

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

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026**



In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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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

Trumpet Tune

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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, 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

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW #452

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Centering Song

10,000 Reasons

Grace Band

Chorus:

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul

Worship His holy name

Sing like never before O my soul

I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning

It's time to sing Your song again

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus 2x

Ending:

Worship Your holy name

Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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Please be seated.

Children's Message

Vicki Mutter

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Kady Singley

A reading from the book of Genesis

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 103: 1-13

Kady Singley

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

² **Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—**

³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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 *Mighty to Save*

Grace Band

Ev'ryone needs compassion

Love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

Chorus:

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

Forever, Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Ev'rything I believe in

Now I surrender

Chorus

Bridge:

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King, Jesus.

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing

For the glory of the risen King

Chorus

Ending:

Savior, He can move the mountains

My God is mighty to save

He is mighty to save

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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

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with your neighbors.

The people give a sign of peace to each other.

Please be seated.

Offering

Offertory

The Power of the Cross

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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

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

In Thee Is Gladness

ELW #867

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

Fantasy on “Macht hoch die Tür”

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Chorale prelude on “Lobe den Herren”

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Deacon Ali Clark from KenCrest who will be providing the sermon this morning and helping with our God's Work Our Hands service project. Also, we welcome Brian Tracey, who is our guest organist. Thank you Ali and Brian for your gifts of service, providing us with an enriching worship experience.

The flowers on the altar are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of John Sander's 60th birthday with love by his wife, Candis.

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

Next Sunday: George Trowbridge, head usher; Jim Mack, usher; Sam Young, lector and acolyte; Nikki Young, children's sermon

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

God's Work Our Hands Today we kick off the Fall schedule. Following the worship service, join in the fun and fellowship while we assemble thank you kits for healthcare workers as we did last year, make cards and some other things. Deacon Ali Clark with Ken Crest will be assisting us. Also, snack and drinks will be provided.

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

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

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

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

Kids for Christ Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:00 – 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Praise Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Altar Guild – Monday, 2:30 PM, sanctuary

Cub Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 24-25, 28-34, 37

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

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

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

Walnut Woods Service – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, offsite

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

Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15

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

Handbell Choir Rehearsal – Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, room 15

Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 7

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

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

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

J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday 10:55 – 11:20 AM, room 15

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

Church Picnic is next 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 next 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 resume today.** 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 Waltermyer 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 NHELCC 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_sn1edlYDkEpmHN9KhVTsY13h6EeF4h3n5F9PSQSotlYQkw/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 Stories 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.

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

susan.gutshall@newhanoverlutheran.org for requests or information.

Prayer Requests

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

Peace for violence in our area and nationally

Keeley Staples	Logan Conley	Katy Mahon-Miller
Luann Hanley	William Trotter	Kathy Kane
Maxwell Girard	Pat Fryer	Jean Renninger
Pr. Kork Moyer	Julia Hauck	Tony Mancini
Raul Castro	Amy LeVan	Jeffrey Kunsch
Wilma Lahr	Melissa	Mary Lou
Doug Weaver	Dorothy Bingaman	Emily Ocelus
Eric & Wendy Hess	Sue Care	Deb Matthews
Marceline	Anne Eshleman	Daniel Johnson
Chris Fatzinger	Pena family	Kim Frain
Jen Perez	Frank D.	Pam Helfrich
Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
Pr. Jennifer Phelps	Verdie Smith	Helen Foulke
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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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

DINE *-AND- ♥-* DONATE

♥ EAT WELL. DO GOOD. ♥

JOIN US AT



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! ♥

Do you see anything green at church?

Draw those things here.

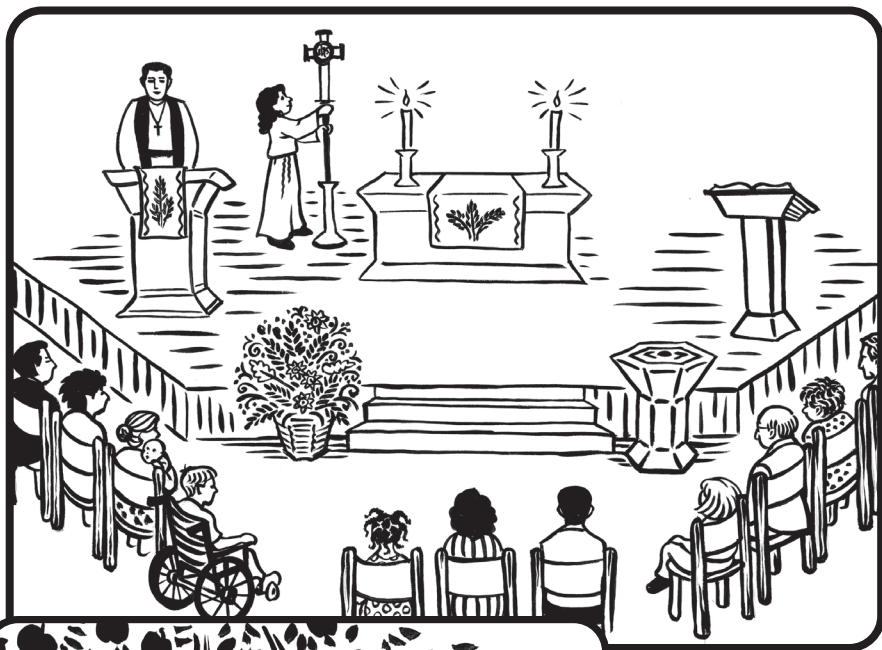


PRE-READER

Pentecost 16

- Today is the **16th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a **season** of **growing**.
- God wants our **love** to **grow** and **grow**.

Our sign for Pentecost is a tree. Color this tree green to show that the leaves are growing.

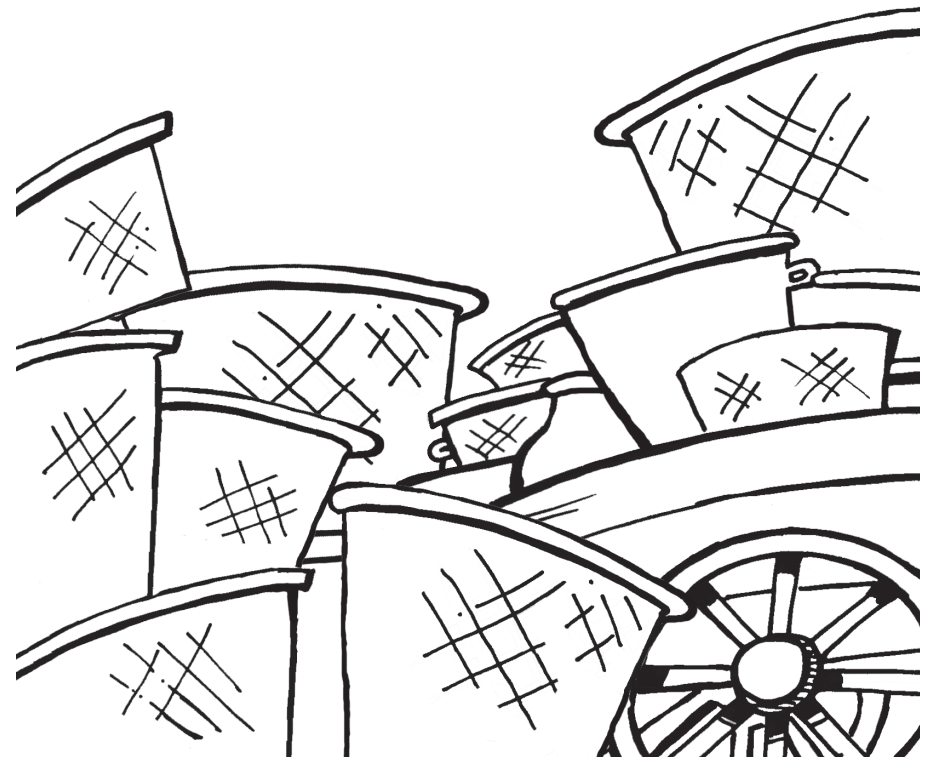




“This is all I could ask for,” Joseph’s father said.

Joseph gave his family baskets of food.

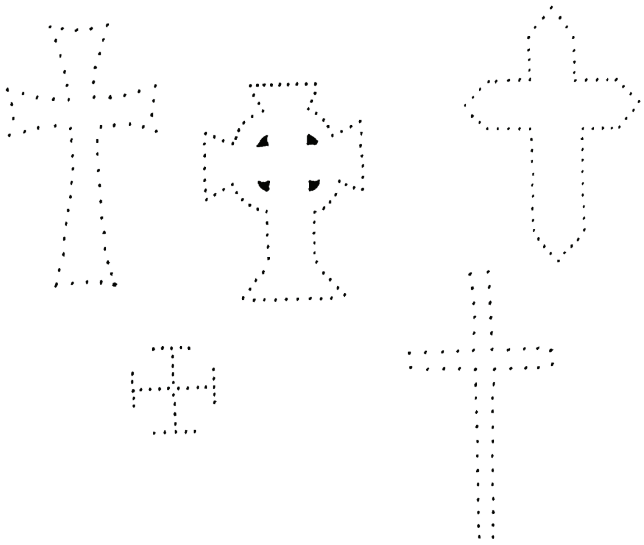
Fill the baskets with something to help your family.



Holy Cross Day

Some churches celebrate Holy Cross Day every September. The cross reminds us of Jesus. Look around your worship space and notice the crosses. Where are they? Do they all look the same?

Trace the dotted lines to uncover different kinds of crosses. Do you have a cross at home? What does it look like? Draw it in the space below.



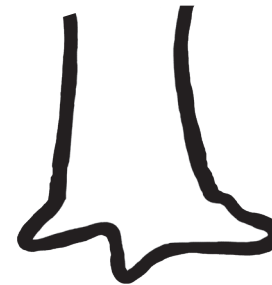
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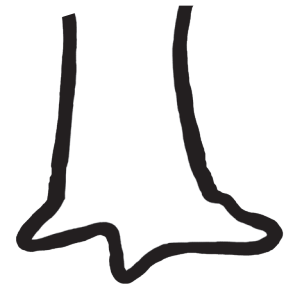
- Today is the **16th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost begins **50 days** after Easter Sunday.
- The Pentecost season continues throughout **summer and fall**.
- Pentecost includes the **fall harvest**.

The Tree of Life

Today's story tells about a famine. A famine is a time of no rain when crops do not grow very well. In the midst of famine, God still provided abundance. Create a famine tree and an abundance tree. Unscramble the words below each tree.



thea
meanif
nagre



eo vl
tunaband
viefrog

News flash! Joseph forgives brothers

Genesis 50:15-21

Forgiveness is a way of saying "I love you" after you've been hurt by another person. The Bible is full of stories about forgiveness because God always forgives!

Draw a line from the story boxes to their matching pictures. In the speech bubbles write something else you think each person said.



I forgive you.
It's okay!
I love you.

Oh look at my
beautiful new coat!
It's awesome.
Thanks Dad!

Hope you like it
down there! Now we
won't have to look at
your coat anymore!

Why did YOU get a
new coat and WE
didn't? We're mad
at you!

Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good.

Genesis 50:20

Has this ever happened to you? Something bad turned into something good. Draw a picture or write about what happened in the box on the left.

Memory Verse



Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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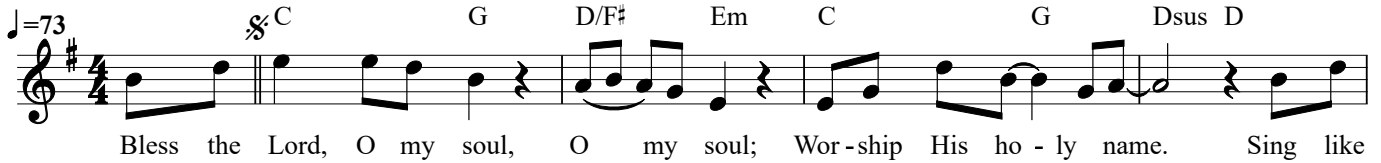
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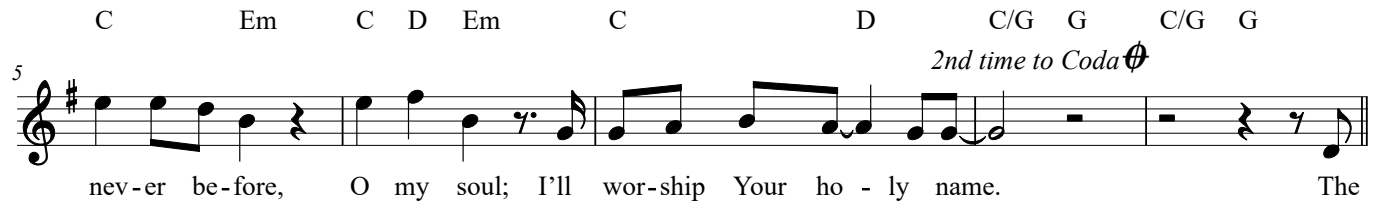
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CHORUS 1a

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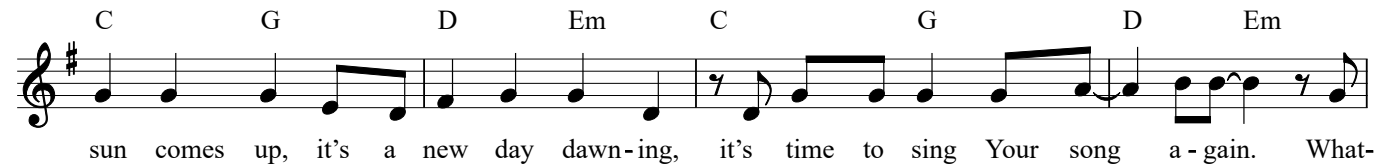
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho-ly name. Sing like



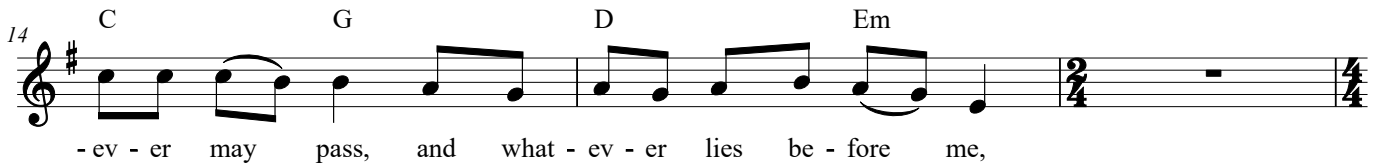
nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho-ly name. The

2nd time to Coda Φ

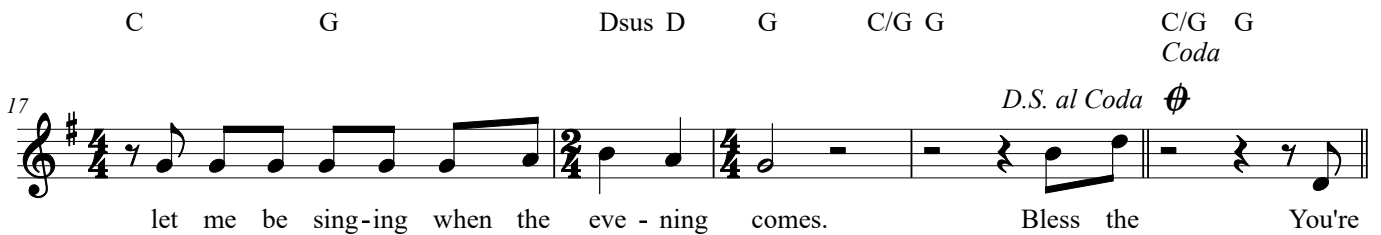
VERSE 1



sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing, it's time to sing Your song a-gain. What-



-ev-er may pass, and what-ev-er lies be-fore me,



let me be sing-ing when the eve-ning comes. Bless the You're

D.S. al Coda Φ

VERSE 2



rich in love and You're slow to an-ger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For

26 C G D/F# Em
all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing;

29 C G Dsus D G C/G G
Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. Bless the

CHORUS 1b

C G D/F# Em C G Dsus D
(instr. repeat)
Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like

37 C Em C D Em C D G G
nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. And

VERSE 3

C G D/F# Em C G D Em
on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come;

46 C G D/F# Em
Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing

49 C G Dsus D G C/G G
ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er - more! Bless the

CHORUS 1b

C G D/F# Em C G Dsus D

Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like

57 C Em C D Em C D G

nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. Bless the

61 C D Em C D Em

wor-ship Your ho - ly name, wor-ship Your ho - ly name, Lord, I'll

INSTRUMENTAL

65 C D C G D/F# Em C G Dsus D

wor-ship Your ho - ly name. Sing like

ENDING

C Em C D Em C D Em

nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name,

74 C D Em C D G

wor-ship Your ho - ly name, wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

Mighty To Save

(as published by Hillsong Music Publishing)

Words and Music by
Reuben Morgan and Ben Fielding

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 74$

D A F#m



1. Ev 'ry -one needs com-pas - sion, love that's nev - er fail - ing. Let
2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and fail - ures.

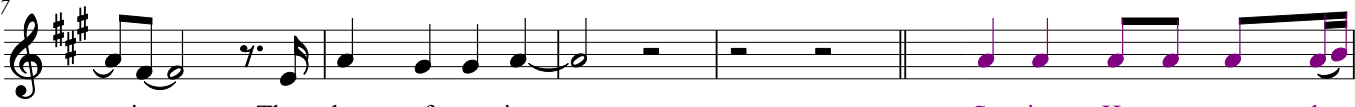
4 E D A



mer - cy fall on me. Ev - 'ry -one needs for-give - ness, the kind - ness of a Sav -
Fill my life a - gain. I give my life to fol - low, ev - 'ry - thing I be-lieve

CHORUS

7 F#m E D E D E A



- iour. The hope of na-tions. Sav-iour, He can move the
in. Now I sur-ren-der.

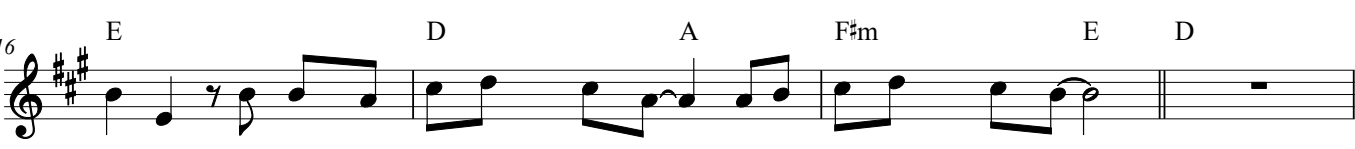
12 E D A F#m E A



moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. He is might-y to save. For-ev-er, Au-thor of sal-

TURNAROUND

16 E D A F#m E D



- va - tion. He rose and con-quired the grave. Je-sus con-quired the grave.

INSTRUMENTAL

(1) | 2

A F#m E F#m E D A E F#m

20

con-quired the grave.

BRIDGE

D A E F#m D A E F#m

26

Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're sing-ing

D A E F#m D A

30

for the glo-ry of the ris-en King. Je-sus. Shine your light, and let the whole world

CHORUS

E F#m D A E Fine A

33

see. We're sing-ing for the glo-ry of the ris-en King. Sav-iour, He can move the

E D A F#m E A

37

moun-tains. My God is might-y to save. He is might-y to save. For-ev-er, Au-thor of Sal-

1 | 2

E D A F#m E F#m E

41

-va-tion. He rose and con-quired the grave. Je-sus con-quired the grave. con-quired the grave.

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In Thee Is Gladness



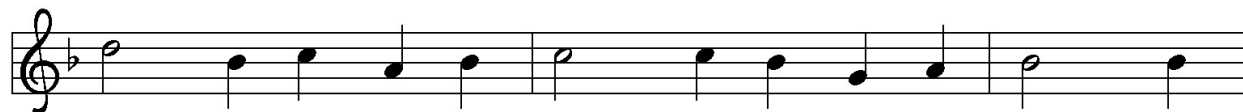
1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can



true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his



break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es



and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for



pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

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