

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

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 12, 2026**



God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

**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
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.

Preludes

Trumpet Voluntary Vintage Brass Quintet

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Praise to the Lord Vintage Brass Quintet

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Welcome and Announcements

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.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Centering Song *Holy Is the Lord* Grace Band

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

Chorus:

And together we sing
Ev'ryone sing
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Repeat from the beginning

Bridge:

It is rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

Chorus

Ending:

The earth is filled with His glory

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer,
to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

- ⁷ You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- ⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- ⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
- ¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground
and bless its increase.**
- ¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- ¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- ¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

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, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.



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Gospel Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.

² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"

¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 *Days of Elijah*

Grace Band

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus:

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the labourers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Bridge (sing 2x):

There is no god like Jehovah

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There is no god like Jehovah

Chorus (sing 2x)

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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.

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus.

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

Special Music *Take My Life and Let It Be*
Vintage Brass Quintet

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The offering will be taken at this time.

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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 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

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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

Are You Washed in the Blood?

Vintage Brass Quintet

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Announcements

Today

Thank you to the Vintage Brass Quintet for providing the special music this Sunday. The Vintage Brass Quintet formed in 2014 when a group of friends got together to play music. The name was chosen because they love to play the great melodies from all the ages. The quintet has Tom McHugh and Ed Galick on trumpet, Dave Ermold on flugelhorn, Greg Mest on trombone and George McBlane on Tuba. The Vintage Brass can be heard playing at churches and community events in the Boyertown area and beyond. “We are grateful to be able to play for New Hanover Lutheran Church.”

The bulletin and flowers are presented to the glory of God and in loving memory of Philip and Myrtle Bechtel by Barbara and Lincoln Noecker.

The sponsor signup schedule is available on signupgenius on the church’s website. Click on the link newhanoverlutheran.org/worship_signups_2026 or QR Code to sign up today. Or, contact Church Office Manager Susan Gutshall at 610-326-1335.



Serving Today: Ed Becker, head usher; Monique Becker, usher; Harry White, lector; Ariel Hansley, children’s sermon; Rae Bechtel acolyte

Next Sunday: Todd Rothermel, head usher; Stacey Rothermel, usher and lector; Nikki Young, children’s sermon; Richard Garcia, acolyte.

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Nancy Gross, Sue Care and Kay Kurtz.

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, picnic grove

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

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

Walnut Woods Service – Wednesday, 10:00 AM

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

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 7

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

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

Hymn Sing – Next Sunday, 8:45 AM, sanctuary

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 and room 1

Upcoming Events

A Hymn Sing will precede the worship service next Sunday, July 19th. Here's your chance to sing your favorite hymn. The hymn sing will begin at 8:45 and conclude at 9:00.

The annual outdoor worship and picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26th, at the church picnic grove on Swamp Picnic Road. Bring a lawn chair if you wish or you can sit at the tables and benches under the pavilion. Following the service, a pancake breakfast will be served. And, if you can help, volunteers are needed to set up tents for the campers at this year's Camp Falckner.

Camp Falckner Galilean Worship This special worship service will be held the last evening of Camp Falckner and is open to all. On Wednesday, July 29th, the Galilean Worship Service will be held at 8:45 PM in the chapel area of the picnic grove (if the weather is bad, watch for alternate plans). Be sure to arrive by 8:30 and bring a chair. We will meet in the pavilion and walk out to the outdoor chapel. Skits and snacks will follow worship.

National Youth Gathering NHELC youth, who will be attending the National Youth Gathering next year, will hold a DQ fundraiser event on Monday, August 3rd, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Take the flyer on the back of this bulletin to the DQ at 1050 East Philadelphia Avenue in Gilbertsville on the date and designated time above and present it when you order. DQ will donate 20% of the designated sales to help support our youth who will be attending the National Youth Gathering 2027.

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 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.

Reminder

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

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. 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

Boyertown Area Multi-Service Throughout the month of July, NHELC is collecting non-perishable food, school supplies and personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Items may be brought to the church and placed in the designated boxes located in the Welcome Center, Fellowship Hall and the Multi-purpose room. See the latest issue of *New Hanover Highlights* for a list of most needed items.

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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Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
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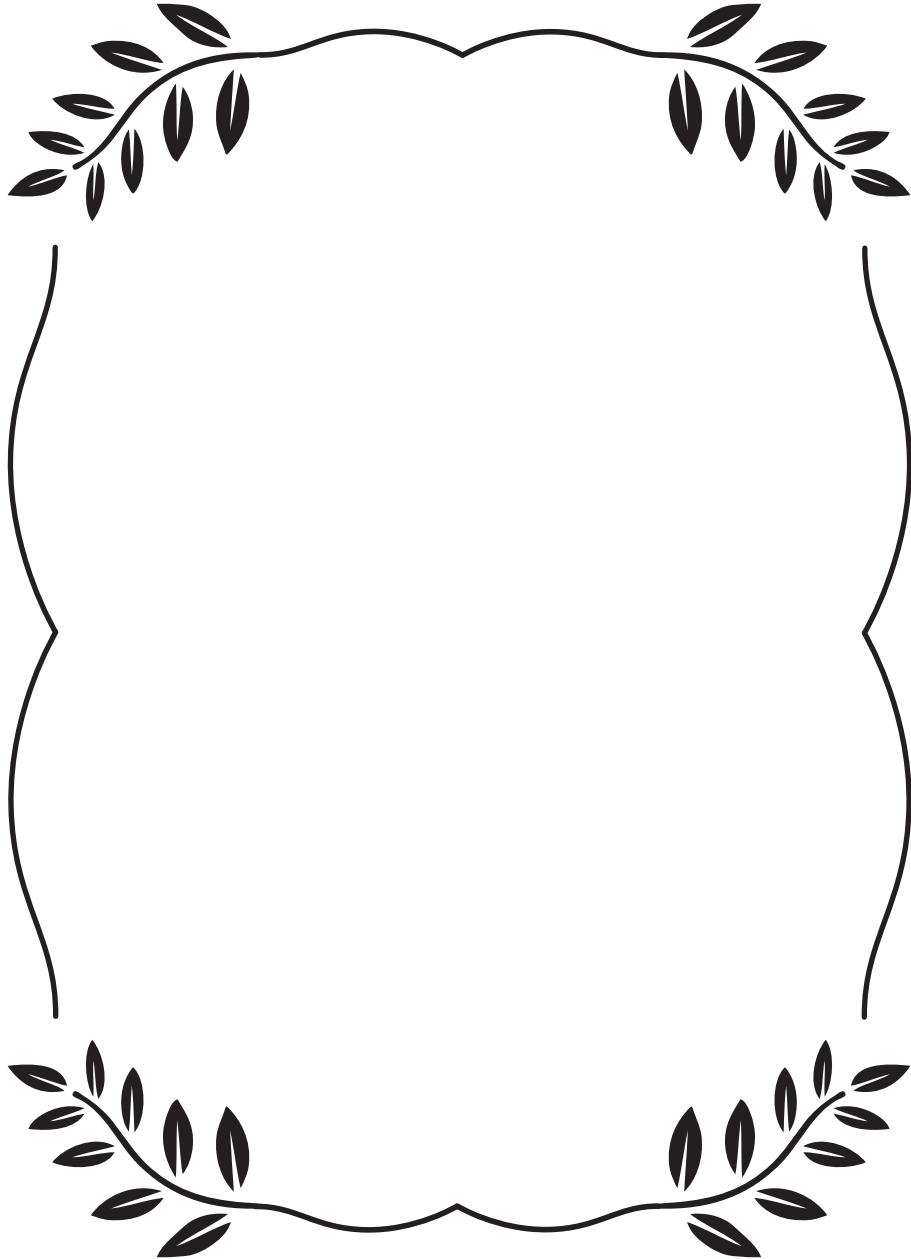
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Are there flowers, trees, or plants in your worship space today?

Draw them here.

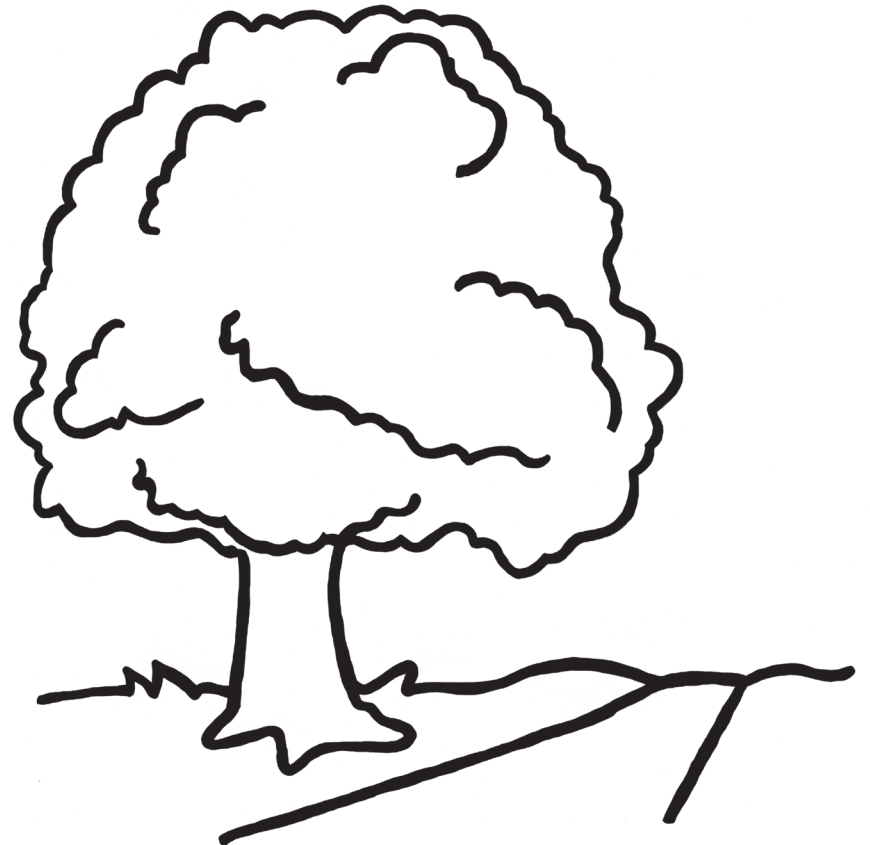


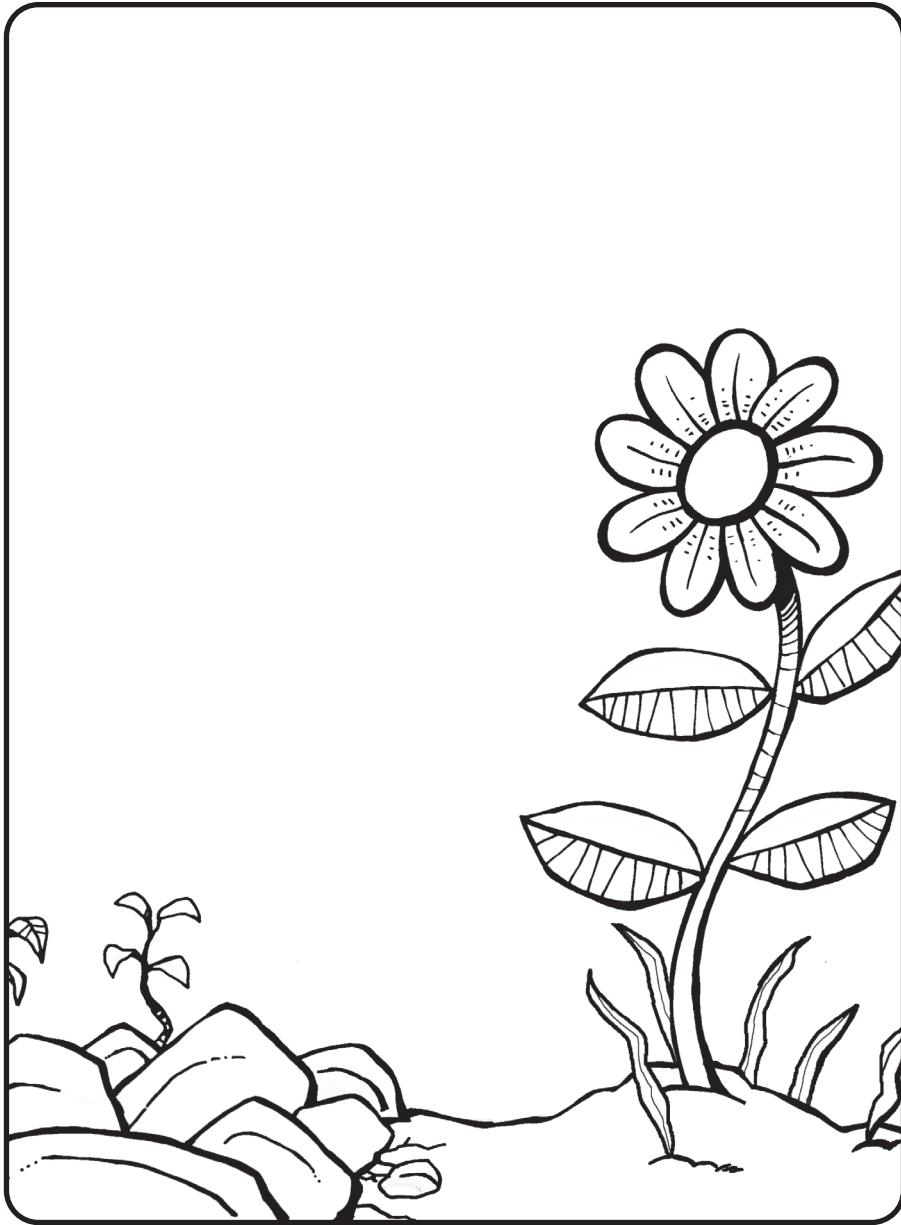
PRE-READER

Pentecost 7

- Today is the **7th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The **color** for Pentecost is **green**.
- We look for ways our **faith** can **come alive** during this **season**.

**Color this tree green to make it look alive.
Add some flowers and plants under the tree.**

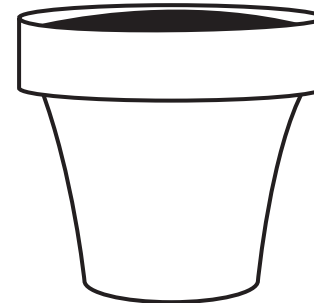




But many people will listen, and God's Word will grow in them.

Today's story is about God's Word growing in us like a plant grows in soil.

In each pot draw the plant a little bigger to show how it grows.



Sermon Notes

The sermon is the part of worship when the pastor talks about the Bible story. This is a time to learn and hear God's word.

Listen to the sermon today, and write down something you learned.



READER

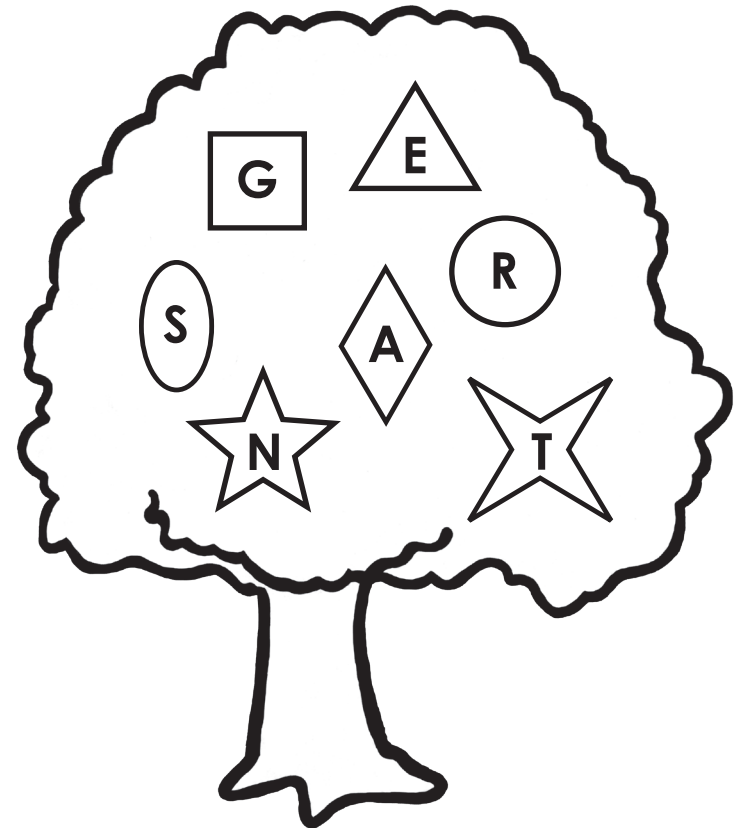
Pentecost 7

- Today is the **seventh** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The time after Pentecost is all about **life** and **growth**.

Color Quiz

The color for this season reminds us of life and growth. Look for clues in the tree to solve the puzzle!

The color for the season after Pentecost is: _____



Here is a trick to remember this week's memory verse: Add actions to the words!

But as for what was sown on good soil **(touch the ground)**, this is the one who hears **(touch your ears)** the word and understands it **(touch your head)**.

Matthew 13:23a

Memory Verse



The places with larger bold text in your Bible are called headings. Use the headings to get a hint about what each section is about.



Bible Tip!



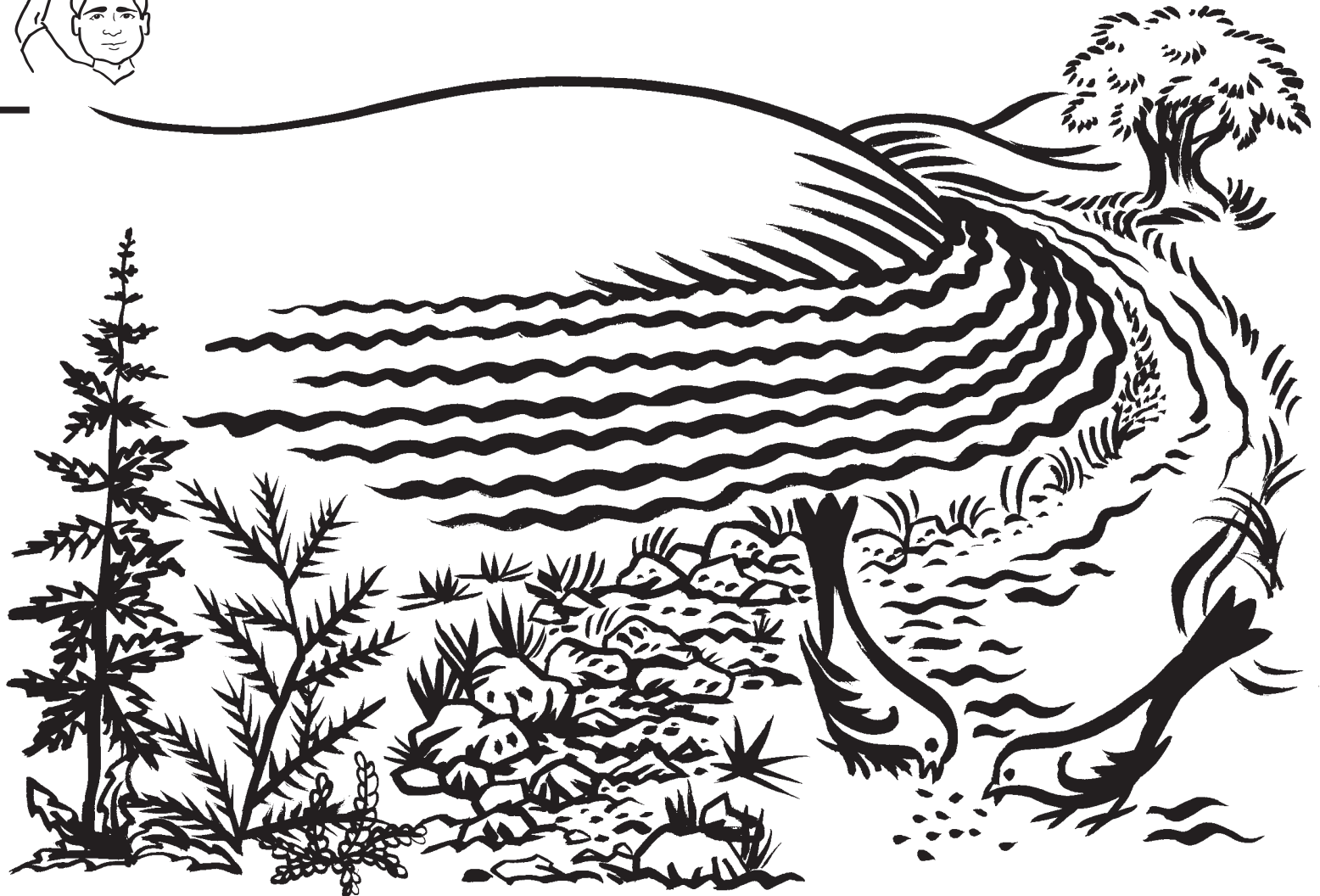
Look It Up!

Today's Gospel story is a parable about seeds and growing. Look up Matthew 13:31-32 to read another parable about a seed.



Finding Good Soil

Jesus told a story about seeds growing into grain. As you listen to the Gospel, draw seeds in the places Jesus talks about. Draw a circle around the seeds that will really grow!



Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick-en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant-ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so-e'er temp - ta - tions thick-en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless-ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid-ing star through life, as my com-fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

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Holy Is The Lord

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

VERSE

A D2 Esus A/C# D2 Esus

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.

5 A D2 Esus A/C# D2

We bow down and wor - ship Him now. How great, how awe - some is He.

PRE-CHORUS

8 Esus B7 D2 B7 D2

And to-gether we sing, ev - 'ry - one sing. Ho-ly is the Lord

CHORUS

A/C# D2 Esus F#m7 D2 E

God Al - might - y. The earth is filled with His glo - ry. Ho-ly is the Lord

17 A/C# D2 Esus F#m7 D2 Esus

God Al - might - y. The earth is filled with His glo - ry. The earth

BRIDGE

21 *Last time to Coda* Φ

F#m7 D2 Esus E E A

is filled with His glo - ry. It is ris - ing up all

26 E/G# G2 D D

a-round. It's the an - them of the Lord's re-nown. It's ris re-nown.

30 *D.S. al Coda* Φ

Esus Coda F#m7 D2 Esus

And to-geth-er we sing, ry. The earth is filled with His glo - ry.

Days Of Elijah

(as published by Integrity Music)

Words and Music by
Robin Mark

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 95$

$B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F

1. These are the days of E - li - jah, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord;
(2.) these are the days of E - ze - kiel, the dry bones be - com - ing as

4 $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F

And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Mo - ses, right - eous - ness be - ing re -
flesh; And these are the days of Your ser - vant, Dav - id, re build - ing a tem - ple of

8 $B\flat$ Dm Gm Gm/F Cm $E\flat$

- stored; And though these are days of great tri - als, of fam - ine and dark - ness and
praise; And these are the days of the har - vest, the fields are as white in the

12 F $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F

sword; Still we are the voice in the des - ert cry - ing, "Pre - pare ye the way of the Lord."
world; And we are the la - bour ers in Your vine - yard, de - clar - ing the Word of the Lord.

CHORUS 1a

16 $B\flat$ $B\flat/F$ Cm/F $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$

Be - hold He comes, rid - ing on the clouds, shin - ing like the sun at the trum - pet

20 F $B\flat/F$ Cm/F $B\flat$ $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F

call; Lift your voice, it's the year of Ju - bi - lee, and out of Zi - on's hill sal - va - tion

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B $\flat$ E $\flat$ B $\flat$ F F

comes. 2. And

BRIDGE

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BRIDGE

There is no god like Je - ho - vah, there is no god like Je - ho - vah,

35 

CHORUS 1b

C F C G Dm/G



comes, rid-ing on the clouds, shin-ing like the sun at the trum-pet call; Lift your

42 C F C G

voice, it's the year of Ju-bi-lee, and out of Zi-on's hill sal-va-tion

45

1 2

C Em/G Dm/G C

comes. Be - hold, He comes.

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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