

Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2026



Celebrating Diversity

**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.

Call to Worship

Creating God, redeeming God, welcoming God, loving God, grace-filled God, as people gathered in your love, we celebrate your presence with us here. You make us, you create us, you shape us, you form us. We are yours!

Amen.

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn *This Is Our Story (Blessed Assurance)*



Bless-ed as-sur-ance, love un-con-fined! Oh, what a fore-taste of won-der dive-ine



Source of all Be-ing, ten- der and kind, made in Your im-age, our hearts are
entwinded

Refrain



This is our sto - ry, this is our song. Pas -sion-nate Ma-ker to whom we be-long:



this is our sto - ry, this is our song, em-bod-ing God's love all the day long.

2. Infinite Mystery boundless and free
Knit us together in community
Working and waiting for justice to reign.
Bound to each other our pow'r proclaimed.

Refrain

3. You bring your full self, and I will bring mine.
We'll join the enfleshed Christ through bread and the wine.
Here in our bodies, our voices arrayed,
In each their own language, our hopes are conveyed.

Refrain

4. When faithful to ourselves, we're faithful to you.
Provoked by the Spirit in all that we do.
You know our fear and honor our doubt,
Then claim and ignite us and send us out.

Refrain

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Prayer of the Day

Diane Bealer

Let us pray.

Dear Lord,

Let us be your advocates and activists in this changing world.

Teach us to see, name, and care for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. Remind us that there is always more to learn when it comes to making our faith community be a space where all people can truly be welcomed, included, celebrated and advocated for. Through your grace, help us commit to creating a safe and affirming space to live, worship and thrive in.
We commit ourselves to the work ahead, looking to your example through Christ. **Amen.**

Centering Song *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*
Grace Band

It all comes down to this
What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself
And You above all things

Chorus:
Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly
With You God
In all things, in all ways, walk humbly
With You God

It all comes down to this
To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world
The truth will set us free

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):
It's beauty for ashes
It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer
The Kingdom of heaven
Years from now we'll see
The fruit our hands have sown
Faith just like a seed
The only way it grows

Chorus

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Please be seated.

Anthem

Plowshare Prayer

Grace Band

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Children’s Message

Dee and Kady Singley

First Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Josh Young

A reading from the book of Galatians

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146

Janet Psota

¹ Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

² **I will praise the Lord as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.**

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

6 who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
⁸ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹ The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord!

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-

-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-

lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah. Hal-le-lu-jah.

Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:23

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶“I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

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 *Go Light Your World*

Grace Band

There is a candle in ev'ry soul
Some brightly burning some dark and cold
There is a Spirit who brings a fire
Ignites a candle and makes His home
So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused, and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother, see how he's tried to
Light his own candle some other way
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to
Still holds a candle without a flame
So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the lonely, the tired, and worn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Take your candle and go light your world

We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus
Make us a beacon in darkest times
So carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the helpless, deceived, and poor
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
Carry your candle, run to the darkness
Seek out the hopeless, confused, and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it
Take your candle and go light your world
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Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

Prayers of Intercession

Gracious Lord, Let streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth,

Pause for reflection.

Let us offer the poor worth, feed the hands of the hungry whose arms are outstretched, give shelter to those who find themselves without a place to call home, surround our siblings who are within the LGBTQIA+ community with your loving acceptance and grace. O God of compassion

Receive our offering.

Dear Comforting Lord, Let the streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth. Lift the mourner, the broken in spirit, those who grieve from abuse, for those who long for nothing more than to laugh again, when tears have filled their eyes. For our siblings who experience oppression and exclusion in our society. O God of compassion

Receive our offering.

God of Peace, let streams of your living justice flow down upon the earth, for healing of the world, our nation and others, our communities, our church, and our political leaders. Grant us grace to mend but not stay still. Sustain our courage and help us to abandon vengeance and hatred, lifting us up to love all our neighbors as ourselves. O God of compassion

Receive our offering.

God of love, shown to us in the life of Jesus Christ, let your streams of living justice flow down upon the earth, stir in us our faith and courage in equal measure so we may serve others, to walk beside our siblings instead of away, to embrace all of humanity, and creation as a gift from you. Create in us a clean heart. O God of compassion

Receive our offering.

God of all, we offer to you these prayers and those we hold in our hearts, continue to fill us with the hope and the understanding that we have been made in your image, yet weaving our diversity into one beautiful tapestry that we respect and uplift.

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

Offertory *How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them*

Carolyn Fleming, soloist
G. F. Handel

Carolyn has been a member of NHELCC for over 30 years. She has been singing since the third grade and has never stopped! She is a soprano and has studied voice for many years. She grew up on Long Island, NY in a town called Hicksville (same town that Billy Joel was raised). Besides singing, her favorite things to do are taking care of her pet, a Shetland Sheep dog named Max, and tending to her flower garden.

Today she will be singing the aria, “How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them” from *The Messiah* by G. F. Handel.

The offering will be taken at this time.

You can donate to NHELCC’s ministry electronically.

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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *We Give Thee but Thine Own*



- 1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
- 2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive,
- 3 The cap-tive to re-lease, to God the lost to bring,
- 4 And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what-e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.

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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

Build a Longer Table

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a longer fence. Love
4. When we lived as ex - iles, re - ugees a - broad, Christ

feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no expense. When we
be - came our door - way to the reign of God. So

Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear, Christ tears
must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam. None

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
down our fenc - es; all are welcome here.
can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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Blessing

May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy,
Go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son who teaches us to care for strangers and foreigners,
Go with us as we try to be good neighbors in our church and
community.

May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates
community,

Go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for
all.

Dismissal

Go forth with courage, loving God and serving neighbors.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Triumphal March

Edvard Grieg

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Announcements

Today

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration
of their 58th wedding anniversary today by Bryce and Jane
Manthorne.

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: Dee Singley, head usher; Sharon Tracey, usher; Josh Young and Janet Psota, lecturers; Dee and Kady Singley, children's sermon; Sam Young, acolyte

Next Sunday: Andy Van Dyke, head usher; Barbar Repa and Faye Weidner, ushers; Leslie Gates, lecturer; Deacon Ali Clark, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Vicki Dotterer, Becky Gallagher and Terry Santangelo.

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.

The annual chicken dinner will be held this afternoon 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.

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

Chicken Dinner – Today, 3:00 – 7:00 PM, picnic grove

Kids Camp – Monday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Kids Camp – Tuesday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 1

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

Kids Camp – Wednesday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 1

Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen

Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door

Walnut Woods – Wednesday, 10:00 AM

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, room 14

Kids Camp – Thursday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 1

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 7

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

Kids Camp – Friday, 9:00 AM – Noon, 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

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

Rainforest Falls Kids Camp 2026, is Monday - Friday, 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 online at <https://vbspro.events/p/nhelckidscamp2026>.

Upcoming Events

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 is a container in the narthex for cash or check donations and a designated QR code is provided to donate through [Tithe.ly](https://tithely.com). 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.

Camp Falckner is just around the corner! Camp will be held July 27-30, 2026 at the church picnic grove. This overnight camp is open to all youth who will have finished grades 5 -12. Registration is available [online](#), but there are also paper copies available in the Welcome Center. Reach out to [Lindsey Waltermeyer](#) with any questions.

The NHELC Book Club is reading *The Rose* by Kate Quinn. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, August 4th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit will present a Patriotic Concert on Saturday, June 27th, at 2:00 PM at the Keystone Fire House downstairs. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets are sold at Aunt Nannie's Bake Shop (913 Rte. 100, Bechtelsville) and Bachman's Music (38 S. Reading Ave., Boyertown).

Ringgold Band is offering a Concert at St. John's Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 27th, 7:00 PM. Admission is free. St. John's is located at 45 N. Reading Avenue in Boyertown.

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 the end of June, NHELC 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 NHELHC? 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! NHELC'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

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	Dennis and Sandy Rothermel	
Janet Linskey	James Dawson	Kevin Fleming
Diane Davidheiser	Carolyn and Rodney Snell	
Timmy Fabian	Betty Hinrichs	Steve Weidner
Judy Moser		

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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

Plowshare Prayer

By Spenser LaJoye

This is an anthem performed by the Grace Band. We are providing the lyrics because there are many words, and you may wish to follow along. Please sit back and listen – no need to sing along.

Solo 1:

Dear blessed creator, dear mother, dear savior,
dear father, dear brother,
dear holy other, dear sibling dear baby,
dear patiently waiting dear sad and confused, dear stuck and
abused,

Solo 2 joins

Dear end of your rope, dear worn out and broke,
dear go it alone, dear running from home,
dear righteously angry, forsaken by fam'ly
dear jaded and quiet, dear tough and defiant,
I pray that I'm heard,
and I pray that this works.

Solo 3:

I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword against you and your
heart,
against you and your word,
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare of sorts,
that it might break you open, it might help you grow,
I pray that your body gets all that it needs,
and if you don't want healing, I just pray for peace,
I pray that your burden gets lighter each day,
I pray the mean voice in your head goes away,
I pray that you honor the grief as it comes,
I pray you can feel all the life in your lungs,
I pray that if you go all day being brave that you can go home, go
to bed feeling safe,

All:

I pray you're forgiven, I pray you forgive,
I pray you set bound'ries, and openly live,
I pray that you feel you are worth never leaving,
I pray that you know I will always believe you,
I pray that you're heard,
and I pray that this works.

Solo 4:

Amen on behalf of the last and the least,
on behalf of the anxious, depressed and unseen,
amen for the workers, the hungry, the houseless,
amen for the lonely and recently spouseless,
amen for the queers and their closeted peers,
amen for the bullied who hold in their tears,
amen for the mothers of little black sons,
amen for the kids who grow up scared of guns,

Solo 5:

amen for the addicts, the ashamed and hung over,
amen for the calloused, the wissened, the sober,
amen for the ones who want life to be over
amen for the leaders who lose their composure,
amen for the parents who just lost their baby,
amen for the chronically ill and disabled,
amen for the children down at the border,
amen for the victims of our law and order,

All:

I pray that you're heard,
and I pray that this works.
Oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo oo
Oo oo oo oo oo oo
Oo oo oo oo oo oo

Solo 6:

I pray if a prayer has been used as a sword against you and your
heart,
against you and your word,
I pray that this prayer is a plowshare of sorts.

Jesus told his disciples to greet people when they enter someone's home. What do you say when you walk into your church?

Circle the greeting you like to use.

Hello

Welcome

I am glad
to see you

Good morning,
friend



PRE-READER

Pentecost 3

- Today is the **3rd** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost is the church year season **after Easter**.
- Pentecost is the church year season that lasts about **half the year**.

Each year has four seasons. Each church year has six seasons. Write the names for all these seasons.

Spring

Advent

Christmas

Summer

Epiphany

Lent

Fall

Easter

Winter

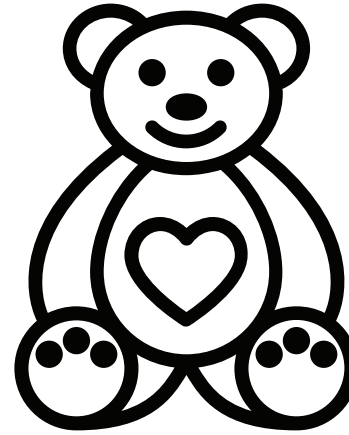
Season after
Pentecost



Now they were disciples! Now they would follow Jesus!

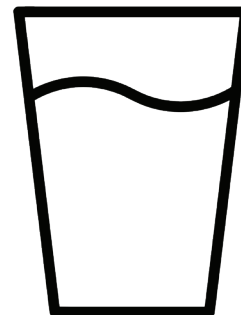
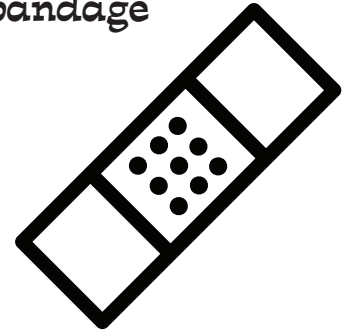
Jesus gave his twelve disciples the power to heal diseases and help people who were sick. Jesus' followers can help with healing too!

What can you do to help someone who needs healing?

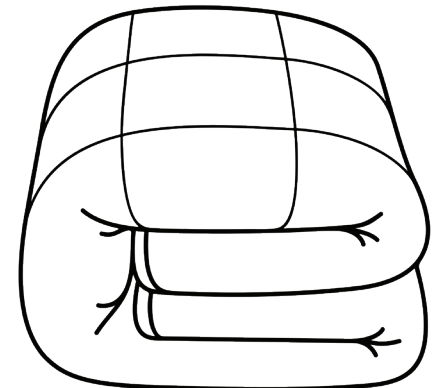


Ask if the person wants their stuffed animal

Share a clean bandage



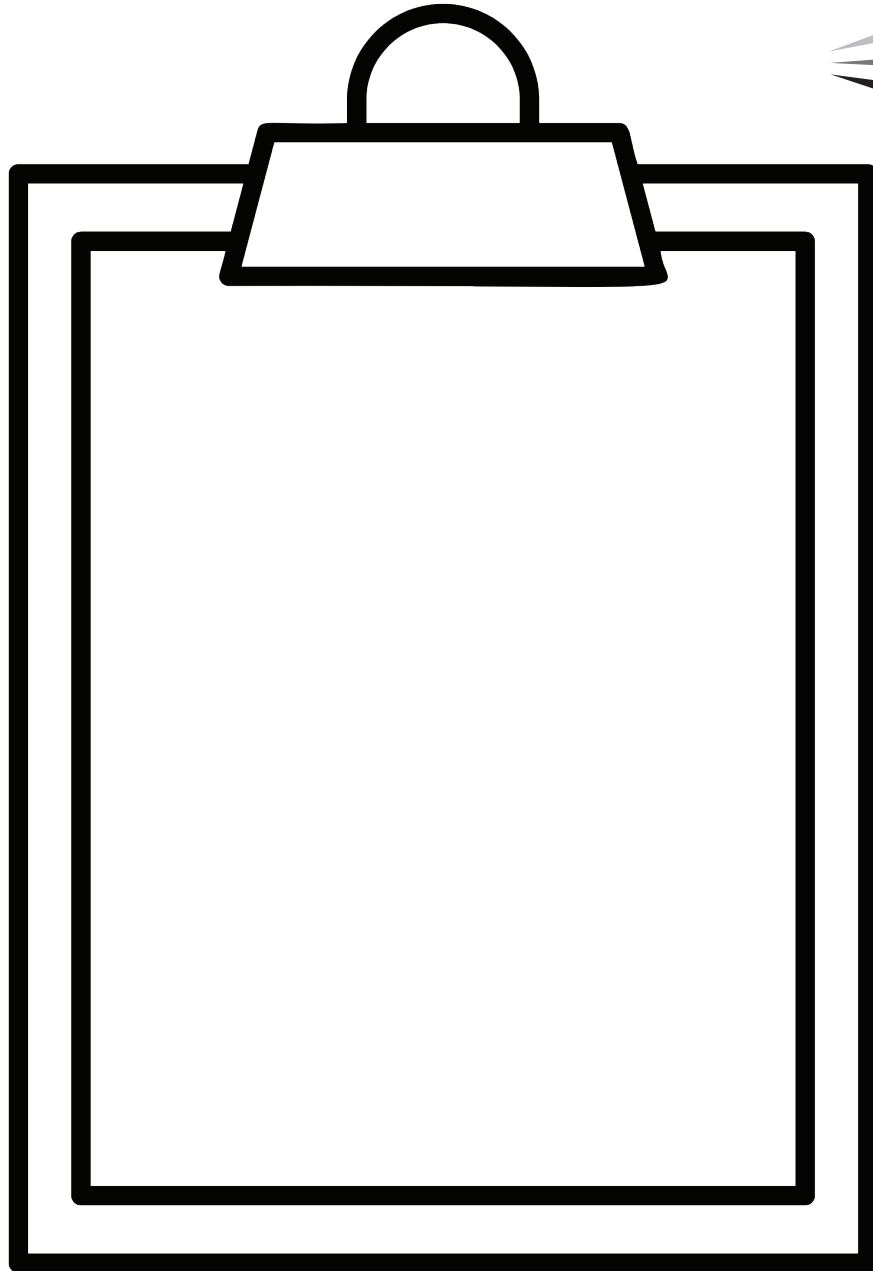
Offer a glass of water



Get a blanket

The Great Greeter Investigation

Jesus told his disciples, "As you enter the house, greet it." Who greets you when you enter your church? What do they say? Do they wear a special name tag? Do they shake people's hands or greet in another way? Do some investigating about today's greeters at worship.



READER

Pentecost 3

- Today is the **third** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost is one of **six seasons** of the church year.
- The shortest church year season is 12 days. The **Season after Pentecost** is the longest one.

Color Questions

Each season of the church year uses a specific color. What associations do you have with these seasonal colors?

Dark blue makes me think of ...

White and gold make me think of ...

Green makes me think of ...

Purple makes me think of ...

12 on the Go

The followers of Jesus traveled to many places without any money or extra belongings. If you had to pack for a trip with very few things, could you pack only twelve things? Six things? Three things?

If I could pack twelve things		
1.	5.	9.
2.	6.	10.
3.	7.	11.
4.	8.	12.

If I could pack six things
1.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

If I could pack three things
1.
2.
3.



The twelve disciples of Jesus are named in Matthew 10:2-4. They are also named in the gospels of Mark 3:16-19 and Luke 6:14-16. Even more followers of Jesus are named in Luke 8:1-3.

Who are they?

Naming the Followers

This is a list of names from the Bible. Can you recognize the names of the twelve disciples of Jesus? Circle the ones who were his first followers.



Andrew

Isaiah

Paul

Bartholomew

James

Peter

Claudius

James

Philip

Cyrus

John

Simon

David

Judas Iscariot

Thomas

Eli

Lazarus

Thaddaeus

Ham

Matthew

Zebedee

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

(based on the recording by Pat Barrett | original key - A)

Words and Music by Pat Barrett, Jason Ingram and Chris Tomlin

INTRO

Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G

♩ = 103



VERSE 1 & 2

Em/G D/G C/G

It all comes down to this,
It) all comes down to this,



what You re - quire of me: Love my neigh - bor as my -
to be Your hands and feet, good news to all the

CHORUS 1a

G Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D(4)/G C/G G



- self, and You a - bove all things. Act just - ly, love mer - cy, walk
world, the truth will set us free.



hum - bly with You, God. In all things, in all ways, walk hum - bly with

BRIDGE

1 | 2
C G C G C G/B D(4)



You, God. It You, God. It's beau - ty for ash - es, it's mourn - ing to danc - ing. It's

TURNAROUND

24 1 | 2

C G/B D(4) D(4) Em/G D/G

clos-er and clos-er, the King-dom of heav-en. It's King-dom of heav-en.

VERSE 3

28 Gsus G Em/G D/G Gsus G Em/G D/G C/G G

3. Years from now we'll see the

33 Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D/G C/G G

fruit our hands have sown. Faith, just like a seed, the

INSTRUMENTAL

37 Em/G D/G C/G G Em/G D(4)/G C/G G Em/G D(4)/G

on - ly way it grows.

CHORUS 1b

42 C/G G Em D(4) C G Em D(4) C G

Act just-ly, love mer-cy, walk hum-bly with You, God. In

47 Em D(4) C G Em D(4) C G

all things, in all ways, walk hum - bly with You, God.

Go Light Your World

Words and Music by
Chris Rice

VERSE 1

$\text{♩} = 66$ $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $D\flat/F$

There is a can-dle in ev-'ry soul; Some bright-ly burn-ing, some dark and

$E\flat$ sus $E\flat$ $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat/C$ $D\flat$ $B\flat m/E\flat$

cold. There is a Spir-it who brings a fi - re, ig-nites a can-dle and makes His

CHORUS 1 & 2

$A\flat$ $D\flat/E\flat$ $A\flat$ $A\flat 2/C$ $D\flat 2$ $A\flat/E\flat$

home. So, car-ry your can-dle, run to the dark-ness, seek out the hope-less, con-fused and
So, car-ry your can-dle, run to the dark-ness, seek out the lone-ly, the tired and

$E\flat$ $D\flat 2/F$ $E\flat/G$ $A\flat$ $A\flat 2/C$ $D\flat 2$ $A\flat/E\flat$ $E\flat 7$ sus $E\flat 7$

torn. Hold out your can-dle for all to see it. Take your can-dle and go light your
worn. Hold out your can-dle for all to see it. Take your can-dle and go light your

$C7/E$ Fm $D\flat 2$ $A\flat/E\flat$ $B\flat m 7/E\flat$ $A\flat$ $D\flat/A\flat$

2nd time to Coda Coda symbol

world. Take your can-dle and go light your world. Frus-trat-ed
world. Take your

VERSE 2

A \flat Eb/G D \flat /F

broth - er, see how he's tried to light his own can - dle some oth - er way.

23 A \flat /E \flat Eb A \flat Eb/G A \flat /C

See now your sis - ter, she's been robbed and lied to, still holds a

D \flat Eb7sus A \flat B \flat m/E \flat A \flat /E \flat B \flat m7/E \flat E

D.S. al Coda Φ *Coda*

can - dle with - out a flame. So, car - ry your can - dle and go light your world.

VERSE 3

30 D2/F# E/G# A E/G#

We are a fam - 'ly whose hearts are blaz - ing, so let's raise our

33 D/F# Esus E A

can - dles and light up the sky. Pray - ing to our Fa - ther, in the name of Je -

CHORUS 3

36 E/G# A2 A2/C# D D/E A Bm7/E A A2/C#

- sus, make us a bea - con in dark - est time. So, car - ry your can - dle, run to the
can - dle, run to the

40 D2 A/E E D2/F# E/G#

dark - ness, seek out the help - less, de - ceived and poor. Hold out your
 dark - ness, seek out the hope - less, con - fused and torn. Hold out your

43 A A2/C# D2 A/E E A Bm7/E

can-dle for all to see it. Take your can-dle and go light your world. Car-ry your
 can-dle for all to see it. Take your

47 A/E Bm7/E C#7/E# F#m D2 A/E Bm7/E

can-dle and go light your world. Take your can-dle and go light your

ENDING

A A2/C# D2 Bm/E E7 A

world. Mmm. Mmm.