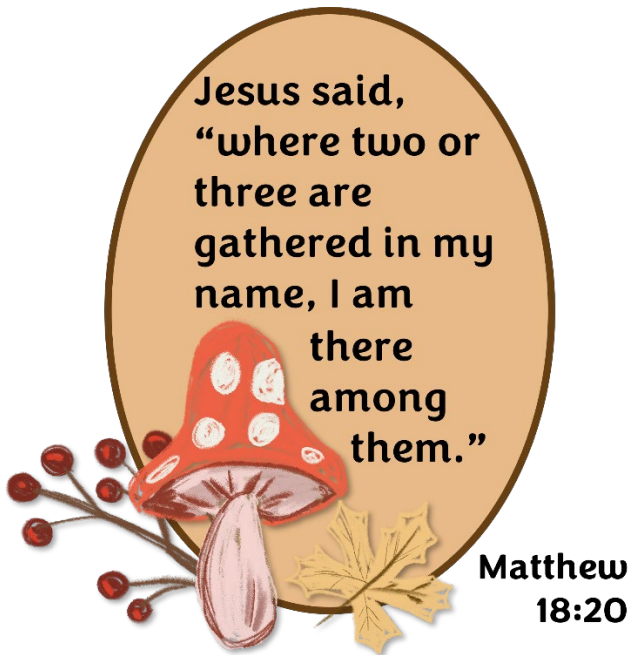


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026**



Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

**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.

Organ Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River*

Hugh S. Linvignston, Jr.

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, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Earth and All Stars!

ELW #731

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Nicole Ewing

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Faye Weidner

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

Faye Weidner

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven 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. Hal-le-lu-jah.

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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 *Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly*

Grace Band

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

Chorus:

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

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

Chorus

Bridge (sing 2x):

It's beauty for ashes

It's mourning to dancing

It's closer and closer

The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see

The fruit our hands have sown

Faith just like a seed

The only way it grows

Chorus

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask,
and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus’
name.

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 *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

arr. R. L. Wesner

Jonah, Nathan and Lee Wesner

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*Lee Wesner graduated with a degree in music education from West
Chester State College in 1961. He went on to teach in the public
schools of Pennsylvania for 32 years – eight years at the then*

brand-new Pocono Mountain Jr.-Sr. High School, then 24 years at Pottstown. He taught classroom music, directed choruses and several student productions of musical theatre. Outside of teaching music, Lee has participated in several community organizations, including church choirs, the Coventry Singers, and Madrichor, a community chorus in Berks County. He also sang Barbershop in chorus and quartet in the 1960's. Lee has played in the Red Hill Band and joined Pottsville's Third Brigade Band in 1956, where he met Sandy, his wife of 57 years, in 1963. Although she passed on recently, Lee continues to participate with the Third Brigade Band, making trips back "home" to rehearse and to play seasonal concerts. Over the years he has conducted choruses as well as bands. Outside of music, Lee is an accomplished woodworker and remains active in the Boy Scouts of America, having first joined as a Cub Scout at age nine.

Nathan Wesner grew up in the New Hanover Lutheran Church, where he participated in a variety of musical activities, both choral and instrumental. After graduating from Boyertown High School, Nathan attended Millersville University, where he earned a degree in Music Education, then followed up with advanced degrees in the field. He has taught in numerous school districts in southeastern Pennsylvania, directing string ensembles, teaching private lessons, while also working as a freelance musician. Nathan and his family live in lower Bucks County. His wife, Christina, has a background in opera. Nathan is also an Eagle Scout, earned while a member of NHELC Troop 367.

Jonah Wesner is an eighth grade student in the Peirce Middle School, in the West Chester School District. In addition to his participation in the school's musical programs, Jonah is also a member of the Delaware County Youth Orchestra. Jonah has been playing double bass for five years. Outside of his academic and musical activities, Jonah is also an avid golfer.

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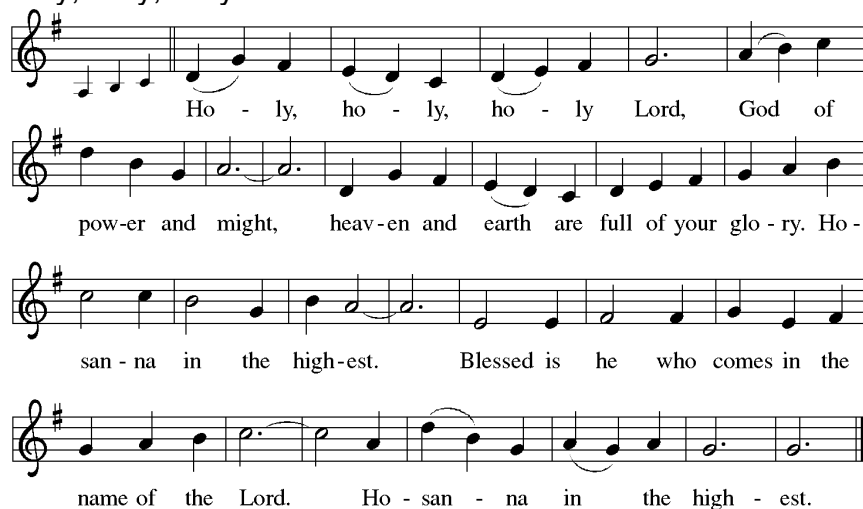


Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *We Give Thee but Thine Own*



Holy, Holy, Holy



Thanksgiving at the Table

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Hymn

God with Us

Grace Band

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Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

ELW #836

Blessing

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen.

The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Festival Postlude

E. L. Ashford

Arr. by Stewart Landon

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Announcements

Today

The flowers on the altar are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Bryce Manthorne's birthday by his wife Jane.

The communion is sponsored to the glory and honor of God and in celebration of our teachers and students in any aspect of education by Janet Psota.

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: Steve Weidner, head usher; Zach Quigley, usher; Faye Weidner, lector; Nicole Ewing, children's sermon; Genesis Gacia, acolyte, Tom and Jayne McHugh, communion assistants

Next Sunday: Barbara Repa, head usher; Terry Santangelo, usher; Kady Singley, lector; Vicki Mutter, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Jean Moser, Jane Johnson and Jo Anne Wirt

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.

Due to church staff taking vacations and fulfilling responsibilities that take them outside the church facility, you are encouraged to call and make an appointment before coming to the church. The church office phone number is 610-326-1335.

This Week

Worship Service – Today, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

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

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:15 AM, sanctuary

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

Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown

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

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

Endowment – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 1

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

Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Zoom

Cub Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 7

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

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Wednesday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room
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Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, room 14

District Scout Committee – Thursday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, room 1

Men's Breakfast – Saturday, 8:00 AM, Brookside Family
Restaurant

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

God's Work Our Hands Service Project – Next Sunday, 10:15
AM, room 1

Kids for Christ Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:00 – 11:20 AM,
sanctuary

Praise Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th, for
the holiday.

Garden of Hope volunteers will not be gathering on Monday to
harvest due to the holiday. Volunteers are encouraged to come out
on Thursday morning for harvest and maintenance.

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty's
Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown.

Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Lynn
Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget,
husbands are invited too.

The Men's Breakfast is this Saturday at 8:00 AM at Brookside
Family Restaurant. Come out for good food and friendly
conversation. No registration is required. Any questions, contact
Ron Fegley at 484-300-3025.

Upcoming Events

God's Work Our Hands kicks off the Fall schedule next Sunday following the worship service. We will assemble thank you kits for healthcare workers as we did last year, making cards and some other things. Deacon Ali Clark with Ken Crest will be assisting us. Also, we will have a snack and drinks that day.

Church Picnic is on Sunday, September 20th, at 11:30 AM in the picnic grove. The Fellowship team will provide the main dish and floats. Bring a side or a salad to share! Back by popular demand is the "Cake walk". We need folks to bring a cake or dessert (full dessert) to be used for the Cake walk. If you are willing to bring one to be used for the Cake walk game, sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-65239304-cake>.

An adult education class begins on Sunday, September 20th, following the worship service. The study will focus on lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer in *A House Divided and a World on Fire*. Explore the life and theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the lessons we can use as we live at the intersection of faith and civic life today. Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and theologian living in Nazi Germany, who eventually joined the resistance and was arrested and killed before the end of WWII. This six-week curriculum was compiled by Dr. Lori Brandt Hale, an internationally renowned Bonhoeffer scholar and president of the International Bonhoeffer Society – English Language Section. Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania is a partner in distributing this study to congregations, inspiring a deeper conversation and discernment about how we live as disciples. Contact Vicar Nikki with any questions.

Confirmation begins on Sunday, September 20th. Our confirmation program is for 7th and 8th graders typically. If you have a student interested in the program, contact Vicar Nikki if you have not received an email from her.

Join a choir Music is a treasured part of our life together as an ELCA congregation, proclaiming God's grace and giving voice to our faith. Through hymns, anthems, and special music, our choir and musicians enrich our worship, inspire our hearts, and help lead

the congregation in joyful praise. We are deeply grateful for those who share their musical gifts in service to Christ and the church. If you enjoy singing and are looking for a meaningful way to serve, we warmly invite you to join our choir. Whether you have years of experience or simply a love of music and a willing spirit, your voice can help lead our congregation in joyful praise as we “sing to the Lord a new song” (Psalm 96:1). There is a place for you in our music ministry. Together, we celebrate God’s abundant love and help our congregation sing with joy, hope, and thanksgiving. To learn more about our adult or children’s choir, or to become a member, contact Patricia Nyce, director of music, at 267-252-3020 or patricia.nyce@newhanoverlutheran.org. We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to our music ministry!

Interested in joining our praise band? Anyone is welcome! Regular rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 13th. KFC (for youth in grades 6-12) practices at 11:00 AM on Sunday mornings, and Grace band (the adult praise band) practices at 11:20. Rehearsals are held in the sanctuary. Reach out to Lindsey Waltermeyer at GoldieLW@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Interested in serving on the Altar Guild? Altar Guild will meet on Monday, September 14th, at 2:30 PM in the sanctuary. Anyone interested in serving on this committee is invited to attend.

Coffee with Council will be held on Sunday, September 27th, following the worship service. Grab a cup of coffee and join the NHELC Council for an open informational session to share information, listen to feedback and answer questions.

Interested in our newest youth shirt? To purchase the “God Is Greater than the Highs and Lows” shirt, scan this QR code or click the link

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_sn1edIYDkEpmHN9KhVTsY13h6EeF4h3n5F9PSQSotIYQkw/viewform?usp=header) to place your order today. Email Hayley Quigley (hquigley19@gmail.com) if you have additional questions. Cost is \$20-22 and should be given to Hayley. Payment is required to place your order. All proceeds will support the National Youth Gathering 2027. Order deadline will be in September but get yours today!



The NHELC Book Club is reading “6:40 to Montreal” by Eva Jurczyk. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, October 6th, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

A Seniors Ministry Event, on Sharing Stores from Beyond” will be held on Thursday, October 8th, at 1:30 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will welcome the seniors group from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Telford, who will join us in learning more about the history of our church as well as to hear stories about some of the special folks “in residence” in New Hanover Lutheran Church’s cemetery. Presenters are Amanda Schlick, Carol Detweiler and others. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the storytelling. You won’t want to miss this event!

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 RDPTW6489@Gmail.com with questions or if you are interested.

Concert Honors First Responders The Boyertown Area Alumni Marching Unit along with the Boyertown Area High School and Middle School East and West Show Choirs will offer a musical presentation on Friday, September 11th, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Boyertown Middle School West. A free will offering will be received at the door.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Now through October, NHELC is collecting non-perishable food items and full-sized personal hygiene items to be distributed to local families through the Pottstown Cluster. Collection boxes are located in the welcome center and fellowship hall for the donations. For a list of items most needed, see the latest issue of

New Hanover Highlights. Thank you for your contributions that will help those in need.

The Food Ministry has the following vacancies:

Volunteer Coordinator – Assigns meal delivery drivers, meal staging support and kitchen help.

Purchasing Agent – This person will purchase produce, kitchen supplies, packaging materials and manage food and meal inventories.

Cooks – Cooks are needed immediately. Jim Davidheiser has committed to preparing meals two days every four weeks and we are looking for at least two other cooks to do the same. Schedules are extremely flexible. Jim will get the new cooks familiar with the kitchen and activities required.

Contact Steve Weidner at foodministry@newhanoverlutheran.org if interested or to learn more. Job descriptions are available.

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. 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

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.

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

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Prayer Requests

Military: Shawn Dietz, Kevin Dugan, Jason Bernhard, Craig Geiser, Patrick Mathias, Steven Kane, William Zearfoss, Will Wilson V, Milton Jack Repa, Kyle Woods, Danny Foust

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

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

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45 S READING AVE, BOYERTOWN

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22



DINE IN
counts!



TAKE OUT
counts!

JUST SHOW THEM THIS FLYER &
A PORTION OF YOUR PURCHASE
= WILL BE DONATED! =



PROCEEDS BENEFIT
NEW HANOVER ELC YOUTH GROUP
TO HELP SEND THEM TO THE
NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING
next summer! ♥

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH! ♥

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE TO SING?

Why not join our Church Children's Choir J.A.M. (Jesus and Me)?

Do you love to sing, laugh, and have fun? Then we have the perfect place for you! Our Children's Choir is looking for enthusiastic boys and girls who want to make joyful music and praise God with their voices.

No experience is needed—just bring your smile, your excitement, and your love for God!

Why Should You Join?

 **Praise God Through Music** – Use your voice to worship and glorify Him.

 **Have Fun!** – Sing exciting songs, learn new music, and enjoy every rehearsal.

 **Make New Friends** – Meet other children who love God and enjoy singing together.

 **Build Confidence** – Grow your singing skills and shine as you sing during church services.

 **Serve God with Your Gifts** – Every voice matters, and God has given each of us unique talents to share.

Come be part of something special! Together we'll sing, worship, learn, and grow in God's love while making wonderful memories. Invite a friend to join with you!

Everyone is Welcome!

Ages: 3 to 12

Rehearsals: Every Sunday. 11am to 11:15am. First rehearsal will be September 20th.

Location: Choir Room

For More Information

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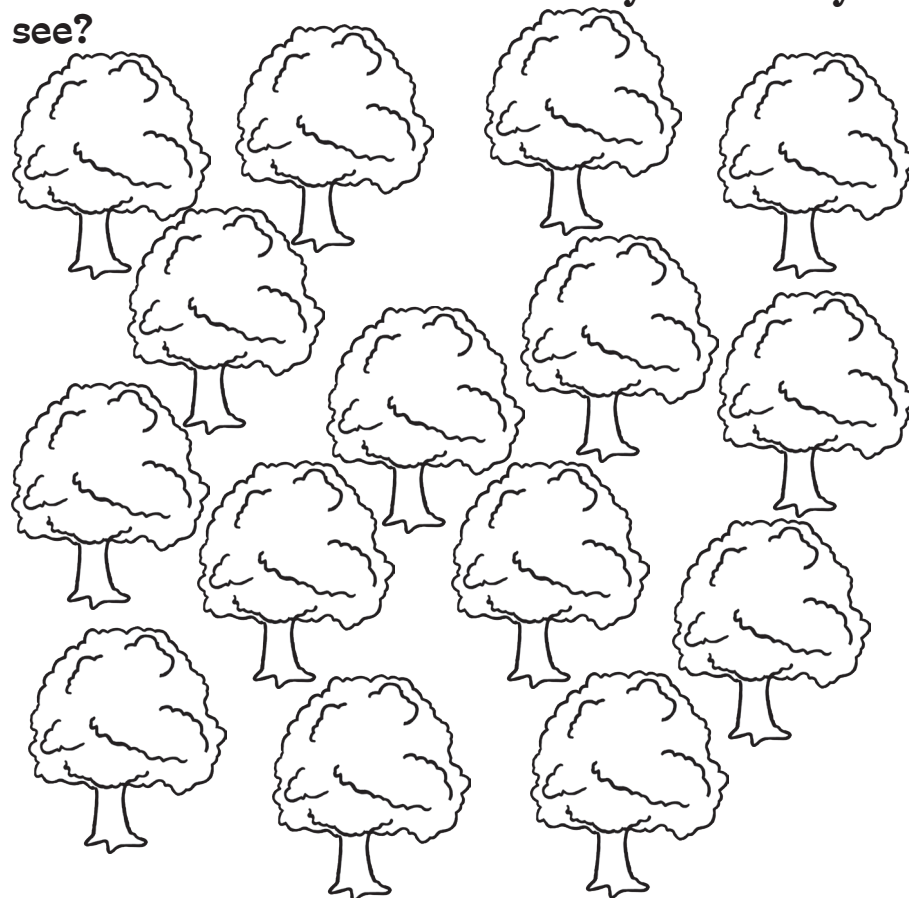
We can't wait to welcome you to our Children's Choir family!

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Pentecost 15

- Today is the **15th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is the **longest** season in the church year.
- Today we are about **halfway** through the season after Pentecost.

We count many Sundays in the season after Pentecost! Count all the trees here. Write a number inside each. How many trees do you see?





Jesus says, "Talk to each other about your disagreements."

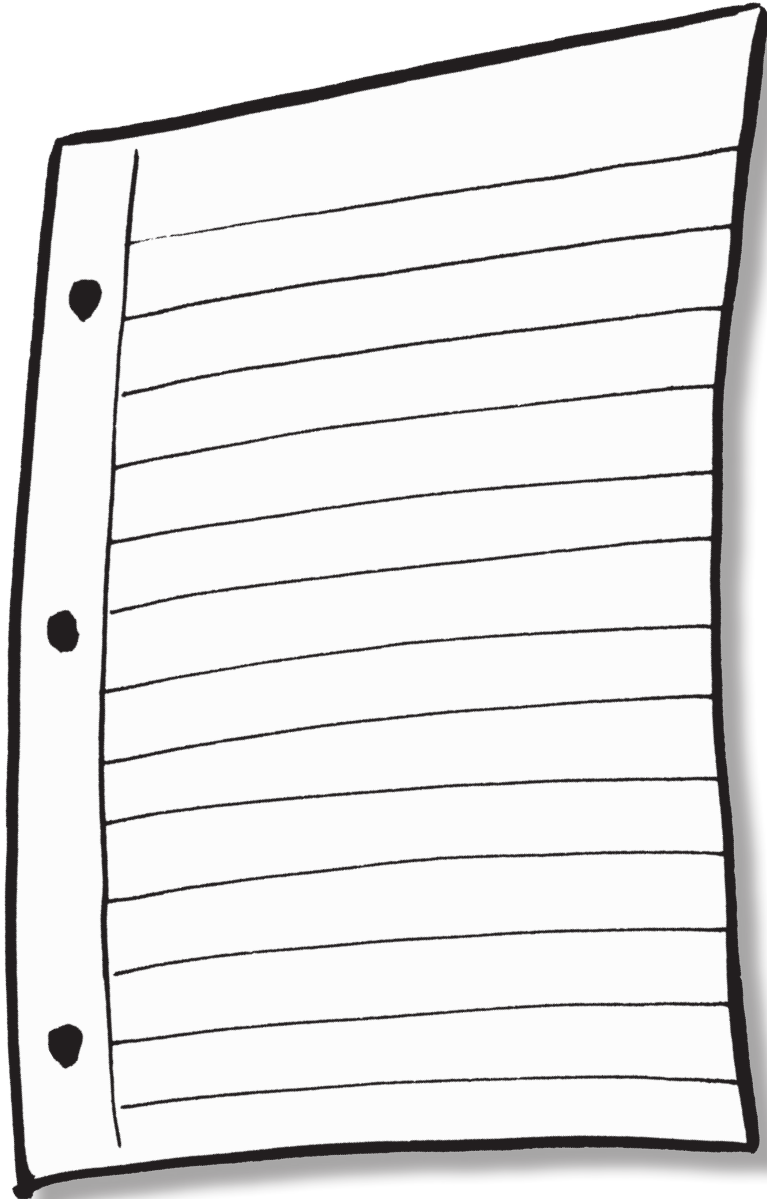
Jesus tells us that it is important to say we're sorry.

Can you find all the letters that spell out S-O-R-R-Y in this picture? Can you find Squiggles? Can you color the moon and stars and sea?



Loving Learning

Worship is a time to praise God. It is also a time to learn about God. Did you learn anything during worship today? Write what you learned in this notebook.



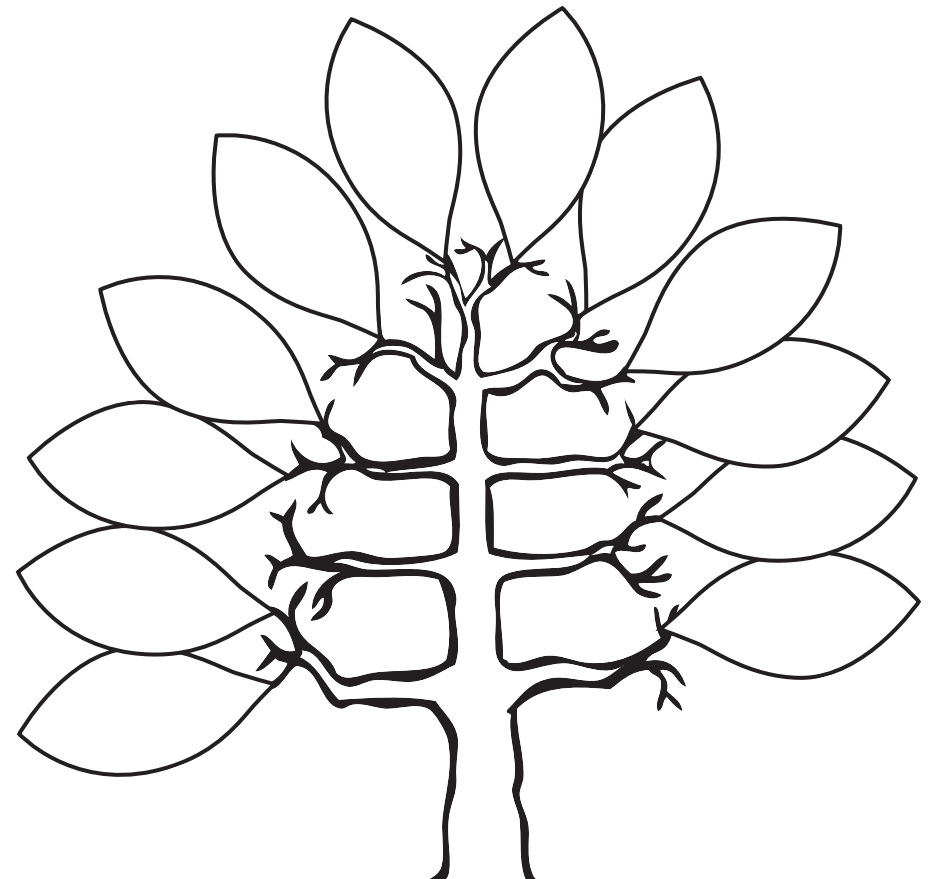
READER

Pentecost 15

- Today is the **15th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- We're a little more than **halfway** through the season after Pentecost.
- During the season after Pentecost, we learn a lot about **God** during **worship**.

Leaf Labels

There are twelve leaves on this tree.
Write one word about God on each leaf.



Fill in the blanks to complete this week's memory verse.

For where _____ or

_____ are gathered in my

name, I am there _____ them. Matthew 18:20

Memory Verse



A Great Commandment

Paul tells us that all of the Ten Commandments can be summed up in one sentence. Unscramble this sentence to learn the answer. Need help? Look up Romans 13:9

As Love Neighbor Your Yourself



Romans is a letter from the Apostle Paul to the people living in Rome.

Paul did not go to the post office to mail his letters. There was no post office!

When he wrote a letter, he sent someone to personally deliver it!

Did You Know?

Saying Sorry

Jesus knew that people in the church would argue and disagree sometimes. He told his followers what to do if they could not get along. Sometimes we argue and disagree with others we care about. Sometimes we need to say that we're sorry. To figure out these ways to say "Sorry," add the vowels to each phrase.

___ M S ___ R R Y

___ R ___ L L Y M ___ S S ___ D ___ P

F ___ R G ___ V ___ M ___ P L ___ S ___

___ G ___ F ___ D

MY B ___ D

S ___ R R Y ___ H ___ R T Y ___



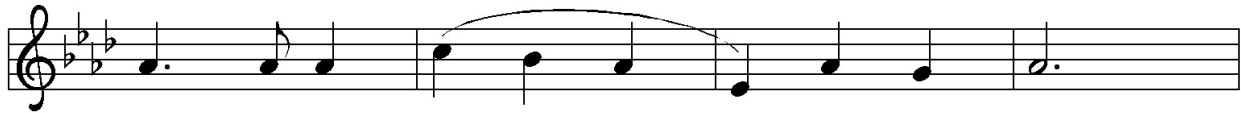
Look it Up!

The Gospel tells us how to solve disagreements with one another. Look up Matthew 5:23-26 for more advice about resolving conflict.

Earth and All Stars!



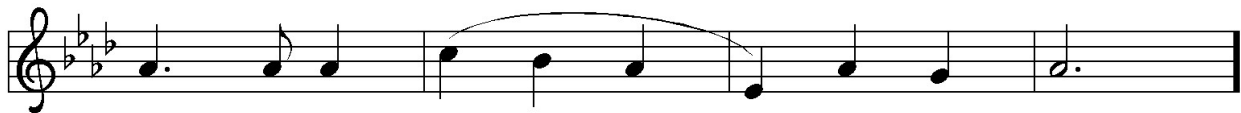
1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



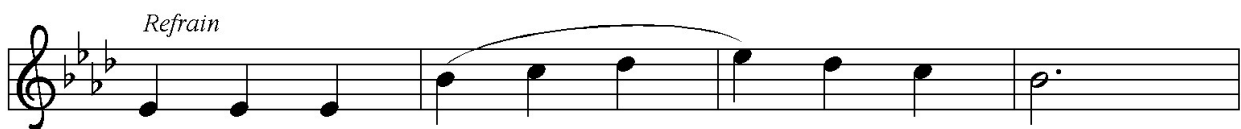
Sing	to the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail, wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp, lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!



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God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly

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

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

INTRO

Em/G D/G C/G

G

Em/G D/G C/G

G

Em/G D/G

C/G

♩=103



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

VERSE 1 & 2

G

Em/G D/G C/G

G

Em/G D/G C/G



what You re - quire of me:
to be Your hands and feet,

Love my neigh - bor as my -
good news to all the

CHORUS 1a

G

Em/G D/G C/G

G

Em/G D(4)/G

C/G G



- self, and You a - bove all things.
world, the truth will set us free.

Act just - ly, love mer - cy, walk

Em/G D(4)/G

C/G G

Em D(4)

C G

Em D(4)



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

BRIDGE

1

2

C G

C G

C

G/B

D(4)

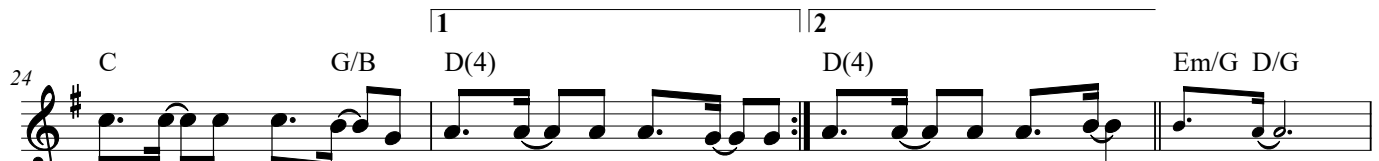


You, God. It You, God. It's beau - ty for ash - es, it's mourn - ing to danc - ing. It's

TURNAROUND

24

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



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

VERSE 3

28

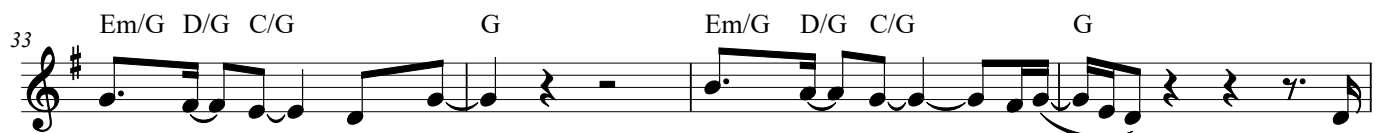
Gsus G Em/G D/G Gsus G Em/G D/G C/G G



3. Years from now we'll see the

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

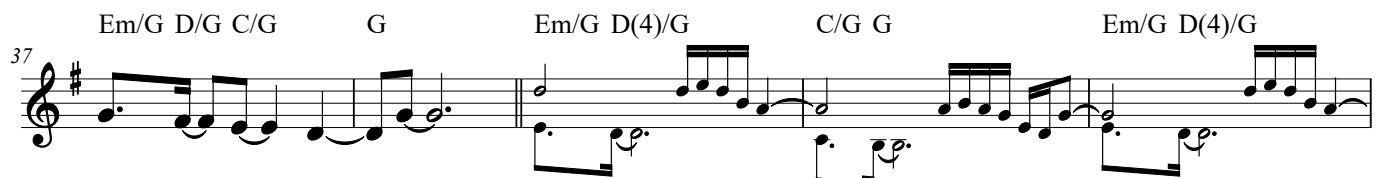


fruit our hands have sown. Faith, just like a seed, the

INSTRUMENTAL

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

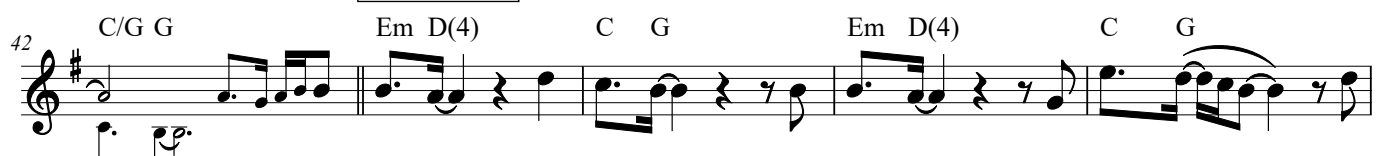


on - ly way it grows.

CHORUS 1b

42

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



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

47

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



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

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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