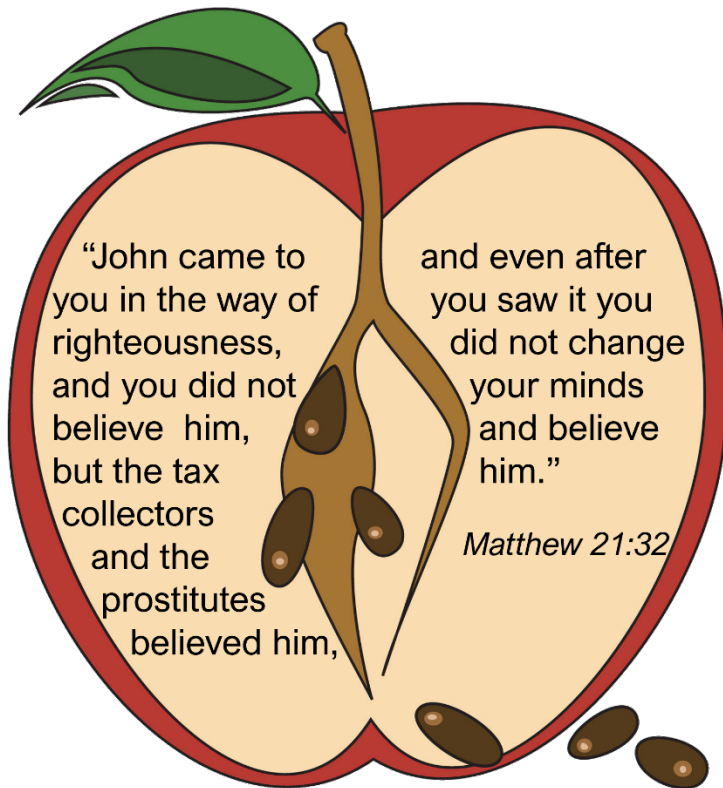


**Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026**



Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Ezekiel the people claim the ways of the Lord are unfair, while God offers repentance and new life. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

**All worship can be viewed online at
newhanoverlutheran.org
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

**May your worship experience strengthen you
with God's love and grace.**

Welcome Statement

You are always welcome at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church. We are a growing community of believers in Jesus Christ, rooted in God's love and guided by Christ's example. We strive to reach out with compassion, offering a place where you can grow in faith, experience God's grace and feel safe and celebrated. At New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, we want you to gather with us at our table. Rooted in our Lutheran faith and belief that we are all children of God and made in God's image, we welcome all people with dignity and love.

In Romans 15:7, Paul writes, "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

By this belief, we are committed to intentionally following Jesus' example of unconditional hospitality, love and justice. Here, you are not only included, you are respected. We affirm and value people of all races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, cultures, ages, abilities, body sizes, relationship statuses and economic or immigration statuses. We are committed to the ongoing work toward racial equity and inclusion in all we do. You are invited to fully participate in our worship, sacraments, leadership positions, gatherings, and ministries. In our identities, we are united by the common faith we hold, and recognize we each offer unique gifts and perspectives. We believe that this transforms lives and deepens the faith of our community.

Christ's door is open to all, so is ours.

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 *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*

ELW #510

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through 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

Donna Kehs

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Carolyn Fleming

A reading from the book of Ezekiel

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"?

³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.

³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

¹ To you, O Lord,

I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

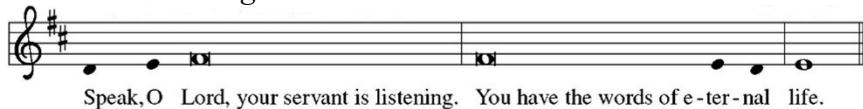
⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gospel Acclamation*



Chancel Choir sings verse



Congregation repeats alleluia

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Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders

of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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 *You Are My King (Amazing Love)* Grace Band

I'm forgiven because You were forsaken

I'm accepted, You were condemned

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me

Because You died and rose again.

Repeat Verse

Chorus:

Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You
Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me
Amazing love, I know it's true
It's my joy to honor You.
(In all I do, I honor You.)

Bridge:

You are my King
You are my King
Jesus, You are my King
Jesus, You are my King

Chorus

Ending:

In all I do, I honor You.

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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

Choir Anthem *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* Chancel Choir

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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

ELW #694

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

Finale in D

C. L. Koch

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Announcements

Today

Today is Festival of the Harvest Home. Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food. You may leave the donations in the Welcome Center for the children to bring into the sanctuary during the opening hymn. Children should meet in the lobby at 8:45 to prepare for the food presentation.

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 43rd wedding anniversary by Vicki and Randy Dotterer.

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: Marty Hauser, head usher; Pat Lucas, usher; Carolyn Fleming, lector; Donna Kehs, children's sermon; Caleb Woods, acolyte

Next Sunday: Jim Gross, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Janet Psota, lector; Ariel Hansley, children's sermon; Landon Woods, acolyte; Barbara Repa and Carolyn Fleming, communion assistants

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.

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

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

Kids for Christ Band Rehearsal – Today, 10:00 – 10:30 AM, sanctuary

J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1

Coffee with Council – Today, 10:15 AM, room 14

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

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

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

Staff – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 20

Mission Service – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 7

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 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, room 1

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

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

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

God on Tap – Thursday, 6:00 PM, Main St. Pub in Bally

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

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

Kids for Christ Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:00 –
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J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1

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

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

Confirmation – Next Sunday, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, room 1

Cub Parents – Next Sunday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

God on Tap is this Thursday at 6:00 PM at the Main St. Pub in Bally. The subject of discussion will be, “Halloween – satanic connotations or harmless fun for children?” RSVP to Randy Dotterer via email at rdptw6489@gmail.com or text at 610-306-0621 by noon on October 1st.

Upcoming Events

Seasonal fun for all at the Pumpkin Frolic Sunday, October 25th, 3 – 5 PM The annual Pumpkin Frolic will soon be here!

This is an enjoyable event for all ages. Come join the fun of pumpkin related activities including pumpkin painting, fall crafts, and games. Participants will be painting pumpkins, not carving them for safety purposes. Pumpkins and paint will be provided.

We will close with a light meal consisting of hotdogs and snack foods.

The Pumpkin Frolic is a Thrivent Action team service project so there is no charge; however, **bring some nonperishable food for Preston's**



Pantry at Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Watch for a signup sheet on the desk in the welcome center or go online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-66083886-pumpkin> or use this QR code. To be sure enough pumpkins will be available, **sign up by Monday, October 19th**. This event will be held in fellowship hall.

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! Sign up today using the signup sheet on the desk in the Welcome Center.

“A House Divided and a World on Fire” is the topic of an adult education class on Sundays at 10:15 AM in the Multi-purpose room. The study focuses on lessons from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, exploring his life and theology focusing on 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.

Interested in our newest youth shirt? Our apparel options have expanded for the “God is Greater than the Highs and Lows” flare! Along with t-shirts, we have long-sleeve shirts, hoodies, crewneck sweatshirts, and a juliet mockneck.



Scan the 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. See order form for pricing. Payment is required to finalize your order. All proceeds will support the National Youth Gathering 2027.

Order deadline is September 30th!

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.

Corey & Kimberly’s Ride Continues – a pursuit to raise awareness and help those who are struggling with substance use disorder find their way. Saturday, October 3rd, 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM at Alburtis Fire Company social Hall, 328 S. Main St., Alburtis. Motorcycle ride (11 AM), food, face painting, vendors, programs, speakers, live music, cake walk, basket raffles and video game truck. For more information, go to www.ridecontinues.org.

In God’s Image (IGI) is a Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod (SEPA) sponsored event designed to help congregations explore how to fully welcome all who are beloved and made in God’s image. This learning day will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2026, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Reformation Lutheran Church, 102 West Rose Tree Road, Media, PA 19036. Carpooling is available. If you are interested in learning more or attending the event, scan this QR code. If you have any questions contact Sharon Tracey (LBD36@aol.com).



Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Now through October, NHELHC 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 NHELHC? Subscribe to the bi-weekly Constant Contact communication emails. You will receive a weekly announcement on Monday and a worship reminder on Saturday. If you are not already receiving these emails, you can use this QR code and sign up today using a very simple, secure site.



Do you enjoy the praise band songs? Would you like to get to know them better? This [playlist](#) includes over fifty songs that our praise band has done, and more will be added in the future. You will need to download Spotify (it's free!) to listen to the songs.



Peer Support Information The Ferns Peer Run Respite is a local mental health non-profit resource in Montgomery County. The Ferns provides a supportive and calm environment for individuals in need and not able to interact in other available mental health resources. The Ferns is totally peer-supported and allows individuals at the respite the time they may need to recover or seek additional treatment. If you know an individual who may need this service, contact Vicar Nikki.

The Peer Support Ministry webpage on the church's website (newhanoverlutheran.org) offers resources for mental health and wellness. Visit the webpage for information.

Mental Health and Wellness Millions of people across the nation are affected by mental health conditions. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has local centers in both Reading and Lansdale. They offer in-person and online support groups. 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 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
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Paul Knauer	Suzanne Dodge	Dave Pollock
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Janet Linskey	James Dawson	Diane Davidheiser

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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



Dear Friends at New Hanover Lutheran Church:

We do not know exactly what tomorrow holds. As people of faith we trust the one certainty in all times is the presence and grace of God. In times of worry people are prone focus on scarcity. As people of faith we know this holy truth: God remains abundantly present.

Together this is a time to celebrate the faithful and abundant ministry here in our congregation. God is at work and it is exciting.

I give thanks to God for your faithfulness through all these times of uncertainty. I give thanks to God for the hope which grounds us.

You continue to demonstrate significant generosity to make certain this ministry remains strong.

When the storm came up on the Sea of Galilee, the disciples were terrified. They cried out to Jesus who calmed their fears AND the storm. This gives us all hope in the presence of Jesus throughout the storms of this life. This promise gives us what we need to share God's love in a hurting world.

We are looking forward. God is calling us to great new adventures and your generosity will help us accomplish so much.

As we enter into our stewardship drive this year, hold fast to all the ways we see generosity and abundance.

In Christ,
Vicar Nikki Young

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A JOURNEY OF GENEROSITY GOD MEETS YOU WHERE YOU ARE

For many people, the journey includes supporting non-profit organizations that make lives better. Whether it's a church, food shelf, homeless shelter, world relief agency, or cancer society, people on journeys of generosity make amazing things happen in our world.

On this journey, some prepare to take their first step, considering their first gift. Others have been on the journey for many years and have seen the difference their giving makes.

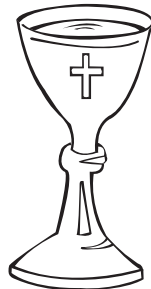
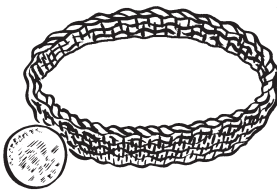
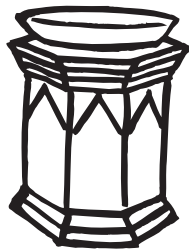
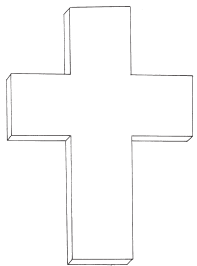
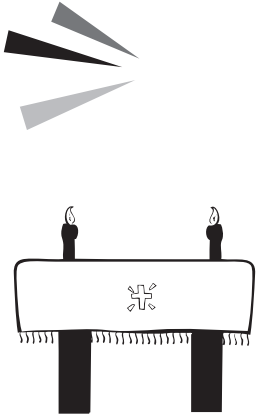
No matter where you stand on this journey, know that God meets you where you are. As God calls us to generosity, God surrounds us in grace. God loves you whether you give or not. There is no place for guilt or shame, just the joy of giving.

In these coming weeks, we invite you to consider your journey of generosity. Where have you been? Where might God call you to go?



Look for these things at church.

Circle the ones you can find in your worship space.

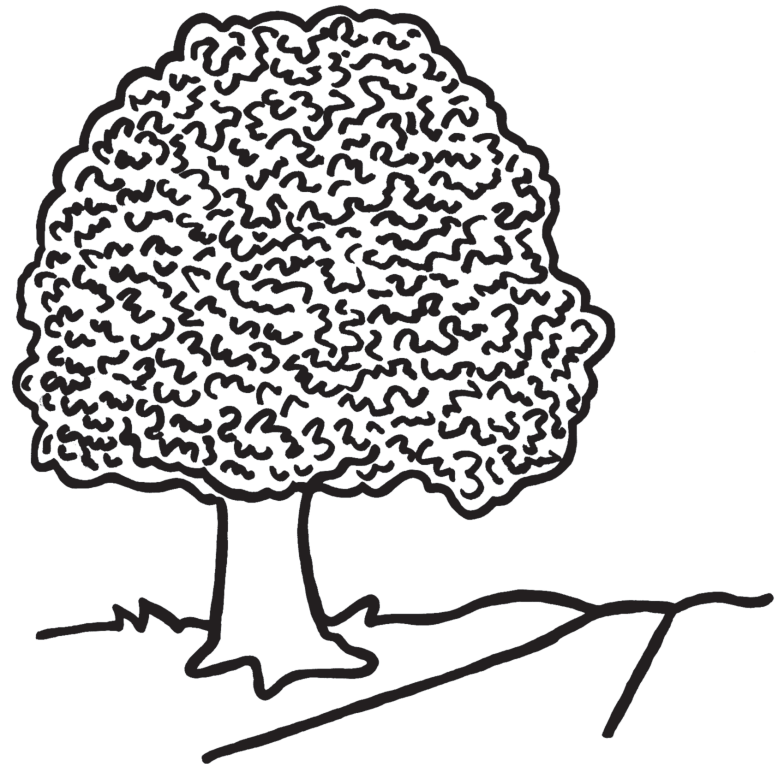


PRE-READER

Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- Pentecost is the **longest season** of the church year.
- We celebrate Pentecost in the **summer** and the **fall**.

Do you live in a place where the leaves change colors in the fall? The leaves change from green to orange, red, and yellow. Color this tree to make it look like a fall tree.

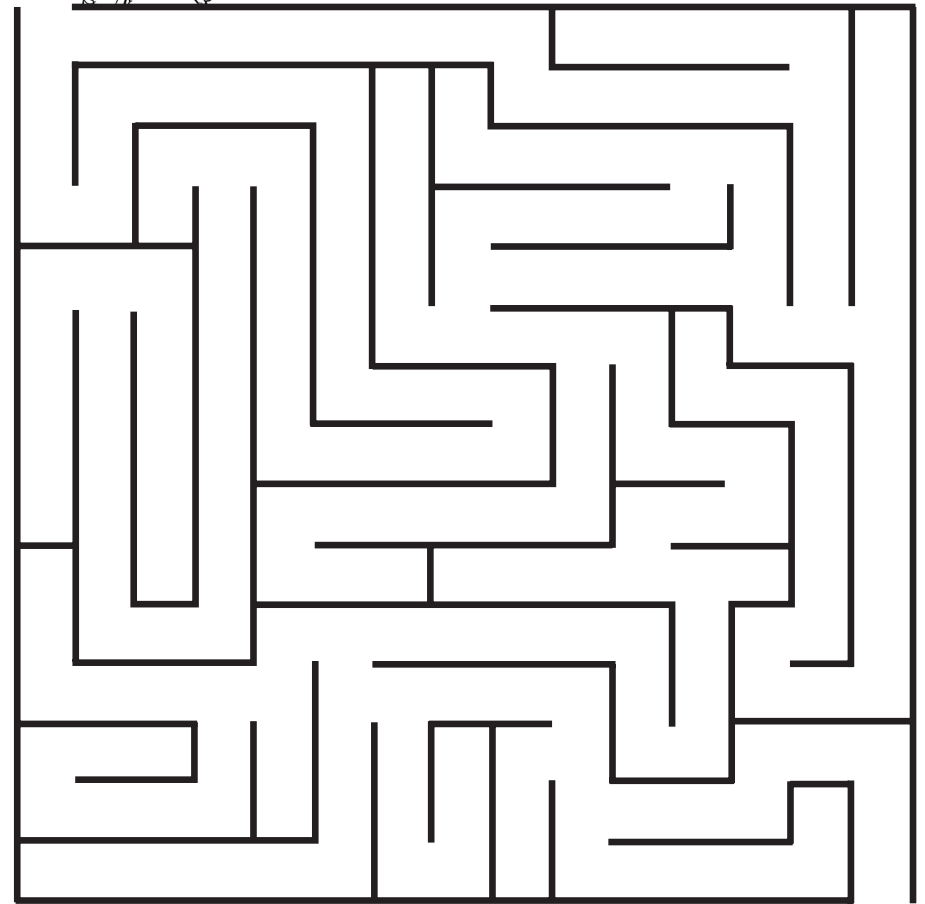




“You may say that you are good, but you don’t act that way.”

The chief priests asked Jesus lots of questions. Jesus showed them how to find the answers.

Follow the maze with the chief priests to get to Jesus.



Listening for the Creed

In worship we say the words of the Apostles' Creed. These words were written over 1000 years ago! They are written below, but many of the words are missing! Can you find them on the pages? Try to fill in all the blanks by the time the congregation says the Creed together.

I believe in God the _____ almighty, creator of _____
and _____. I believe in Jesus _____, God's only
_____, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
_____, born of the virgin _____, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was _____, died, and was buried; he
descended to the _____. On the third day he rose
again; he _____ into heaven, he is seated at the
_____ hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
_____ and the dead. I believe in the _____ Spirit,
the holy catholic _____, the communion of
_____, the forgiveness of _____, the resurrection of
the _____, and the life _____. Amen.

saints church ascended
dead Spirit heaven earth Mary
Father everlasting Christ sins body
right Holy living crucified son



READER

Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a **growing season**.
- The color for Pentecost is **green**.

Blowing in the Wind

Pentecost is a time of spiritual renewal, as Christians notice God's Holy Spirit blowing through their lives. How would this Pentecost tree look with the Holy Spirit blowing through it?



He answered, 'I will not'; but

later he changed his mind

and went. **Matthew 21:29**

Memory Verse

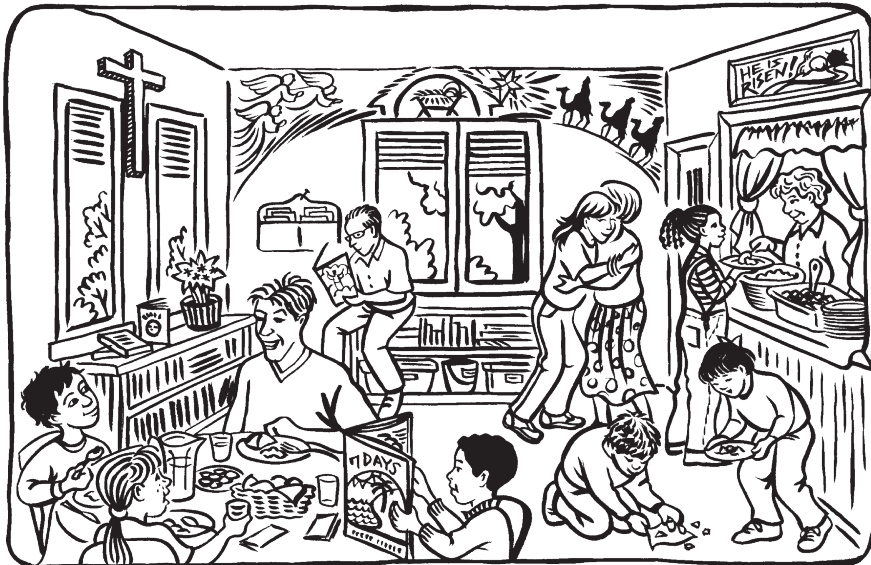


Jesus wants us to say yes with our words and our actions. Write the word YES under each word of the memory verse.

I Believe

What do you believe about God and Jesus? Christians in many places say what they believe each week in something called a creed. Listen for the words *I believe* during worship—that's the creed!

What kinds of things show what you believe about God and Jesus? Search the picture and mark any God-Jesus reminders with a cross [there are at least 11], then quietly tell someone else why you marked what you did. Look for people, places, and things.



Following Jesus just as you are

God made each of us unique, so each of us follows Jesus in our own different way. After you complete the list below, ask a friend to answer the same questions. Are your answers the same? Probably not! And that's okay. God loves all of us!

I am good at...

My 3 favorite foods are...

What are 3 ways you might do God's work? (Check the other lists for ideas!)

I love doing...



Word of God, Come Down on Earth



1 Word of God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, one with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove



faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, sav - ing Word, the
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.
world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Come Now Is The Time To Worship

(as published by Vineyard Music USA)

Words and Music by
Brian Doerksen

CHORUS

CHORUS

Tempo: ♩ = 98

Chords: D, Dsus, D, A, Em, G, D

Lyrics:

Come, now is the time to wor - ship. Come,

now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to wor-

- ship. Come, just as you are be-fore your God.

Last time to Coda 

VERSE

VERSE

Chords: D, G, D, G, D, Bm, G, A, D

Lyrics:

Come. 1. One day ev-'ry tongue will con-fess You are God.
2. Will ing - ly we choose to sur - ren - der our lives,

One day ev-'ry knee will bow. Still, the great - est treas - ure re - mains
will - ing - ly our knees will bow. With all our heart, soul, mind

for those who glad - ly choose You now. Come.
and strength, we glad - ly choose You now.

Chords: Bm, G, A, D

Structure: 1 2 Coda

Tempo: *D.C. al Coda* 

ENDING

D

30

Come. Come, just as you are, come.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 30 through 35. The staff is in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). Measure 30 is a whole rest. Measure 31 begins with a double bar line, followed by a quarter note D4, a quarter rest, and a whole rest. Measure 32 is a whole rest. Measure 33 begins with a quarter note D4, a quarter rest, and a whole rest. Measure 34 contains a quarter note D4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4, all beamed together. Measure 35 begins with a quarter note D4, a quarter rest, and a whole rest.

36

Come.

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 36 and 37. Measure 36 is a whole rest. Measure 37 begins with a double bar line, followed by a half note D4, and ends with a double bar line.

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Words and Music by
Billy J. Foote

VERSE

$\text{♩} = 70$

E/G# A2 Bsus B E/G# A2

I'm for-giv-en be-cause You were for-sak-en. I'm ac-cept-ed;

4 Bsus B E/G# A2 Bsus B

You were con-demned. I'm a-live and well, Your Spir-it is with-in me be-

CHORUS

7 A2 B E E A

-cause You died and rose a-gain. A-maz-ing love, how can it be

11 E Bsus B A/B E A

that You, my King, would die for me? A-maz-ing love, I know it's true;

15 E Bsus B A/B BsuB A B E *Fine*

it's my joy to hon-or You. In all I do I hon-or You.

BRIDGE

20 E

You are my King, You are my King. Je-sus, You are my

26

King. Je - sus, You are my King.

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



- 1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest your songs of love and praise;
- 2 God makes the clouds drop fat - ness, the des - erts bloom and spring,
- 3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar the gifts his good-ness gave,



with joy - ful hearts and voic - es your al - le - lu - ias raise;
the hills leap up in glad - ness, the val - leys laugh and sing.
the gold - en sheaves of har - vest, the souls Christ died to save.



by him the roll - ing sea - sons in fruit - ful or - der move;
God fills them with his full - ness, all things with large in - crease,
Your hearts lay down be - fore him when at his feet you fall,



sing to the Lord of har - vest a joy - ous song of love.
and crowns the year with good - ness, with plen - ty and with peace.
and with your lives a - dore him who gave his life for all.

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