

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

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 2026**



"Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Matthew 10:42

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

**Nicole Young, vicar
Patricia Nyce, director of music ministry
Lindsey Waltermeyer, Grace band leader**

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org
[facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch](https://www.facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch)
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome Statement

You are always welcome at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God's love and guided by Christ's example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God's grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God's image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus' example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward racial equity and inclusion in all we do. You are invited to fully participate in our worship, sacraments, leadership positions, gatherings, and ministries. In our identities, we are united by the common faith we hold, and recognize we each offer unique gifts and perspectives. We believe that this transforms lives and deepens the faith of our community.

Christ's door is open to all, so is ours.

Hymn Sing (8:45 – 9:00)

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

All Are Welcome

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song *How Great Is Our God*

Grace Band

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nikki Young

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Bethlyn Bechtel

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Bethlyn Bechtel

¹ Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;**

you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

³ "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **"I will establish your line forever,**

and preserve your throne for all generations.' "

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;**

they are jubilant in your righteousness.

**¹⁸ Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

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The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.

⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of

the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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 *Blessed Be Your Name*

Grace Band

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus:

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Chorus:

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge (2x):

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

Chorus

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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

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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

Offertory

We Will Give Thanks

Ava Fazekas, mezzo soprano, Matt Megraw, tenor

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Ava is 18 years old and just graduated high school this spring. She has been singing her whole life, and expresses her love for music through theatre, church, and many other volunteer

opportunities. She sings with the Praise Band at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. In her free time, Ava performs at Steel River Playhouse in Pottstown. As for her future, she will be continuing her work as a hairdresser at Lords and Ladies in Gilbertsville and hopes to continue to build her book as well as create new friendships and bonds through her work.

Matthew Megraw has been playing music for over 20 years and has been playing professionally using percussion, voice, piano and organ. He is a music teacher in Allentown and loves adding to worship with gifts from the Holy Spirit. Also, Matt is part of the music ministry at Emmanuel Lutheran, singing with the choir, and playing percussion with the Praise Band.

The offering will be taken at this time.

You can donate to NHELC'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.

Recognition of Graduates

Sending Hymn

On Our Way Rejoicing

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Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

Amen.

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Jubilate

Ernest H. Sheppard

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of all the volunteers who help support our church by Steve and Faye Weidner.

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in memory of William F. Lamb, Sr. and Helen Lamb by the Lamb family.

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: Scott Geiser, head usher; Georgann Geiser, usher; Bethlyn Bechtel, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Caleb Woods, acolyte

Next Sunday: Steve Weidner, head usher; Bryce Manthorne, usher; Nance White, lector; Donna Kehs, children's sermon; Faye Weidner, acolyte; Terry Santangelo and Carolyn Fleming, communion assistants

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.

This Week

Hymn Sing – Today, 8:45 – 9:00 AM, sanctuary

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

Rita's Water Ice Youth Fundraiser – Monday, 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Call Committee – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 4

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

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

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

Cool off with a sweet treat and support our youth! Join us at Rita's Water Ice in Boyertown on Monday, June 29th, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM for our first National Youth Gathering fundraiser. At Rita's, a percentage of all sales will help fund next summer's trip.

The church office will be closed on Friday, July 3rd, for the holiday. Happy Independence Day!

Upcoming Events

Candy Bar Bingo Wednesday, July 8th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM Candy Bingo is back by popular demand! Bring a snack to share! So we can plan accordingly, sign up online at



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-64316918-candy> or use this QR Code.

God on Bikes Do you ride a motorcycle? We already have God on Tap; would you be interested in God on Bikes? Weather permitting, motorcyclists will travel to an “interesting” place, that would include a lunch stop. Participants will help dictate the day we ride, be it a Saturday or during the week. All input of “an interesting place” would be greatly appreciated! It doesn't matter what kind of bike you ride! Text or email Randy Dotterer at 610-306-0621 or email him at RDPTW6489@Gmail.com with questions or if you are interested.

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://tithe.ly). If you are writing a check, please make it out to NHELC 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 Code* 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 Freedom Fest is hosting **America 250: “In the Mood” to Celebrate** on Sunday, July 5th, 2:00 – 5:00 PM at the Keystone Firehouse. The Director’s Big Band will feature live horns, classic swing and timeless energy. Come and celebrate America. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance through DirectorsBandBoyertown@gmail.com.

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. 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 NHELC? 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. NHELC 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
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Janet Linskey	James Dawson	Kevin Fleming
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Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Steve Weidner
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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

Class of 2026

Congratulations to this year's graduates.

Michael Artim

Michael graduated from Boyertown Area High School and Berks Career and Technology Center (Welding program). He has accepted a full time position as a mechanic at East Penn Manufacturing.



Elsa Lucas

Elsa graduated from Pottsgrove High School. In the fall, she will attend Lock Haven University to study Sport Management and to swim.

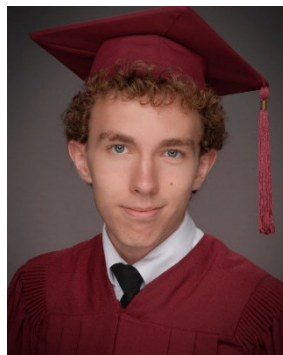


London Andrew Meeker

London graduated from Pottsgrove High School on May 29, 2026. During his high school years, London played the trumpet and violin. He participated in Marching Band his freshman year. Also, he was a part of the Co-Ed Varsity Bowling Team and the Boys' Varsity Tennis team all four years of high school.

He will be attending Montgomery County Community College in the fall and eventually transfer to a four-year school to major in Finance/Accounting/Business.

London is the son of Christopher and Megan Meeker and the brother of Malaina Meeker.



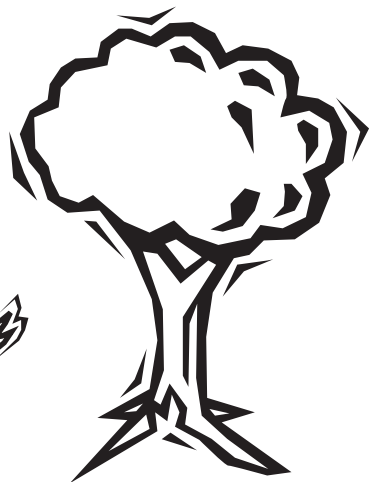
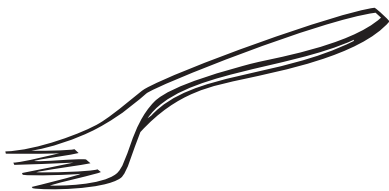
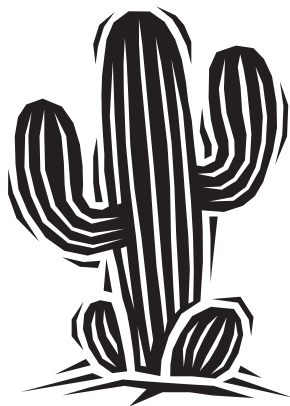
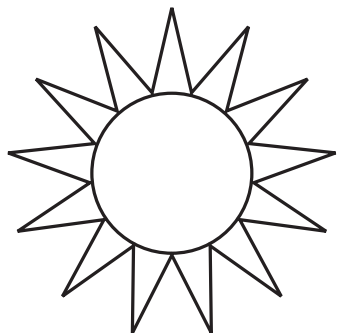
Alexis Urbassik

Alexis graduated from Bloomsburg University Zeigler College of Business with a Professional Sales and Marketing degree. She is currently working for Dyco as a technical sales rep.



Green is the color for Pentecost.

Do you see any green in your worship space today? Circle the things that are usually green.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The **symbol** for Pentecost is a **tree**.
- **Trees** remind us of **new life**!

Draw leaves, fruit, and flowers on the tree to show how it grows.

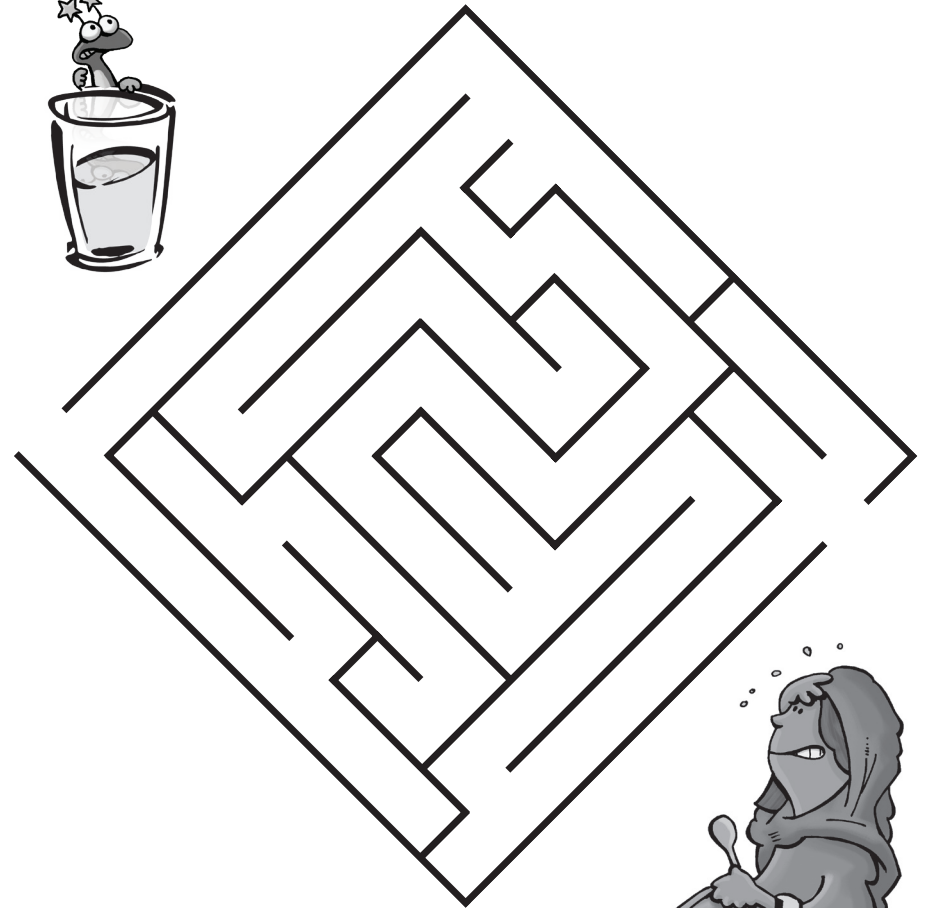




“Share a cup of water with someone who needs it!”

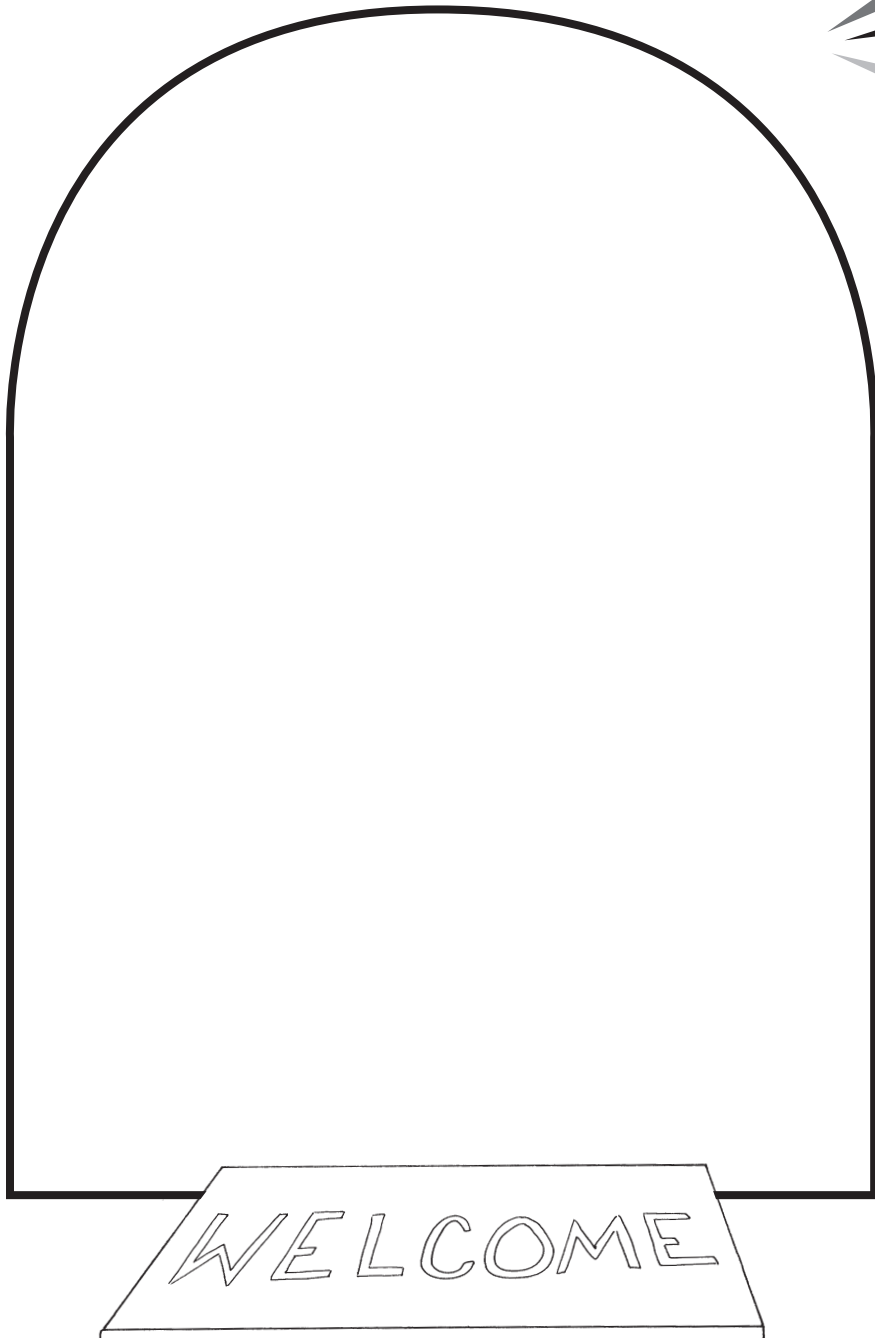
This week, Jesus tells us to be welcoming. One way to be welcoming is to give water to someone who is thirsty.

Help Squiggles bring the glass of water to the thirsty person!



A Welcoming Place

What makes you feel welcome in worship? Write or draw about it in this space:



READER

Pentecost 5

- Today is the **fifth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The symbol for Pentecost is a **tree**.
- Trees symbolize **new life and growth**.
- During Pentecost, we celebrate the **growth of the church!**

Look in the Leaves!

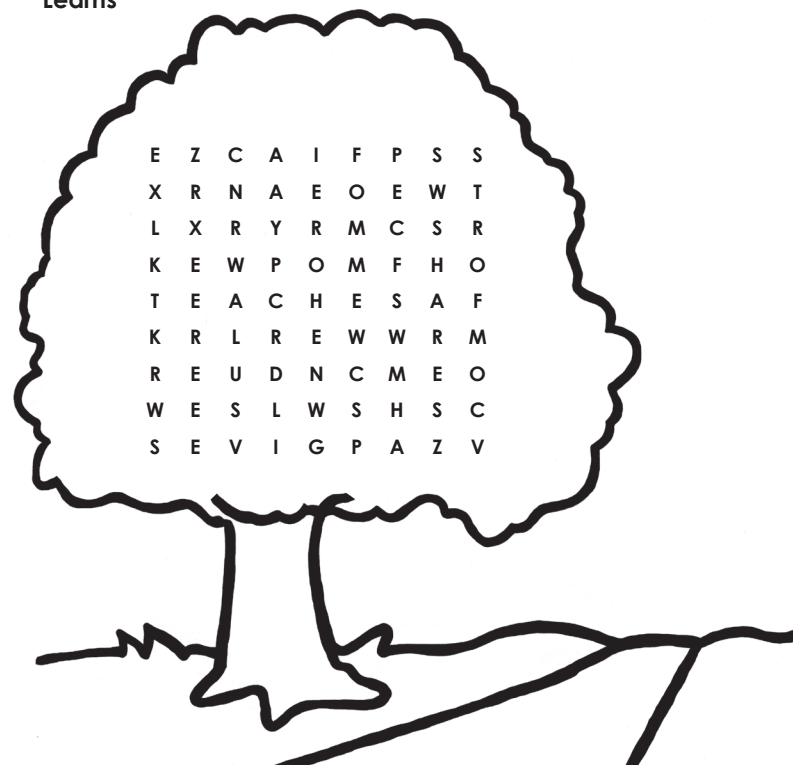
These words tell about ways that your church can grow. Each word can finish this sentence: Our church...

Search for the words inside the tree!

Feeds
Teaches
Learns

Comforts
Shares

Gives
Welcomes



One of the words from the tree word search on the first page is missing in the memory verse! Look up Matthew 10:40 to fill in the blanks.

Memory Verse



"Whoever _____ you

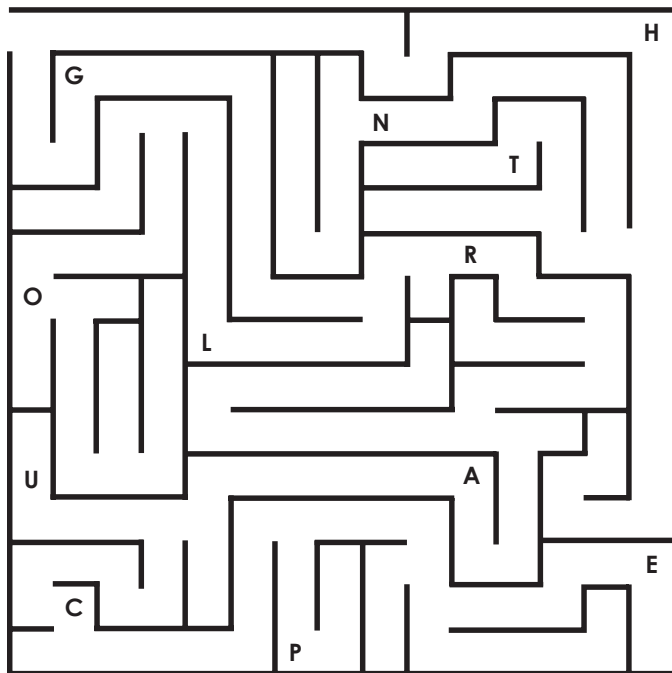
_____ me, and whoever _____ me

_____ the one who sent me."

Matthew 10:40

God's Gift

Today's reading from the book of Romans talks about God's forgiveness and kindness and love. Paul uses a special word for this. Follow the path through the maze and pick up letters to spell out this word.



Look it Up!

One of the readings for today comes from the book of Romans. Romans is a letter from Paul to the people living in Rome. Look up Romans 1:1-7 to read the start of this letter.

What's the Word?

Listen to the Gospel story. One word describes the Gospel message. Use the picture clues to help you fill in the blanks and complete the sentences.



_____ in the baptismal font welcomes us into God's family.



_____ welcomes us to talk to God.



_____ in our church family welcomes us to worship together.



_____ welcome us to think of the light of Jesus.



God's _____ teaches us about God's welcoming love.



_____ welcomes us to sing to God.



_____ are all welcome in God's church!



Bible Tip!

Want to know more about the book of the Bible you are reading? Take a look at the introduction to each book in the Spark Bible!

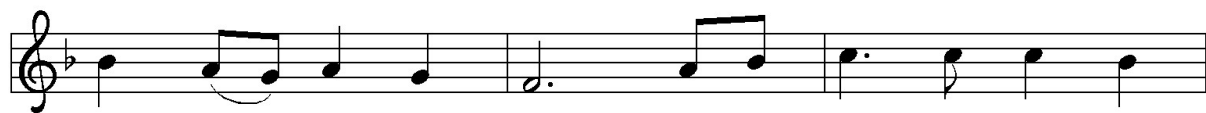
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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How Great Is Our God

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

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VERSE

♩=76

C Am7



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4

F2 C



Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps Him - self in light,
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God - head, three in one,

8

Am7 F2



and dark - ness tries to hide, and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice.
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

CHORUS

12

C Am7



How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

16

Fmaj7 G C2 Fine 1



And all will see how great, how great is our God! 2. And

BRIDGE

21

2 C Am7



Name a - bove all names, wor - thy of all praise. My

26 Fmaj7

1 2

G C G C

heart will sing: How great is our God! is our God!

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D.S. al Fine

How great

Blessed Be Your Name

(as published by Worship Together)

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VERSE

B **F#** **G#m7**

♩ = 116

1.-Bless - ed be Your name in the land that is plen -
2.-Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
3.-Bless - ed be Your name when the sun's shin - ing down
4.-Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -

E **B** **F#**

- ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed
- ert place, though I walk through the wil - der - ness, bless - ed
on me, when the world's "all as it should be." bless - ed
- fer - ing, though there's pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed

PRE-CHORUS

E **1,3** **2,4** **B** **F#**

be Your name. Ev-'ry bless-ing You pour out I'll
be Your name.
be Your name.
be Your name.

G#m7 **E** **B** **F#** **G#m7**

turn back to praise. When the dark-ness clos-es in, Lord, still I will

CHORUS

E **B** **F#** **G#m7** **E**

say, "Bless-ed be the name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your name. Bless-ed be the

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B F# G#m7 F# E

1 2

Last time to Coda Φ *D.C.*

name of the Lord, bless-ed be Your glo - ri - ous name." You

BRIDGE

B F# G#m7 E B

give and take a - way, You give and take a - way. My heart will choose to

F# G#m7 E E E

1 2

D.S. al Coda Φ *Coda*

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say, "Lord, Bless-ed be Your name." You name." Bless-ed be the

B

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On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;



Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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