hymnal,

*The offering is brought forward for a blessing.*

### Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Dialog

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## 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.**

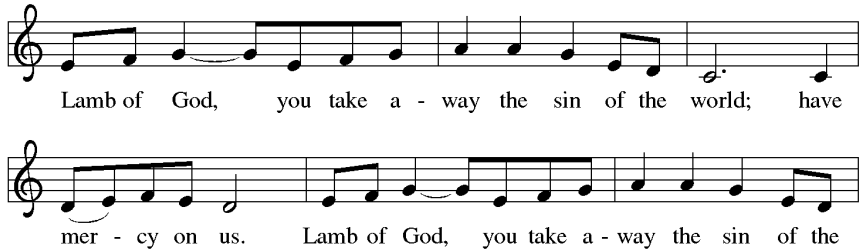
**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Invitation to Communion

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
 way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Hymns *Restore in Us, O God* ELW #328

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* ELW #398

*Jesus, the Very Thought of You* ELW #754

### Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

1. O splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that  
2. O thou true Sun, on us thy glance let fall in  
3. The Fa - ther, too, our prayers im - plore, Fa - ther of  
4. To guide what-e'er we no - bly do, with love all

bring - est light from light; O Light of light, light's  
roy - al ra - di - ance; the Spir - it's sanc - ti -  
glo - ry, ev - er - more; the Fa - ther of all  
en - vy to sub - due; to make ill for - tune

liv - ing spring, O day, all days il - lu - min - ing.  
fy - ing beam up - on our earth - ly sens - es stream.  
grace and might, to ban - ish sin from our de - light.  
turn to fair, and give us grace our wrongs to bear.

*"O Splendor of God's Glory Bright"* Words: Ambrose of Milan, 4<sup>th</sup> cent. tenns. Robert S. Bridges, 1899. Music: (Wareham, LM) William Knapp, 1738. Text and music are in public domain.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Gran Choeur Dialogue*

Gordon Young

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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# Announcements

## Today

**The bulletin** is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of Jim and Mary Alice Mack's 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**The flowers** are sponsored to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ralph and Ruth Wirt on their wedding anniversary by the Wirt and Eisenhart families.

**The sponsor signups for 2026** is available on signupgenius on the church's website. Click on the link [newhanoverlutheran.org/worship\\_signups\\_2026](https://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:** Ron Fegley, head usher; Monique Becker and Brian Flack, ushers; Ron Fegley, lector; Hayley Quigley, children's sermon; Todd Rothermel, worship assistant; Hannah Waltermyer, acolyte; Donna Kehs and Erica Lucas, communion assistants

**Next Sunday:** Marty Hauser, head usher; Bill Allen, usher; Donna Kehs, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Noah Waltermyer, acolyte

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

**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

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

**Prayer Ministry** – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

**Scouts BSA Troop 367** – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, picnic grove and rooms 21, 32, 33

**Book Club** – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, WQ Diner, Pottstown

**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, room 14

**Property** – Wednesday, 7:00 PM, room 4

**God on Tap** – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main St. Pub, Bally

**Addiction 12 Step** – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 14

**Birthday Party** – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, room 1

**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

**Praise Band Rehearsal** – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

**The NHEL C 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 PM. Any

questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at [LBD36@aol.com](mailto:LBD36@aol.com).

**The next God on Tap** is on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, at Main St Pub, Bally. The conversation topic will be “When does God get a day off?” God designed us to need “down time”, time to chill, time to block out all of the negatives that may be eating at us. With the world on a 24-hour time clock (think time zones) there must be people contacting Him all hours of every day. When does He get His down time? You are welcome to come and join in this conversation. If you can attend, RSVP to Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 via email or text no later than noon on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Events

**Are you looking for a fun way to start your morning in the great outdoors?** It’s time to harvest the vegetables in the church garden and we could use some helping hands. Come out to the church garden on Mondays and/or Thursdays at 7:00 AM, to help gather fresh produce. No experience necessary. Any questions, contact Jim Mack.

**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://www.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.

NHELCS 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 annual chicken dinner** will be held on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Troop and Pack 367 is holding a Rib Rally Fundraiser** at Texas Roadhouse, 70 Buckwalter Road in Royersford this Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. A \$12 meal includes 4 fall-off-the-bone ribs, seasoned steak fries, fresh baked bread with honey cinnamon butter, a peanut bag and appetizer voucher for your next visit. Pre-orders end on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. For every meal sold, Troop and Pack 367 receives \$3.00 for their program.



## 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, NHELCS 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.

## Resources

**Want to keep up** with all the latest news from NHELCS? 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](http://newhanoverlutheran.org)) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

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

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

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

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

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

## You Can Help

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

## Food Ministry

**Over 300,000 meals have been distributed!** 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](mailto:susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org) for requests or information.

## Prayer Requests

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

**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
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Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Steve Morriss
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Vicki Mutter
Carol Feick	Alice Nester	Linda Adams
Donna Day	John and Candis Sander,	Yvonne Peto
Dennis and Sandy Rothermel		Janet Linskey
James Dawson	Kevin Fleming	Sharon Tracey
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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

# Congratulations to the 2026 Confirmands

## Danielle Rae Bechtel



*Rae's favorite Bible verse*  
"He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority'."

Acts 1:7

*Her favorite thing about NHELCC*  
I like how accepting NHELCC is.  
*Relatives at NHELCC*

Parents: Brian and Bethlyn Bechtel  
Grandma: Jan Bechtel  
Uncle and Aunt: Raymond and Teri Bechtel  
Cousins

## Peyton Ray Comtois



*Peyton's Favorite Bible Verse*  
"Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love."

1 John 4:8

*His Favorite thing about NHELCC*  
The music  
*Relatives at NHELCC*

Parents: Joan and Ron Comtois  
Grandparents: Hazel and John LeVan  
Aunts and Uncles: Georgann and Scott Geiser, Kathy Hoffman, Diane Lambert and John LeVan  
Cousin: Andy Van Dyke and many others

## Genesis Isabella Garcia



*Genesis' favorite Bible verse*  
“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Philippians 4:13

*Her favorite thing about NHELC*  
Having the opportunity to help and collaborate with others

*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Ligia and Ricardo Garcia

Brother: Richard Garcia

## Madison Grace Hansley



*Madison's favorite Bible verse*  
“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

– Deuteronomy 31:6

*Her favorite thing about NHELC*  
Building close friendships with the other youth and all the activities we do together

*Her favorite about confirmation*  
Meeting other kids with the same faith and beliefs as her

*Relatives at NHELC*

Great, great, grandmother Fannie Obermyer; Great grandmother

Dorothy Gimont; Grandparents Brian and Marlene Hansley;  
Parents Brian and Ariel Hansley; Sister Carolina Hansley

## Ava Belle Hubley



*Ava's favorite Bible verse*  
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

*Her favorite thing about NHELCCamp Falckner*

*Related to at NHELCC*

Parents: Adam and Meghan

Sisters: Sadie and Adelina

## Ainsley Harper Lucas



*Ainsley's favorite Bible Verse*  
"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us."

Romans 8:18

*Her favorite thing about NHELCC*  
I love all of the opportunities to be involved!

*Relatives at NHELCC*

Parents: Erica and Patrick Lucas

Sister: Elsa Lucas

## Malaina Mallory Meeker



*Malaina's favorite Bible verse*  
"I have no greater joy than this, to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

3 John, verse 4

*Her favorite part of Confirmation*  
Being with friends  
*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Christopher and Megan Meeker

Brother: London Meeker

## Alexa Taylor Moser



*Alexa's favorite Bible verses*  
"Surround yourself with those that uplift and inspire you, for they are blessings in disguise."

Proverbs 13:20

"Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools suffers harm."

*Her favorite thing about NHELC*

The youth group, summer camp and activities throughout the year

*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Craig and Janet Moser

Sister: Charlotte Moser

Grandparents: Jean and Gary Moser and Judy and Dave Taylor (Christ Lutheran, Kulpsville)

Aunt Jen and Uncle Phil Boyer, Aunt Shannon and Uncle Jon Taylor and countless other cousins and family members

## Miller T Quigley



### *Miller's favorite Bible Verse*

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Luke 10:27

### *Her favorite thing about NHELC*

Camp Falckner - Hands Down!

### *Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Zach and Hayley Quigley

Siblings: Collins and Tanner

Quigley

Grandparents: Tim and Vicki

Mutter

Aunt: Ashley Mutter

## Kayleigh Brynn Urbassik



### *Kayleigh's Favorite Bible Verse*

“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9

### *Her favorite thing about NHELC*

Helping at dinners and the swamp picnic

### *Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Mike and June Urbassik

Sisters: Alexis and Camryn

Urbassik

## Landon Joseph Woods



*Landon's favorite Bible verse*

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.”

Colossians 3:23

*Favorite thing about NHELC*

Flutter events and singing in KFC

*Relatives at NHELC*

Parents: Kyle and Molly Woods

Siblings: Caleb and Aubrey Woods

Dear Members of the New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The Congregation Council is pleased to share an update regarding the placement of our historic 1545 Martin Luther book, *Wider das Bapstum zu Rom vom Teuffel gestifft*, to the **Pitts Theology Library at Emory University**. Since arriving at the library in winter 2025, the book has been recognized as a “true treasure” and is now one of the most significant items within the prestigious **Richard C. Kessler Reformation Collection**.

The library has taken extensive steps to ensure the book is preserved for future generations while remaining accessible to the world:

- The book was officially cataloged by Dr. Armin Siedlecki and inspected by Emory’s preservation team.
- A custom-made box is currently being crafted to house the volume.
- The book has been fully digitized, including the unique pen and ink drawings and Luther’s own manuscript inscriptions.

The impact of this loaned book is already being felt in the academic community:

- Our book is now discoverable through major global bibliographic resources and Emory’s online catalog.
- Dr. Timothy Wengert has already published an article regarding this volume in *Lutheran Quarterly*.
- The book will be a centerpiece for future exhibitions, public tours, and classroom visits, helping students and patrons learn about the 16<sup>th</sup>-century Reformation.

You can view the fully digitized version of the work, including the inscriptions that make our copy so special, at the following link:

<https://digital.pitts.emory.edu/s/digital-collections/item/104092>

Richard Manly Adams, Jr., the Director of the Pitts Theology Library, has expressed his deep gratitude to our congregation for entrusting them with this item. He has also extended a warm invitation to any member of our church to visit the library in Atlanta to see the book in person.

We should all be very proud that this piece of history from New Hanover is now serving as a vital resource for scholars and the general public worldwide.

Sincerely  
The Congregation Council

On Trinity Sunday, we remember that God created us. Look around your worship space. Can you find these three things?



**The Bible helps us remember God's Word.**

**The cross helps us remember that Jesus died for us.**

**The baptismal font helps us remember that the Holy Spirit is with us at our baptism and always!**

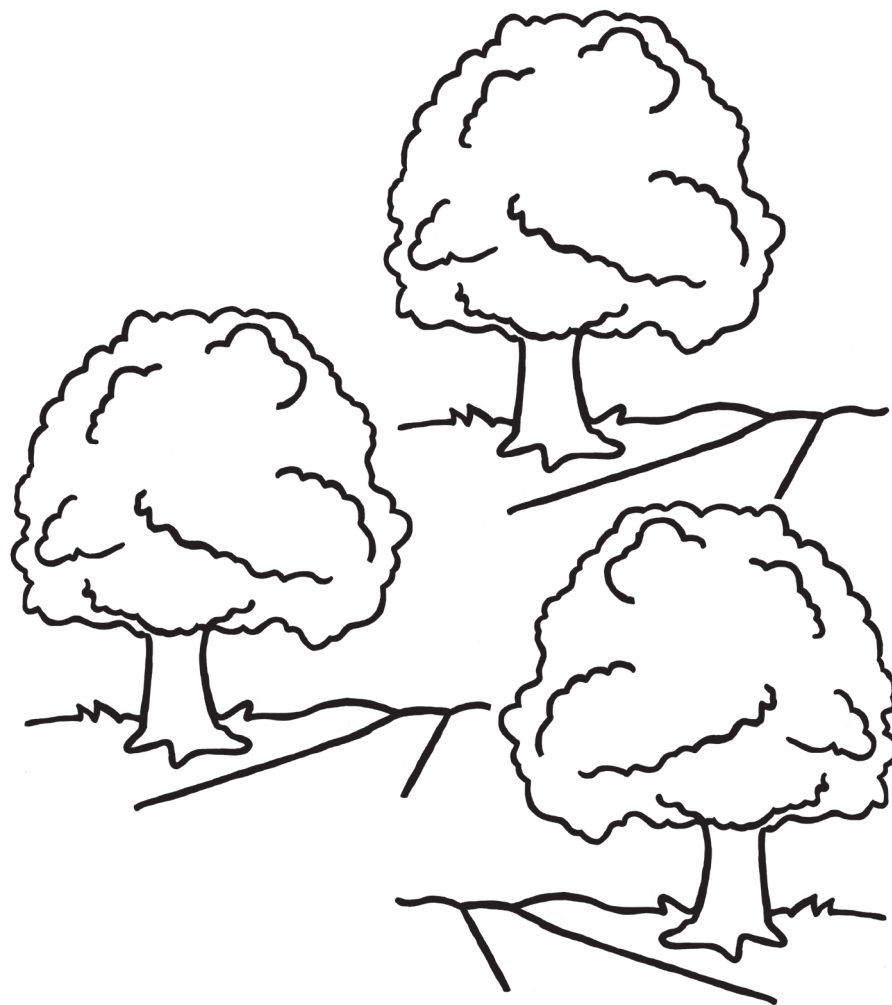


# PRE-READER

Trinity Sunday

- Today is **Trinity Sunday**.
- The **color** for Trinity Sunday is **white**.
- **Trinity** means **three**.

**Color these three trees.**





**Before God created the world, there was nothing at all—except God.**

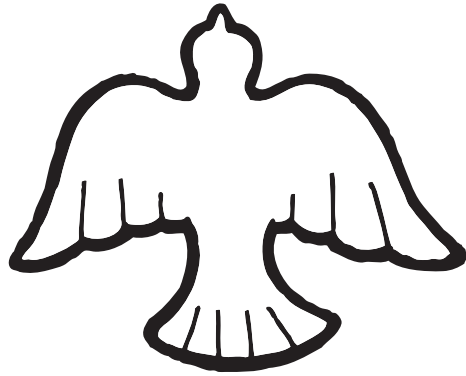
God is our creator. God created EVERYTHING!

**Color all the things that God created. (That means you will color everything.)**



# Trinity Symbols

There are many symbols for the Trinity. Do you see any of them in your worship space today? If so, draw it in the space below. If not, design your own!



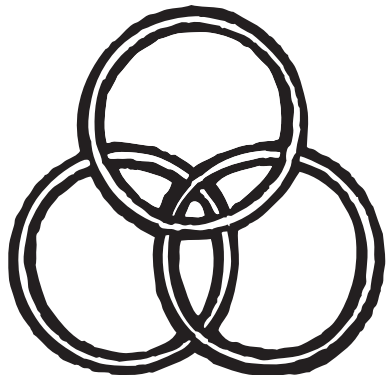
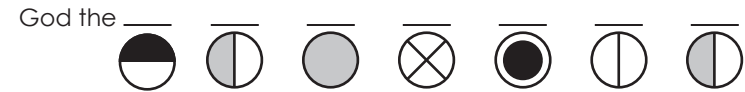
# READER

Trinity Sunday

- Today is **Trinity Sunday**.
- Trinity Sunday always happens the week **after** the Day of Pentecost.
- Trinity means **three**.
- Trinity Sunday reminds us of God being **three in one**.

## Three in One

There are three parts to the Holy Trinity. See if you can solve the code to find each one.



KEY						
A	C	E	H	I	L	N
O	P	R	S	T	Y	

Some of the words from these memory verses got switched! Can you help them find the right spot? Draw a line from each bold word to its correct spot in the other verse.

## Memory Verse



The **day** brought forth **everything**: plants yielding **evening** of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing **morning** with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1:12

God saw **vegetation** that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was **seed** and there was **fruit**, the sixth **earth**.

Genesis 1:31



## Count 'em up!

Today is Trinity Sunday. On this day, we remember the three parts of God: God the creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit. Can you match up these other numbers with the right description and Bible verse?



2

fat cows in Pharaoh's dream

Matthew 27:38

7

disciples of Jesus

Galatians 5:22-23

9

criminals who died next to Jesus

Matthew 4:2

12

days that Jesus spent in the wilderness

Genesis 41:2

40

fruit of the Spirit

Mark 6:7



### Bible Tip!

Genesis is the first book in the Old Testament. Matthew is the first book in the New Testament. How many books are in each?

Look in your Bible's Table of Contents if you need help. Write your answers here:

There are \_\_\_\_\_ books in the Old Testament and

\_\_\_\_\_ books in the New Testament.

## Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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# King Of Kings

(based on the recording by Hillsong Worship)

Words and Music by  
Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood and Jason Ingram

## VERSE 1 & 2

$\text{♩} = 68$  D/F# G A D

1. In the dark - ness we were wait-ing, with-out hope, with-out light, till from Heav-  
(2.) the king dom com-ing and to re - con-cile the lost, to re - deem

3 D/F# G A D

- en You came run - ning. There was mer - cy in Your eyes. To ful - fil  
the whole cre - a - tion You did not des - pise the cross. For e -

5 D/F# G A D

the law and pro - phets, to a vir - gin came the Word from a throne  
- ven in Your suf - fring, You saw to the oth - er side. Know - ing this

7 D/F# G A D

of end - less glo - ry to a cra - dle in the dirt.  
was our sal - va - tion, Je - sus, for our sake You died.

## CHORUS

D G Bm Asus A D

Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one. God of Glo - ry,

16 G Bm G A D

maj - es - ty, praise for - ev - er to the King of kings. To re - veal

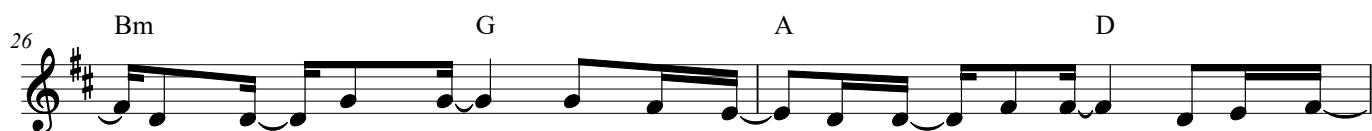
## VERSE 3

21 

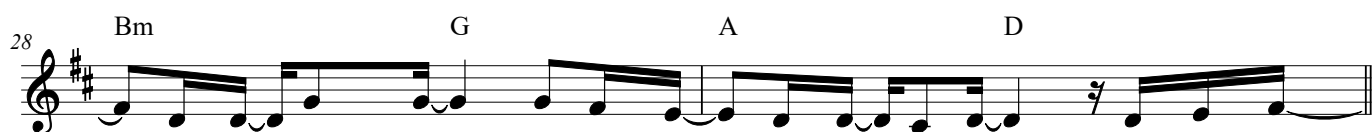
And the morn-ing that You rose all of heav-en held its breath till that stone

24 

was moved for good, for the Lamb had con- quered death. And the dead

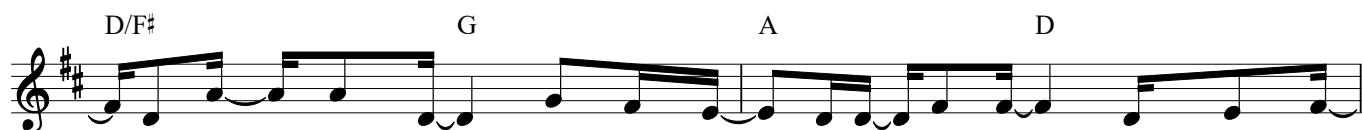
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rose from their tombs, and the an - gels stood in awe, for the souls

28 

of all who'd come to the Fa - ther are re - stored. And the Church

## VERSE 4



of Christ was born, then the Spir - it lit the flame. Now this Gos-

32 

- pel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint. By His blood

34 

and in His Name, in His free-dom I am free, for the love of Je-sus Christ who has res-

**CHORUS**

37 A D D G

- ur-rect-ed me. Praise the Fa-ther, praise the Son,

42 Bm Asus A D G Bm G

praise the Spir-it, three in one. God of Glo-ry, maj-es - ty, praise for-ev-er to the

**TAG**

47 A D D/F# G A D

King of kings. Praise for-ev-er to the King of kings.

## Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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## Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



- 1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;
- 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;
- 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;
- 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;
- 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

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## Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;  
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call  
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,  
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.  
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!  
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!  
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

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