

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

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
October 4, 2026**



In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

**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.

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 *Canticle of the Turning*

ELW #723

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

Ariel Hansley

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7

Janet Psota

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
⁶ I will make it a wasteland;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
 are his cherished garden;
he expected justice
 but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
 but heard a cry!

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 80:7-15

Janet Psota

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
⁸ **You have brought a vine out of Egypt;**
 you cast out the nations and planted it.
⁹ You cleared the ground for it;
 it took root and filled the land.
¹⁰ **The mountains were covered by its shadow**
 and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
 and its branches to the river.
¹² **Why have you broken down its wall,**
 so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
 and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
¹⁴ **Turn now, O God of hosts,**
 look down from heaven;

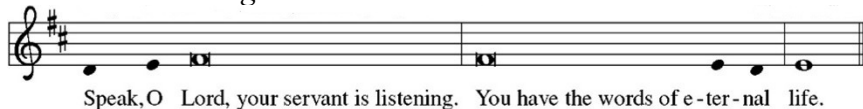
¹⁵ behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gospel Acclamation*



Chancel Choir sings verse



Congregation repeats alleluia

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Gospel **Matthew 21:33-46**

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³ "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

 'The stone that the builders rejected

 has become the cornerstone;

 this was the Lord's doing,

 and it is amazing in our eyes'?"

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Cornerstone

Grace Band

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus:

Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm, He is Lord,
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne
Faultless stand before the throne

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.

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 *But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own*

Chancel Choir

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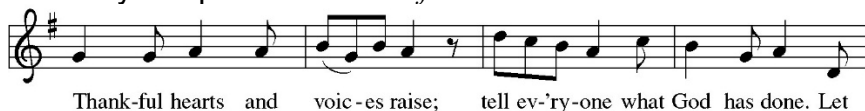


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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*





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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.

Dialog

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

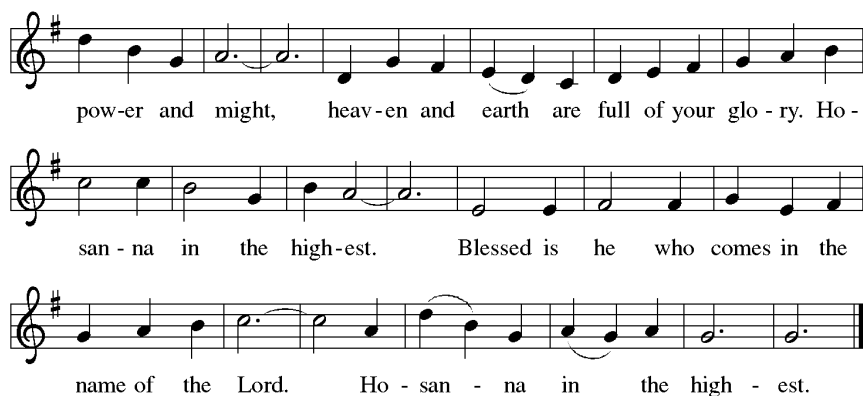
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

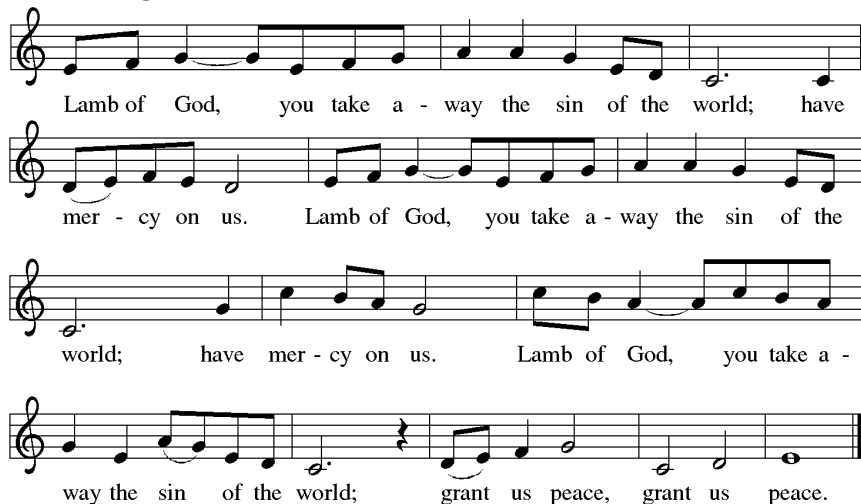
Please be seated.

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 Hymns *Blessed Assurance*

ELW #638

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

ELW #697

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 *Lord Our God, with Praise We Come*

ELW #730

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

Exalt His Name

Charles Cooke

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Announcements

Today

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of Kevin and Jenna Fleming's ninth wedding anniversary by Carolyn Fleming.

The Word in Season devotion booklet is sponsored to the glory of God and in celebration of all faith leaders and teachers from the past, present and future by Janet Psota.

The sponsor sign up 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: 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

Next Sunday: Ed Becker, head usher; Donna Kehs and Terry Santangelo, ushers; Scott Geiser, lector; Lindsey Waltermeyer, children's sermon and Richard Garcia, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Becky Gallagher, Vicki Dotterer and Terry Santangelo

Today is traditionally known as WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. It is a reminder to us that as we worship weekly as a body of Christian believers at New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church, there are thousands of weekly gatherings in Jesus' name being held all over the world. Through the presence of the Spirit of the Living Christ we are joined as one as we hear God's Word and take part in the Sacraments of Baptism and Communion. We celebrate this unity by using two sets of ceramic communion ware, one given to us by our neighbor Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ, and the other a gift brought back by our youth from the 1997 ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. The paraments on the altar, pulpit, and lectern are a gift from the Northeastern Diocese of Tanzania, the Southeastern PA Synod's Companion Synod and the location of the Sebastian Kolowa University College (SEKUCo) which the New Hanover Lutheran congregation was instrumental in helping to establish. The college is now known as Sebastian Kolowa Memorial University (SEKOMU) which specializes in educating teachers for the mentally challenged.

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

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

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

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

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

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, room 1

Cub Parents – Today, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 1

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

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

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

Book Club – Tuesday, 6:30 PM, WQ Diner in Pottstown

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, welcome center

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

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

History Talks – Thursday, 1:30 PM, room 1

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

Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, welcome center

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

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

In God's Image – Saturday, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM, Reformation
Lutheran Church in Media

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online

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

Pregnancy and Infant Loss Service – Next Sunday, 6:30 PM

Flutter Corn Maze – Next Sunday, 6:30 PM, Wilcox Farms

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.

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).



Upcoming Events

Flutter youth group will be doing a corn maze on Sunday, October 11th. We will meet at Wilcox Farms in Boyertown at 6:30 PM. The cost is \$10/person. Bring a flashlight! RSVP in the Band app. See Lindsey Waltermeyer or Hayley Quigley with questions.

A First Communion class for kids in second grade and up will be held on Wednesday, October 14th, 6:00 – 7:00 PM in fellowship hall. First Communion will be observed on Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2026. If your child is ready and would like to participate, contact Vicar Nikki. If the date or time does not work, reach out to Vicar Nikki ASAP.

Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 24th, 5:00 – 7:00 PM You can help make the 2026 NHELC Trunk or Treat a great success!

Host a Trunk

Those hosting a trunk must arrive between 4:00 – 4:30 PM to set up. This will be open to the public so plan on having candy/treats for about 200 kids – we have no idea what to expect. The Church will try to have some extra candy on hand. Trunks must stay in place until the event ends.

Please note: To host a trunk you must be affiliated with NHELC, Troop or Pack 367 OR Sunshine Learning Center.

Extra Support

Also, we need volunteers to man the food table(s) and assist with parking. To help, go to the SignUpGenius at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-65815756-2026#/>.

Seasonal fun for all at the Pumpkin Frolic

Sunday, October 25th, 3:00 – 5:00 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 sign-up 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.

LEGO Bingo To Benefit the National Youth Gathering Trip

Please note: This is a ticketed event! Come one and come all to our LEGO Bingo on **Saturday, November 7th**, at Sassamansville Fire Company - 1865 Hoffmansville Road.

Doors open 4:00

Kitchen open for food 4:30 – 6:00

Start selling bingo packages 5:30

Bingo begins 6:30

Tickets are \$30 for 20 games. There will be a blackout bingo, raffles and 50/50, all to support our youth. Tickets will be sold in the welcome center or contact the church office. Also, watch for flyers to distribute as well. Come out for fun and to support our youth on this great trip!

LEGO Donations

Also, you can help by donating LEGO sets for our LEGO bingo to allow our youth to raise more funds. Any name-brand LEGO sets are fine. For smaller sets, we will package them together. We have an Amazon wish list to help, but feel free to shop around. If you find a sale – GREAT! If you are really up for an adventure, check Facebook Marketplace. Sets must be NEW and unopened.

Any donations can be brought to Vicar Nikki in the church office!
Here is the Amazon wish list -
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ION1CNCX00M3?ref=wl_share.

Help Needed

Local families in the Pottstown area need our help. Through the end of 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 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
Sandy Seasholtz		

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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY



Sometimes we take things in life for granted. Even important things. Here are just a few of the ways people here have seen God at work through our church. These are all from members at NHELC.

- They say “God works in mysterious ways”. At NHELC, God’s moves are out in the open. Our support for feeding the needy through our food ministry and our dedication to the learning center show how God moves within NHELC. - **Anonymous**
- I see God moving at NHELC through the way people are coming together and building a stronger sense of community. I see him working through the relationships being formed, the willingness of people to serve one another, and the way our church continues to create opportunities for families and individuals to feel welcomed, supported, and connected.

I also see God moving through the hearts of our children and families. There is something really special about watching children learn about God, grow in their faith, and feel that they belong. I believe God is using NHELC to plant seeds that will continue to grow for years to come.

Most of all, I see God moving whenever people step outside of themselves to serve, encourage, pray for, and care for others. Those moments may seem small, but I believe they are where God is doing some of His greatest work. – **Zach Q.**

- I see God moving in the congregation’s assorted mission and outreach programs, especially when I see or hear comments out in the surrounding community about what NHELC is doing that the commentator thinks is really good. I see God in how the congregational community at NHELC is like a family, not just in the expected, stereotypical, “church family” way, but also in a “let’s do fun things together! Meals, games, parties!” I see God in NHELC’s vibrant history...that the congregation is still continuing with today. -**Bethlyn B.**
- I see God in the growing youth involvement. That makes my day to see that many youth engage with each other. Most will even speak when spoken to (nicely). – **Marty H.**
- I see God with any ministry where the church is reaching beyond its own walls to actively live Christ’s love for our neighborhoods. Like Sunshine Learning Center, Food Ministry, Rejoicing Spirits, RIC. – **Josh Y.**
- I see God building our ministries right now. We’re at a place where our ideas are finally taking off and we are in the growing pains of success. It gets harder before it gets easier but I think God is working us through the process to help us identify our strengths and gifts to encourage us to take ownership. - **Anonymous**

What a beautiful community! God is certainly active here. Together we look will be able to support another year of vibrant ministry. *Vicar Nikkī Young*

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GENEROSITY AND JOY

Let's stop thinking about giving as just this moral obligation and start thinking of it as a source of pleasure. -Dr. Elizabeth Dunn, University of British Columbia

God created us to find joy in giving. Dr. Dunn, in her social science research, finds a direct relationship between generosity and joy. When people give and they see the impact of their gift, it brings them joy. She found this across ages and cultures. It's how God created us.

It's easy for generosity to feel like something we SHOULD do. Many organizations make us feel guilty if we don't give something. That completely misses the point.

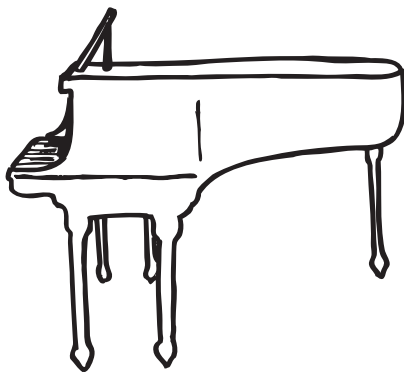
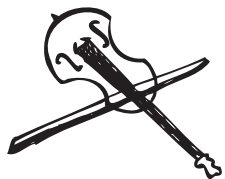
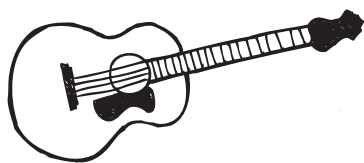
Let us reclaim the joy of giving by clearly seeing the impact of the gifts. It's not simply about dollars towards a goal. It's about making the world a better place.

How might the next step on our journey of generosity lead you to joy?



Jesus told us we should listen. Listen in church. What do you hear?

Draw lines to match the church sounds with the person who makes the sound.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 19

- Today is the **19th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- We can grow in our faith by **listening** to God.

God looks at the whole picture of who we are. God knows us inside and outside. Color the tree. Then color the background behind the tree and the road.





Jesus was there to save them, but they weren't even listening.

When we listen to Jesus, he tells us to...



LOVE

CARE

HOPE

SERVE



Brimming with Blessings

Jesus' love fills up with blessings. During communion, look for a cup like the one here. When we celebrate communion, we're filled with Jesus' blessings!

In the cup below draw pictures of some of your blessings—food, clothing, family. How can you share your blessings with others?



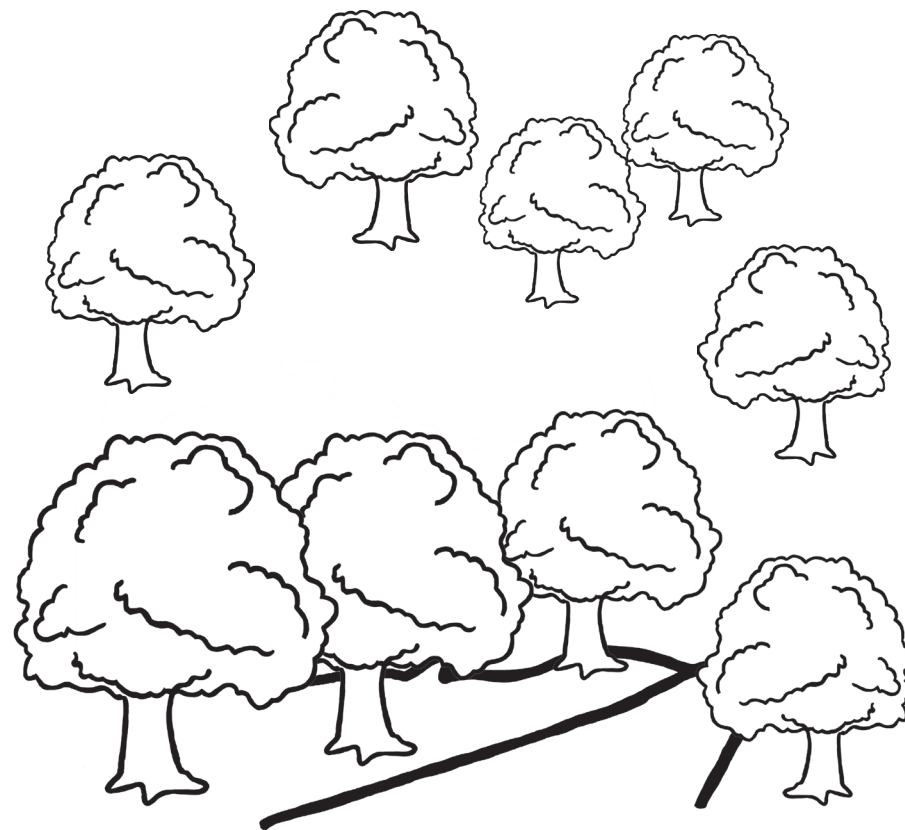
READER

Pentecost 19

- Today is the **19th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is the **longest season** of the church year.
- During Pentecost we have **time to learn** about the risen Christ.

Harvest Time

The Pentecost season includes harvest time. Today's story is about harvest time. During harvest farmers gather their crops and pick their fruit. Fill these trees with an abundant harvest of fruit.



Bible Trivia

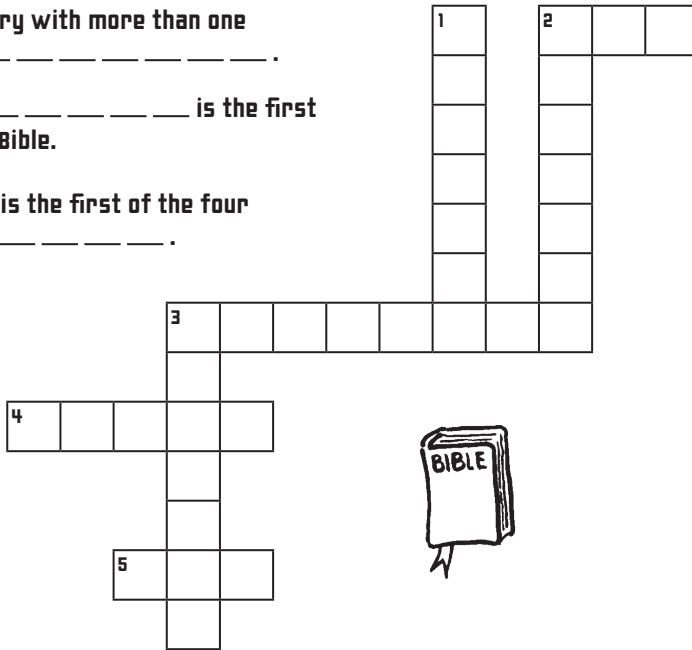
The Bible is full of books and stories. Jesus loved to tell stories and often told parables—short stories with more than one meaning. Today's Gospel is a parable from the book of Matthew. Discover more about your Bible by completing the crossword puzzle below. Ask an adult for help, and have fun!

Across

2. The Bible is all about _____.
3. Gospel means _____.
4. Matthew is the _____ book of the New Testament.
5. The Bible has 2 parts: the _____ Testament and the New Testament.

Down

1. Short story with more than one meaning: _____.
2. _____ is the first book in the Bible.
3. Matthew is the first of the four _____.



More Questions...

- How many pages are in your Bible? _____
- What is your favorite Bible story? _____
- How many books are in the Old Testament? _____
- How many books are in the New Testament? _____

Therefore I tell you, the _____

of God will be taken away from

_____ and given to a

_____ that _____ its

_____.

_____ 21:43

Find the missing words in the fruit trees and add them to the memory verse above.



The Cornerstone

Do you know what a cornerstone is? Have you ever seen one? It is usually a big stone in the corner of a building that helps hold the whole building up. Listen today and you'll hear that Jesus is a cornerstone for the whole world. Jesus holds us up!

Draw Jesus as the cornerstone of the earth.
He's holding us up!



Memory Verse



Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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Cornerstone

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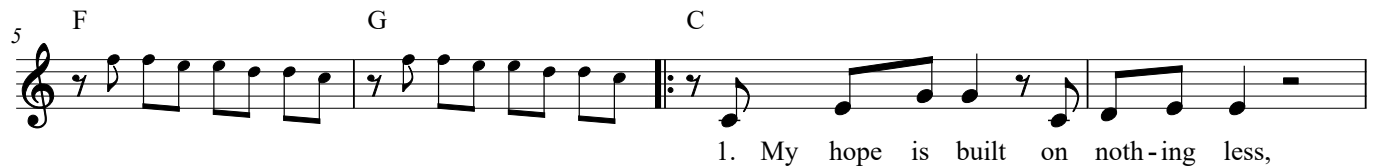
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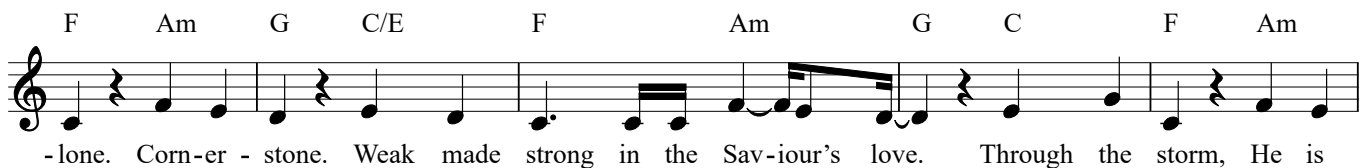
INTRO



VERSE 1



CHORUS



VERSE 2 & 3



27 F G Am

hide His face, I rest on His un-chang-ing grace. In ev-'ry high and
trump-et sound, oh may I then in Him be found. Dressed in His right-cous-

31 Am/G F G C F G

2nd time to Coda Φ

storm-y gale, my an-chor holds with-in the veil. My an-chor holds with-in
-ness a-lone. Fault-less stand be-fore

CHORUS

35 C F Am G C/E F Am

the veil. Christ a-lone. Corn-er-stone. Weak made strong in the Sav-iour's love.

INTERLUDE

40 G C F Am G C Am

Through the storm, He is Lord. Lord of all. He is Lord.

(1) F G C/E G C

46

Lord of all. Christ a-Lord. Lord of all. Christ a-

3 G C

52 D.S. al Coda Φ Coda

-Lord. Lord of all. the throne.

58

A musical staff in treble clef. The staff is divided into two measures by a vertical bar line. The first measure contains a whole note on the second line (F4). The second measure contains a whole note on the second space (G4). The staff ends with a double bar line.

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



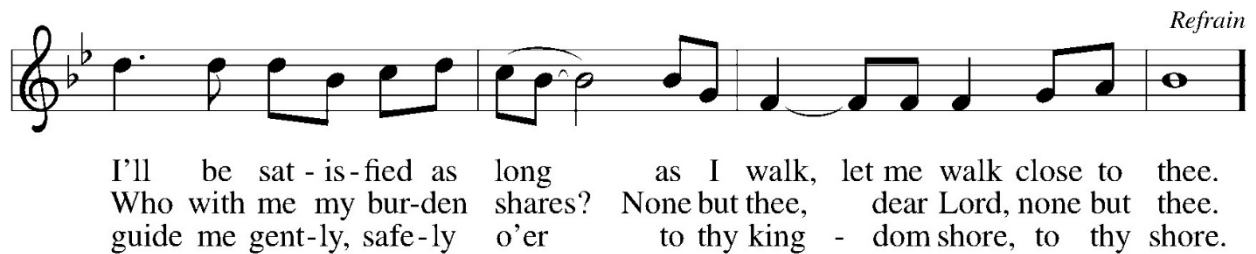
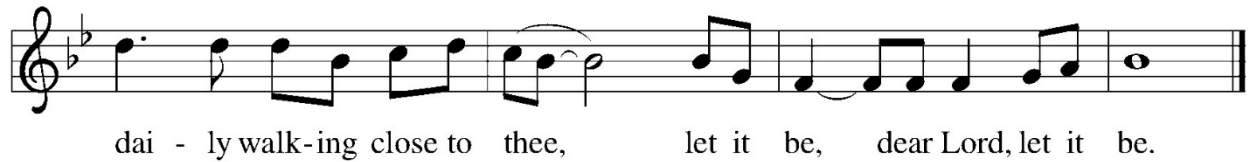
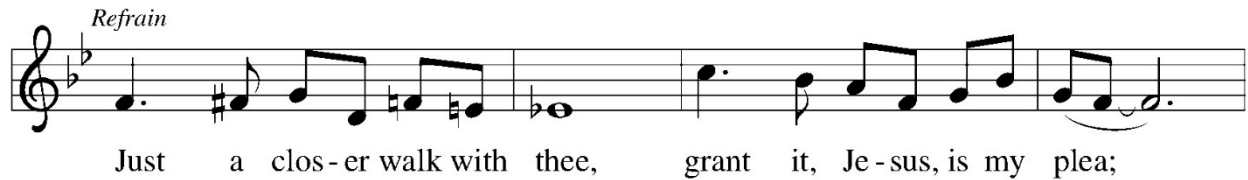
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Lord our God, with Praise We Come



1 Lord our God, with praise we come be - fore you.
2 God is God, though lands were all for - sak - en.
3 Vales and hills shall move from their foun - da - tions;



Let all na - tions hum - bly now im - plore you.
God is God, though all by death were tak - en.
heav'n and earth shall crash in con - ster - na - tion;



May we en - deav - or to praise you ev - er, and
Al - though all rac - es had left no trac - es, in
moun - tains tran - scend - ing will have their end - ing. Then



ceas - ing nev - er, may we for - ev - er a - dore you.
star - ry spac - es God's love em - brac - es cre - a - tion.
Christ de - scend - ing shall bring un - end - ing sal - va - tion.

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