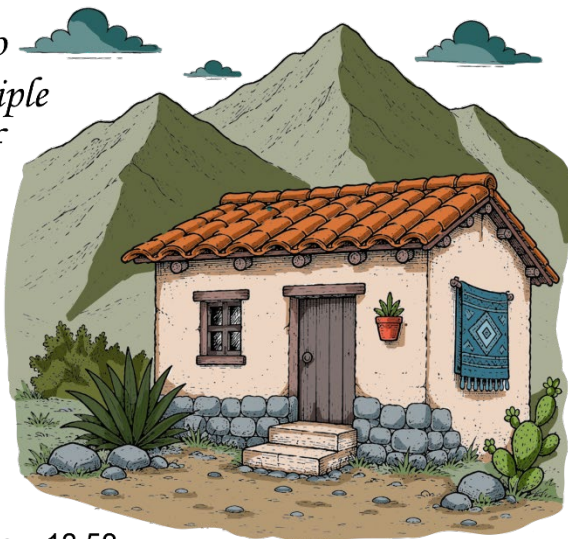


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2026**

*“Every scribe who
has become a disciple
in the kingdom of
heaven is like the
master of a
household who
brings out of his
treasure what is
new and what is
old.”*



Matthew 13:52

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

**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.

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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.

Gathering Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

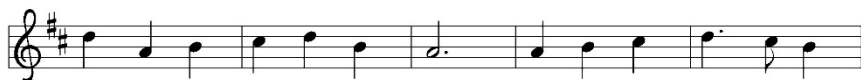


pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song *Come Now Is the Time to Worship* Grace Band

Chorus:

Come now is the time to worship
Come now is the time to give your heart
Come just as you are to worship
Come just as you are before your God
Come

One day every tongue
Will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains
For those who gladly choose You now

Repeat from the beginning

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now

Chorus

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Lindsey Waltermeyer

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

Genesis Garcia

A reading from the book of 1 Kings

⁵ At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷ And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or

counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:129-136

Genesis Garcia

¹²⁹ Your decrees are wonderful;

therefore I obey them with all my heart.

¹³⁰ **When your word is opened it gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.**

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant

because I long for your commandments.

¹³² **Turn to me and be gracious to me,
as you always do to those who love your name.**

¹³³ Order my footsteps in your word;

let no iniquity have dominion over me.

¹³⁴ **Rescue me from those who oppress me,
and I will keep your commandments.**

¹³⁵ Let your face shine upon your servant
and teach me your statutes.

¹³⁶ **My eyes shed streams of tears,
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. The music features a mix of eighth, quarter, and half notes, with some rests. The key signature has one sharp (F#).

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Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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 *Pass It On*

Grace Band

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming

That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain-top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on
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I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

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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

Menuet from Water Music

Brass Trio

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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.

Please be seated.

Commissioning & Blessing of Camp Falckner Staff & Campers

Vicar:

In a busy, fragmented world, camp offers people an opportunity to pause, to immerse themselves in the beauty of creation, to open themselves more fully to God, and to experience a Christ-centered, holistic, community life.

Congregation:

May our camp be a place where people seek and find God's face in creation, receive God's love in Christ, and radiate God's Spirit in the world to all creation.

Vicar:

We are so grateful for the many adults who will serve as camp staff this week. This morning we ask for God's blessing upon them, and we offer them the support and prayers of their church community.

Our camp reminds us of the beauty of God's creation, and the interconnectedness of all life. God, bless these staff as they learn and teach the importance of living in right relation with all you have created.

Camp Staff:

We commit ourselves to honoring the beauty and rhythms of creation, and to teaching others to live with respect and care for all creation.

Congregation:

We will pray for you in your ministry of caring for all of God's creation.

Vicar:

God, bless the staff as they practice discipleship, as they model Jesus' life and teachings for others. Guide them as they nurture and shepherd the campers this week.

Camp Staff:

As best we can, we will be Christ-like companions to all our campers. We offer ourselves as God's eyes and hands and feet in our camps, so that God's love and grace may be made known to others on their journey.

Congregation:

We will pray for you in your ministry of mentoring and caring for all who come to camp this week.

Vicar:

God, give the camp staff wisdom as they discern the spiritual, emotional and social needs of the campers they work with. By

your grace, may these relationships and their relationships with each other be transformative.

Camp Staff:

We offer our gifts and talents, our energy and enthusiasm to this camping ministry. We too are on journeys of transformation. As we walk, we will invite others to walk with us, serving as your disciples.

Congregation:

God, bless these women and men as they accept your call to Camp Falckner. May your love be magnified through the work of their actions. May they lead and be led in the journey that awaits them. We commit ourselves to supporting these camp staff. We will pray for you and ask God to bless your work and your rest, the relationships you will build and the solitude you will need. May you sense the Spirit's movement in and around you.

Vicar:

There are also many youth from our congregation who will be campers this week. *(Please stand if you will be a camper this week.)* May these campers be filled with awe at your creation, may they be nurtured in their journeys of faith, may they experience healthy, strong relationships with each other and with the staff.

Congregation:

Bless these campers, God. May their week at camp be filled with growth, adventure, faith, and fun.

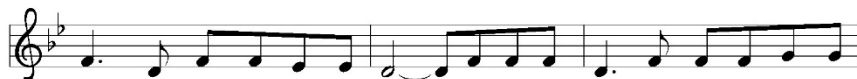
Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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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

Bugler's Holiday

Leroy Anderson

Brass Trio

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Announcements

Today

Special thanks to the brass trio for their inspirational music this morning.

Tom McHugh is a graduate of Boyertown High School and trumpet player for over 60 years. He is the current President and a 50-year member of the Boyertown Alumni Marching Unit, the treasurer and a member of the Director's Big Band, a member of the Vintage Brass Quintet, as well as the Ringold Band.

Tom is currently on the Borough of Boyertown Council, and a member of New Hanover Lutheran Church. He was elected as the 2023 Boyertown Citizen of the Year and a retired High School PIAA and Legion umpire.

Tom has been married to Jayne for 48 years. They have two married sons and two grandsons. He loves to play golf and read in his spare time.

Jim Dugan is a lifelong music enthusiast, bandleader, and proud husband and father. As President and Conductor of The Directors Big Band, he enjoys sharing his passion for jazz, swing, and live performance with audiences throughout the region. Jim and his wife, Danielle, are active members of NHELCA and are proud parents of three children, Hadley, Jackson, and Peyton. He is a 2005 graduate of Boyertown Area Senior High School and earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from West Chester University.

Dave Ermold started playing trumpet in fifth grade. He graduated from Boyertown high school in 1972, got married in 1979, and had four kids - three boys, one girl, and nine grandkids. He retired

from Boyertown Planing Mill in 2021 after 37 years. Dave enjoys music, sports, boating, snowmobiling, swimming, model rockets, model railroading, and camping, especially with the grandkids.

The bulletin is presented to the glory of God and in celebration of the AMAZING Camp Falckner volunteers and campers by the Quigleys! Here's to "Bibles and Bug Spray" and a week of memories!

The flowers are presented to the glory of God and in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary by Don and Andi Swavely.

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

Next Sunday: Bill Allen, head usher; Doug and Bette Senne, ushers; Erica Lucas, lector; Hayley Quigley, children's sermon; Ainsley Lucas, acolyte; Erica Lucas and Bethlyn Bechtel, communion assistants

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.

The annual pancake breakfast will be held following the worship service this morning. And, if you can help, volunteers are needed to set up tents for the campers at this year's Camp Falckner.

Have a pastoral emergency?
Contact Vicar Nikki Young at 267-329-9697.

This Week

We pray for the campers and leaders of this year's Camp Falckner. May they be inspired and grow by God's word and mission service, build lasting friendships and enjoy the program and activities thoughtfully planned by the leaders.

Camp Falckner Galilean Worship You are invited to attend this special worship service led by the campers this Wednesday, July 29th, 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. Meet in the pavilion before walking out to the outdoor chapel. Skits and snacks will follow worship.

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, picnic grove and online

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

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

Pancake Breakfast – Today, 10:30 AM, picnic grove

Garden Harvesting and Maintenance – Monday, 7:00 AM,
Garden of Hope

Camp Falckner – Monday, 9:00 AM – Thursday, 10:30 AM,
picnic grove

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, room 7

Sunshine Learning Center Board – 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

Galilean Service – Wednesday, 8:45 PM, picnic grove

Garden Harvesting and Maintenance – Thursday, 7:00 AM,
Garden of Hope

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

Upcoming Events

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 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. NHELCH 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

Help is needed in the church garden. Can you help with harvesting and maintenance on Mondays and/or Thursdays throughout the summer beginning at 7:00 AM? And, if that doesn't fit your schedule, can you pull weeds at your convenience? NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. Any questions, contact Jim Mack at jimmack203@gmail.com or Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverlutheran.org. Your help is appreciated.

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 items most needed.

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

Thank You The Reconciling in Christ team thanks the members of the congregation for their overwhelming support! A check for \$997.00 has been sent to Reconciling Works.

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

Grieving: Family and friends of Darlene Rohrbach

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	William Trotter	Kathy Kane
Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger
Pr. Kork Moyer	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus
Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Verdie Smith	Helen Foulke
Carla Hausmann	Joan Price	Ralph Borneman
Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey	Chuck Beck
Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
Casey Flack	Penny Frymoyer	David Helfrich, Sr.
Tara Hauck	Hazel LeVan	David Gottshall
Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock
Julia Ghazi	Ray Feick	Steve Morriss
Jennifer, Brendt, Declan & Conor Budnick		Carol Feick
Alice Nester	Linda Adams	Donna Day
Janet Linskey	James Dawson	Diane Davidheiser
Timmy Fabian	Betty Hinrichs	Steve Weidner
Carolyn and Rodney Snell		Judy Moser

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Offering time during worship is a time to share our treasure with God.

What can you offer to God? Draw it in the offering plate.



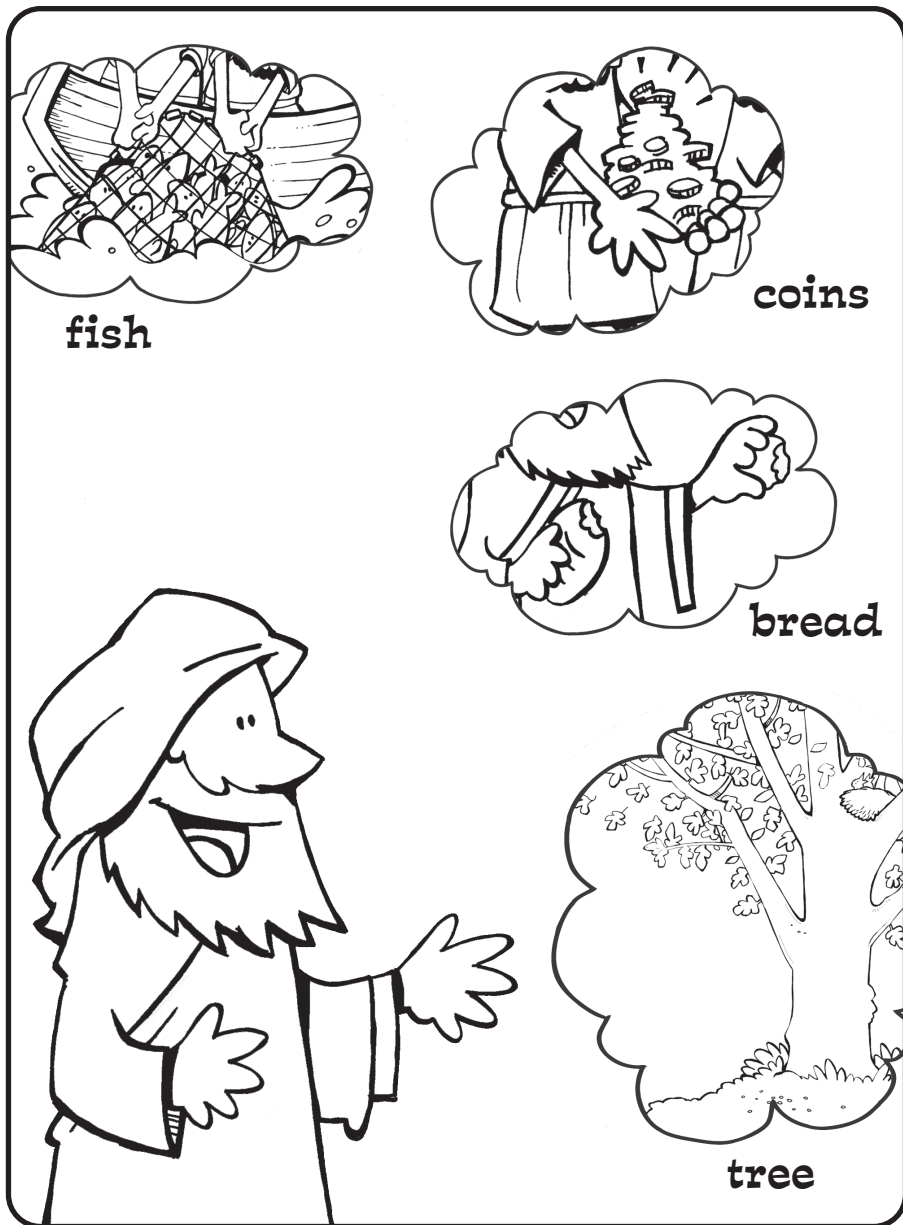
PRE-READER

Pentecost 9

- Today is the **9th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- During this season we **remember** how important the **church** is to **God**.

Do you remember what the image for Pentecost is? Connect the dashed lines to draw it!

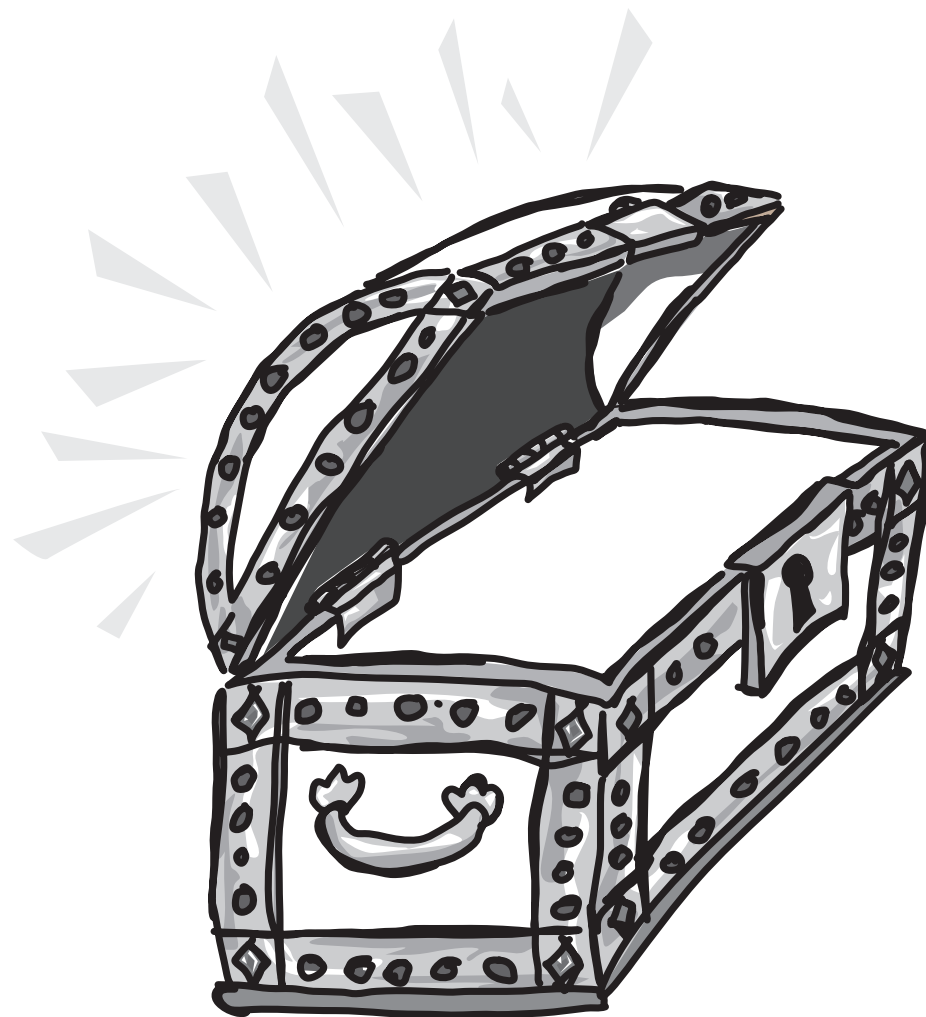




Jesus says, "This is what the kingdom of God is like!"

Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a precious treasure.

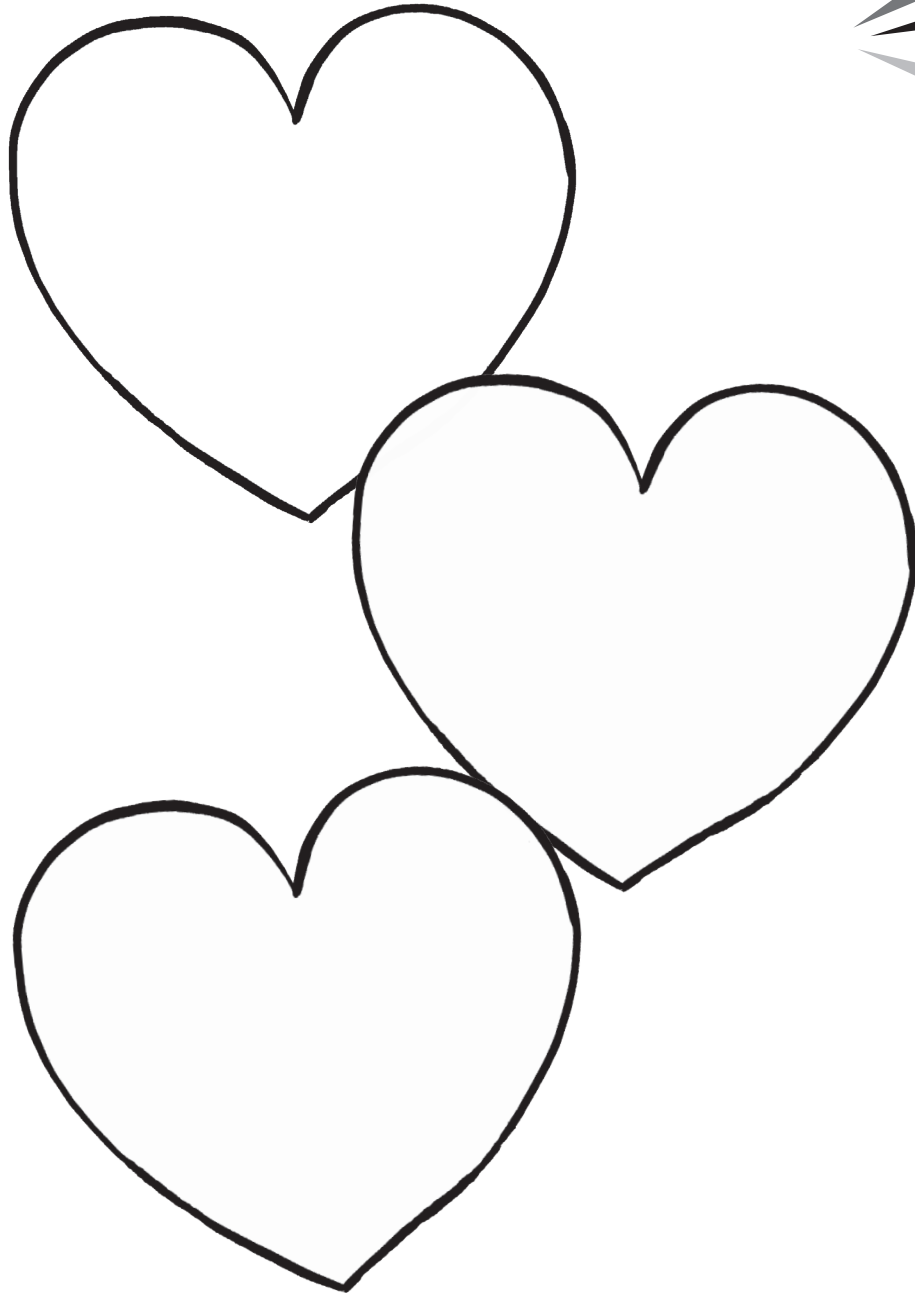
What do you treasure? Draw it in this treasure chest.



Let Love Show

Today in worship we learned all about God's love for us.

What happened in worship that reminded you of God's love? Write or draw about it in these hearts:



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Pentecost 9

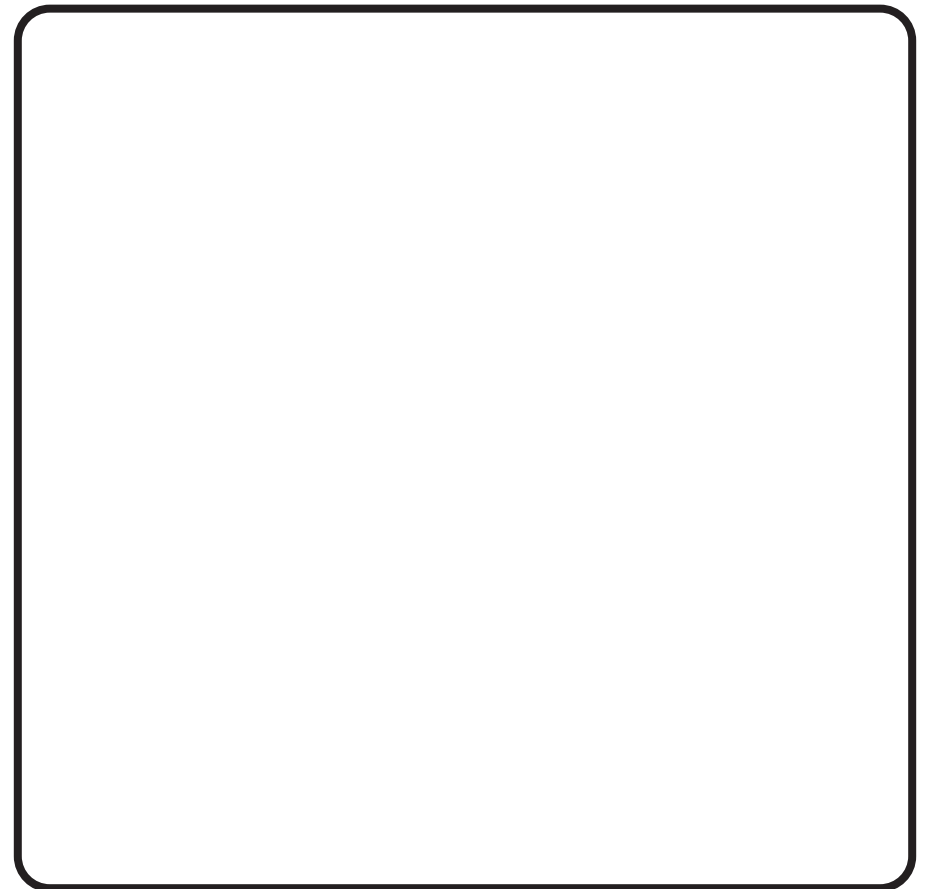
- Today is the **ninth** Sunday after Pentecost.
- During this season we remember how important the **church** is to God.

Reason to Remember

Do you remember what the image is for Pentecost?

Unscramble these letters for a hint: **etre** = _____

Draw the image here!



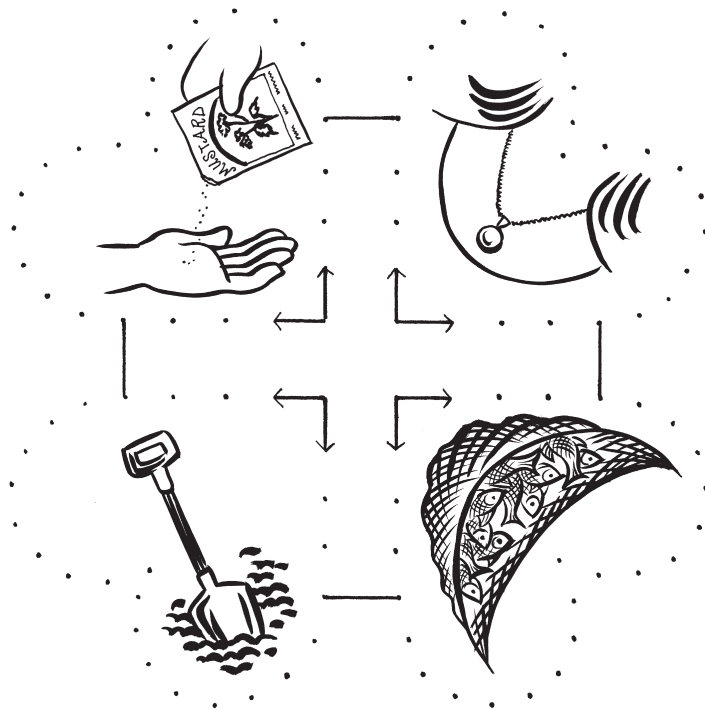
"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39



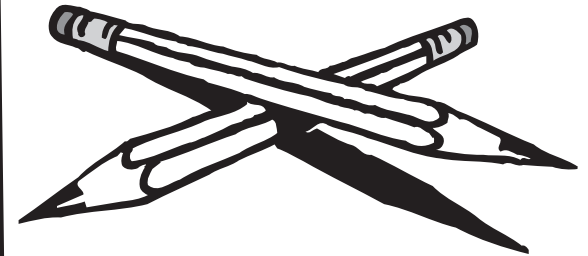
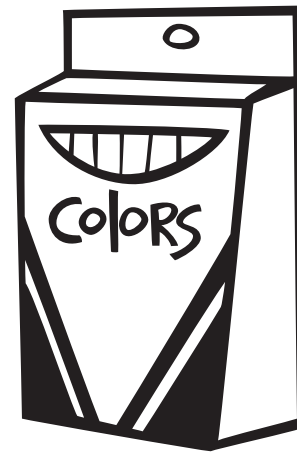
Take your bulletin home and try to memorize part of the verse each day this week.

God's Love Is Like...

Listen for signs of God's kingdom in the Gospel of Matthew. Trace the heart around each part of the story as you hear it. Color the empty space between the hearts. What do you see?



Don't be afraid to write in your Bible. God wants you to interact with God's Word! Use stickers, colored pens, and highlighters to mark your favorite stories!



Nothing Means Nothing

Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from God's love. Fill in the blanks with things you are afraid of. Remember that even these things cannot separate you from God.

"For I am convinced that neither _____ nor _____, nor _____, nor _____, nor _____, nor _____ will

be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."



Today's Gospel is all about parables. Look up Luke 10:29-37 to read one of the most famous parables in the Bible.

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

(as published by Vineyard Music USA)

Words and Music by
Brian Doerksen

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Come. Come, just as you are, come.

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Come.

Pass It On

Words and Music by
Kurt Kaiser

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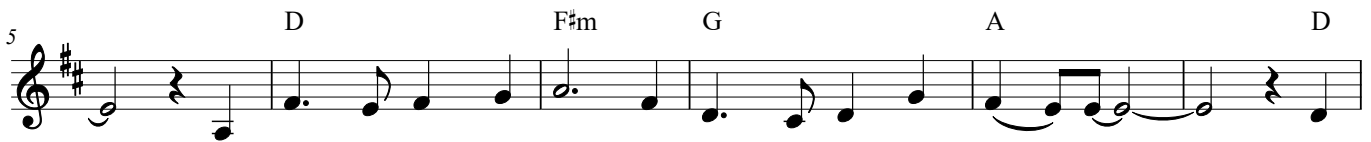
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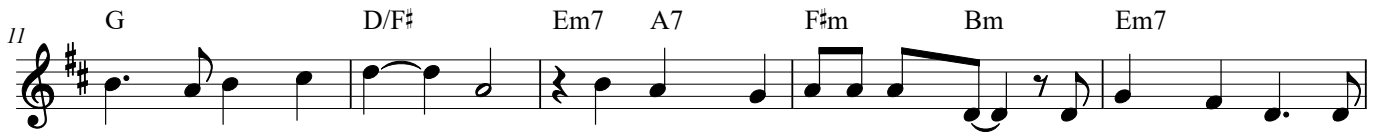
It on - ly takes a spark to get a fi - re go - ing,
What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are bud - ding.
I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi - ness that I've found.

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and soon all those a - round can warm up to its glow - ing; That's
The birds be - gin to sing, the flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's
You can de - pend on Him, it mat - ters not where you're bound; I'll

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how it is with God's love, once you've ex-per - i - enced it: You spread His love to
how it is with God's love, once you've ex-per - i - enced it: You want to sing, it's
shout it from the moun-tain-top, I want my world to know: The Lord of love has

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ev - 'ry - one, you want to pass it on.
fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
come to me, I want to pass it on.