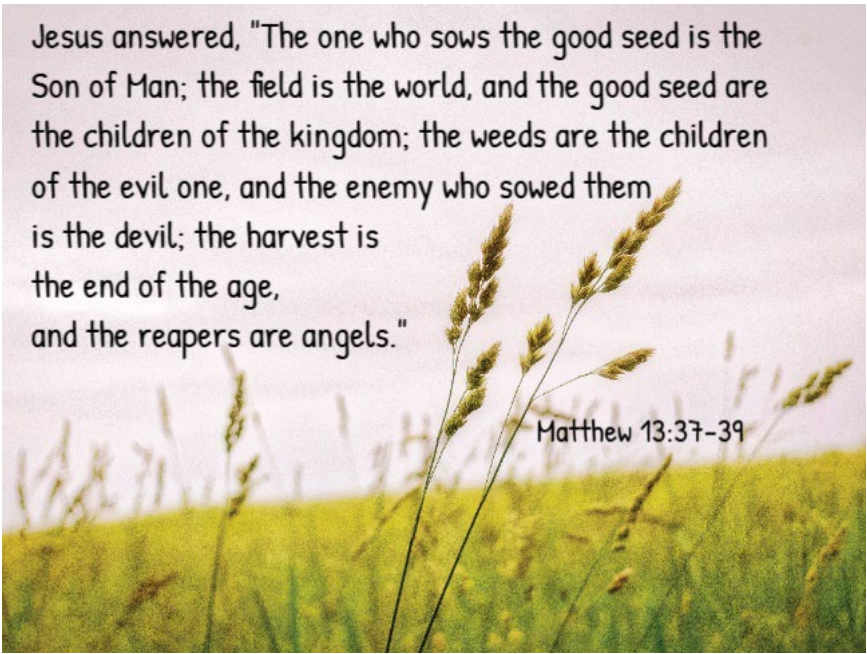


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026**



Jesus answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels."

Matthew 13:37-39

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

**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.

Hymn Sing (8:45)

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.

Gathering Hymn

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

ELW #399

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song *Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)*

Grace Band

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus:

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

Bridge:

And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful

You are faithful (You are faithful)
(Repeat Bridge)

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nikki Young

First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Stacey Rothermel

A reading from the book of Isaiah

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

I am the first, and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it;
let them declare and set it forth before me.

Who has announced from of old the things to come?

Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!

Is there any god besides me?

There is no other rock; I know not one.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalms 86:11-17

Stacey Rothermel

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

¹² **I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.**

¹³ For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.

¹⁴ **The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of
violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.**

- ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- ¹⁶ **Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the child of your handmaid.**
- ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.**

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

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Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom

of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field,²⁵ but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "

³⁶ Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷ He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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 *Awesome God*

Grace Band

When He rolls up His sleeves
He ain't just puttin' on the ritz
Our God is an awesome God
There is thunder in His footsteps
And lightning in His fists
Our God is an awesome God
And the Lord wasn't joking
When He kicked 'em out of Eden
It wasn't for no reason
That He shed His blood
His return is very close
And so you'd better be believin'
Our God is an awesome God

Chorus (2x):

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom pow'r and love Our God is an awesome God

When the sky was starless
In the void of the night
Our God is an awesome God
He spoke into the darkness
And created the light
Our God is an awesome God
Judgment and wrath
He poured out on Sodom
Mercy and grace
He gave us at the cross
I hope that we have not
Too quickly forgotten
Our God is an awesome God

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God

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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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Handbell Quartet

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In 2023 the first handbell quintet offered summer special music. Playing with just a few ringers creates a more intimate sound, develops musicianship, and encourages teamwork. The members in today's quartet are Wayne Fowler, Ben Fowler, Carolyn Springer, and Barbara Eisenhart.

Wayne played trumpet in school and brought his musical skills to the handbell choir in 2017. He works night shift at Merck as a Support Associate. He enjoys playing in the quartet because it's a fun way to shake things up! He is usually stationed at the end of the table with the giant bells!

Ben joined the handbell choir in 2018. He enjoys playing with a fun group of people while challenging himself through engaging pieces of music. He lives in Philadelphia and works as a scientist at Merck helping to produce the chickenpox vaccine. Ben likes playing in a handbell quartet because it gives him an opportunity to learn new music, play a different range of bells, and stay musically sharp throughout summer. In addition, "I appreciate the chance to ring alongside our handbell director!"

Carolyn learned handbell ringing as an 8th grader at her church in Lansdale. She took a break from ringing after high school and came to the New Hanover handbell choir in 2020 when the choir

was divided into two smaller ensembles and songs were pre-recorded for worship services. Carolyn is a first-grade teacher at Ringing Rocks Elementary School. She enjoys playing in the quartet because it challenges her to learn new parts in a different octave of bells.

Barb is now in her tenth year as director of the handbell choir. She has 45 years of handbell ringing experience including 10 years of solo ringing. Playing in a quartet is fun and gives her an opportunity to ring bells and keep her ringing skills sharp, which she can't do when directing.

The quartet would not be complete without our Director of Music, Patricia Nyce. We thank her for accompanying this selection. The quartet hopes the congregation enjoys and finds meaning in their presentation.

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.

Sending Hymn *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW #618

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

March in F Major

Lorraine Forsdick

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in honor of Vicar Nikki, Josh and Sam Young. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to our congregation. By Todd and Stacey

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of the Praise Band by Sharon and Bill Tracey.

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: Todd Rothermel, head usher; Stacey Rothermel, usher and lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Richard Garcia, acolyte

Next Sunday: George Trowbridge, head usher; Rick Solazzo, usher; Genesis Garcia, lector; Lindsey Waltermeyer, children's sermon

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.

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

Have a pastoral emergency?

Contact Vicar Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

This Week

Hymn Sing – Today, 8:45 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

Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, sanctuary and room 1

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:00 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, picnic grove
Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 7

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
Troop 367 Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 7

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

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, picnic grove 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
Pancake Breakfast – Next Sunday, 10:30 AM, picnic grove

Upcoming Events

The annual outdoor worship and picnic will be held next 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 NHELCL 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 NHELCL? 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
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Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
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Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
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Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Ralph Borneman
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Listen to the songs during worship. What do these songs remind you of?

Draw a picture of it here!



PRE-READER

Pentecost 8

- Today is the **8th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The **symbol** for this season is a tree by a **road**.
- The road **reminds** us that life with God is a **journey**.

Draw yourself on the road!





Where did these weeds come from?

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about weeds.
Weeds are tricky plants that grow where you don't want them to grow.

Draw some tricky weeds in this garden.



Sing Along

Singing is an important part of worship. When it is time to sing in worship today, follow along with your family.

Write down some words you sang inside these music notes.



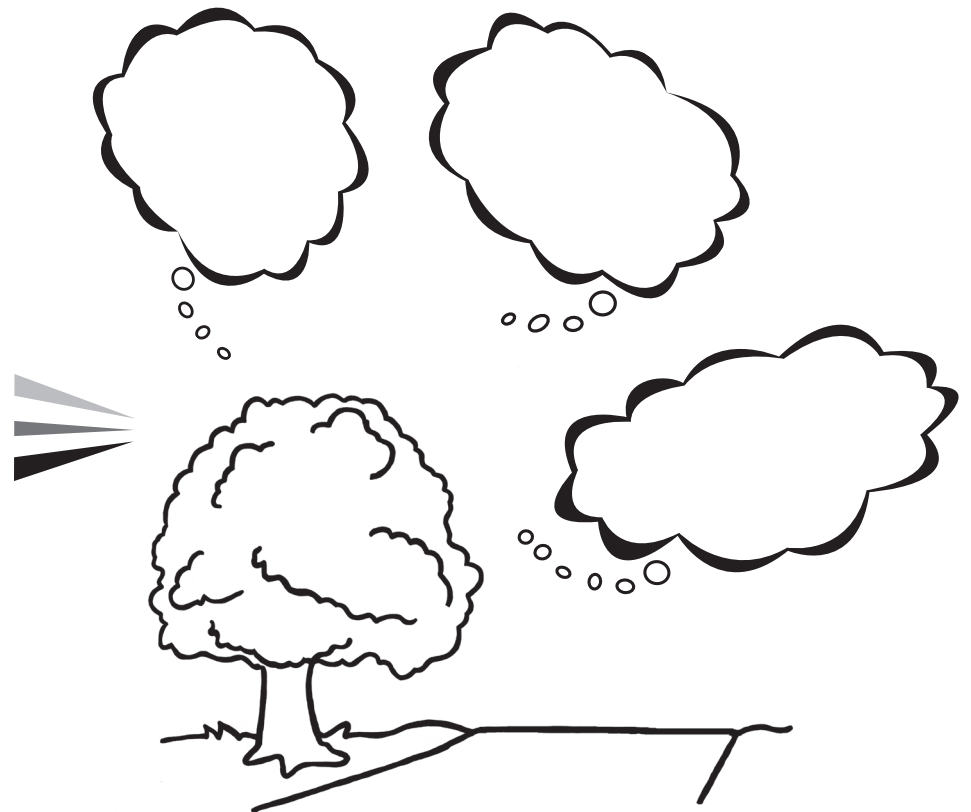
READER

Pentecost 8

- Today is the **eighth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The symbol for Pentecost on this page is a **tree by a road**.
- The tree helps us think about **growing** in faith.
- The road shows us that life with God is a **journey**.

Hit the Road

In life, we travel toward our goals. What are your goals? Draw yourself on the road and write or draw about your goals in the spaces above the road. Remember that God is always with you on this journey.





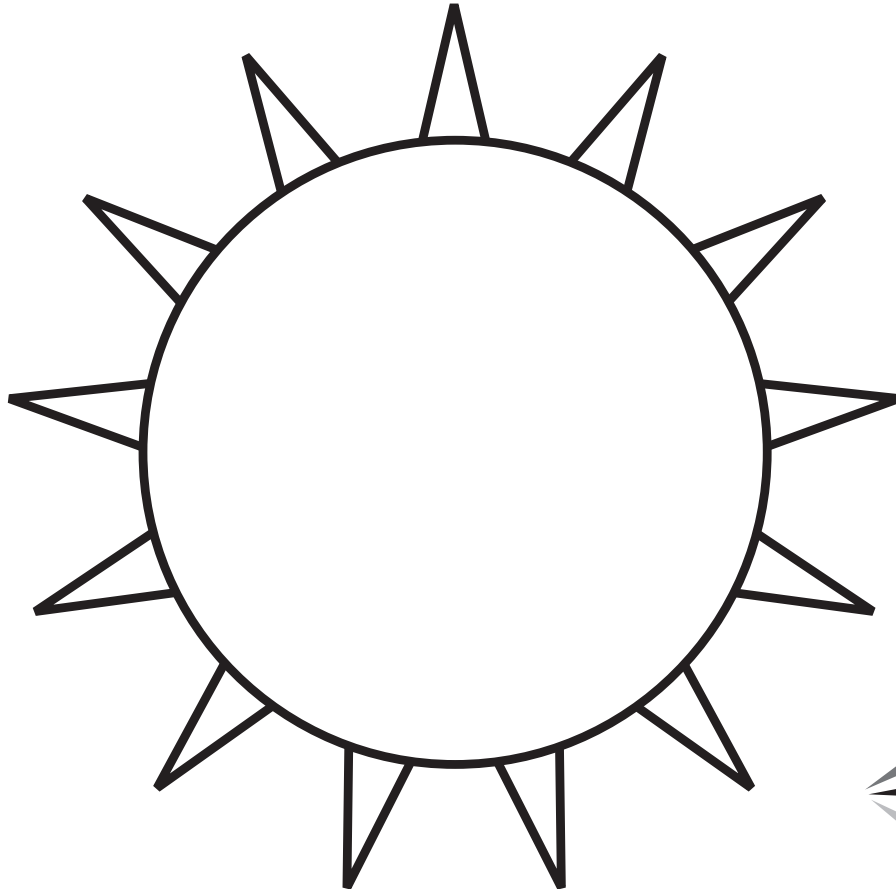
Bible Tip!

Not sure what a word in the Bible means? Use the glossary in the back of your Spark Bible to help you define tough words.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Matthew 13:43

Copy the memory verse inside this sun to help you remember it!

Memory Verse



Look It Up!

Jesus spoke a language called Aramaic. The word for Father in Aramaic is Abba. This is what Jesus called God!

First Fruits

In Romans, Paul tells us that we only have the "first fruits" of the good things God will do. This means that God has a lot more to give to the world.

All fruits begin as a small seed. Draw a line matching the fruit to its seed.



What's the Difference?

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about deciding between good and bad. He uses plants as symbols for his story.

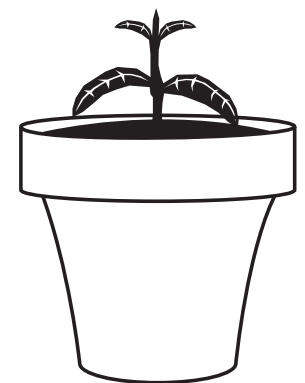
Solve the math problems to find out which plants Jesus calls good and which plants he calls bad.

GOOD:

$3 + 3$	$6 - 5$	5×2	$2 + 3$	$8 - 4$
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

BAD:

$10 - 4$	$9 + 1$	$12 - 2$	$4 \div 2$
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____



KEY:

A = 5
D = 2

E = 10
H = 1

T = 4
W = 6

O Holy Spirit, Root of Life



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

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Whom Shall I Fear (God Of Angel Armies)

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Scott Cash

VERSE 1

$\text{♩} = 75$

C Dm7 C/E F2

You hear me when I call. You are my morn-ing song. Though dark-ness fills the night,

4 Am7 F2 C

it can-not hide the light. Whom shall I fear? You crush the en-e-my

8 Dm7 C/E F2

un-der-neath my feet. You are my sword and shield, though trou-bles lin-ger still.

CHORUS 1a

11 Am7 F2 8va Am7 G C Am7 G C

Whom shall I fear? I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind:

15 Am7 F2 G C Am7 G C

The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for-ev-er,

Am7 G C Am7 F2 G C

18 He is a friend of mine. The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side!

2nd time to Coda Coda

VERSE 2

22 C

My strength is in Your name, for You a-lone can save.

25 F2 Am7 F2

You will de-liv-er me. Yours is the vic-to - ry. Whom shall I fear?

29 Am7 F2 G C Coda BRIDGE

Whom shall I fear? side! And noth-ing formed a-against me shall

33 G C F2 C

stand! You hold the whole world in Your hands. I'm hold-ing on to Your

37 Am7 G F2 G G Am7

prom-is - es; You are faith-ful, You are faith-ful. faith - ful, You are faith-ful.

CHORUS 1b

42 G/B Am7 G C Am7 G C

I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind:

45 Am7 F2 G C Am7 G/B C

The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for-ev-er,

48 Am7 G C Am7 F2

He is a friend of mine. The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side!

CHORUS 1c

C G/B Am7

I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an-gel ar-mies

54 F2 C G/B

is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for-ev-er, He is a friend of mine.

57 Am7 F2 Am7 F2

The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side! The God of an-gel ar-mies

60 C

is al - ways by my side!

Awesome God

Words and Music by
Rich Mullins

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 74$ Cm



1. When He rolls up His sleeves He ain't just "put - tin' on the ritz"— Our
(2. When the sky was star - less in the void of the night— Our

3 Fm7 Gm7 Cm Gm7/C Cm7



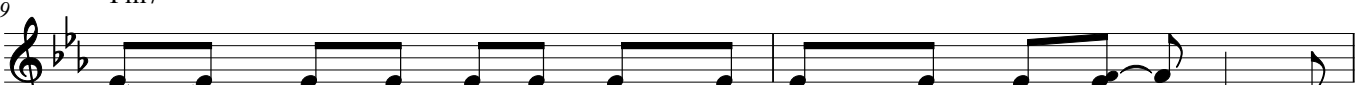
God is an awe - some God! There is thun - der in His foot - steps and
God is an awe - some God! He spoke in to the dark - ness and cre -

6 Fm7 Gm7 Cm



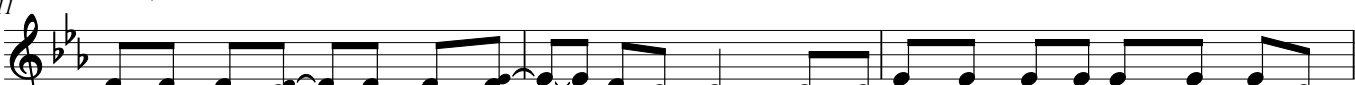
light - ning in His fists— Our God is an awe - some God! The
- a - ted the light— Our God is an awe - some God!

9 Fm7



Lord was - n't jok - ing when He kicked 'em out of E - den, it
Judg - ment and wrath He poured out on Sod om,

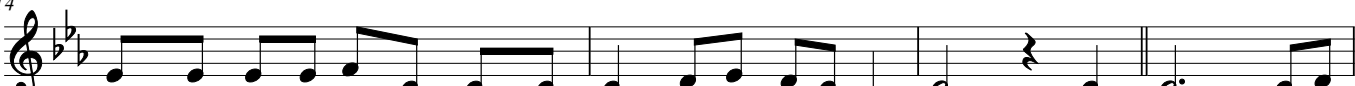
11 Gm7 A♭



was-n't for no rea-son that He shed His blood; His re-turn is ver-y close and so you'd
mer-cy and grace He gave us at the cross. I hope that we have not too

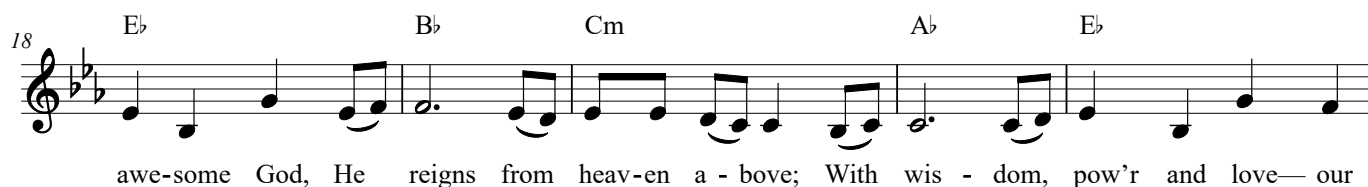
CHORUS

14 Fm7 Gm7 Cm A♭



bet - ter be be-liev-in' that our God is an awe - some God! Our God is an
quick - ly for - got ten that our God is an awe - some God!

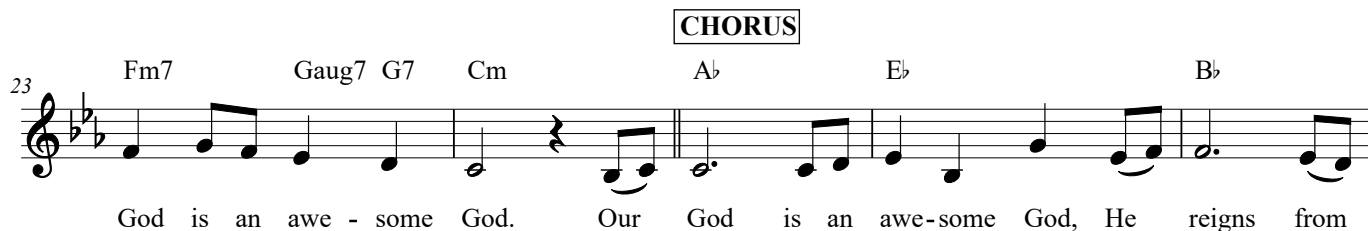
18 E♭ B♭ Cm A♭ E♭



awe-some God, He reigns from heav-en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love— our

CHORUS

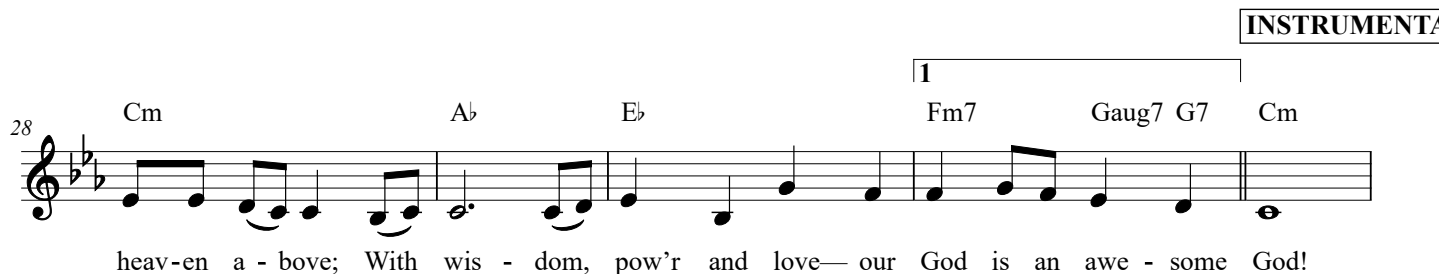
23 Fm7 Gaug7 G7 Cm A♭ E♭ B♭



God is an awe - some God. Our God is an awe-some God, He reigns from

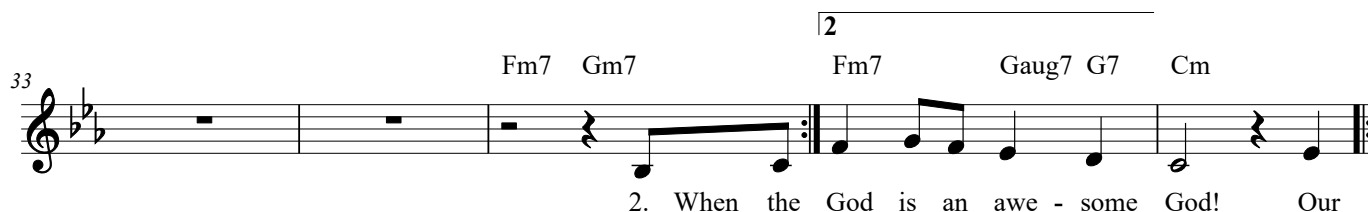
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28 Cm A♭ E♭ 1 Fm7 Gaug7 G7 Cm



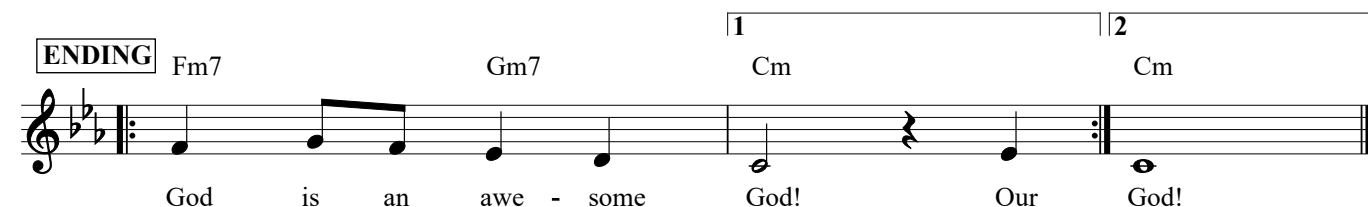
heav-en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love— our God is an awe - some God!

33 Fm7 Gm7 2 Fm7 Gaug7 G7 Cm



2. When the God is an awe - some God! Our

ENDING Fm7 Gm7 1 Cm 2 Cm



God is an awe - some God! Our God!

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



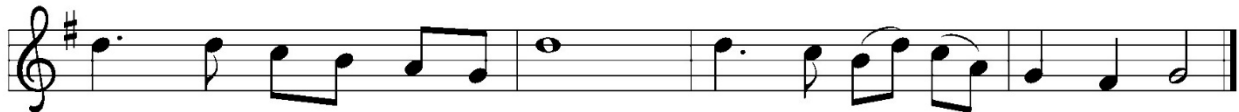
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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