

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

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026**

*"Give to Caesar
the things that
are Caesar's
and to God
the things that
are God's."*



Matthew 22:21

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of 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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newhanoverlutheran.org
facebook.com/NewHanoverLutheranChurch
and on YouTube.**

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

Welcome Statement

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

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

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

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

Organ Prelude *Little Prelude and Fugue in F minor*

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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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Bethlyn Bechtel

A reading from the book of Isaiah

¹ Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms

Psalms 96:1-13

Bethlyn Bechtel

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴ **For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
⁸ **Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**
⁹ Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.
¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm
that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."**
¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at your coming, O Lord,
for you come to judge the earth.**

¹³ You will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with your truth.

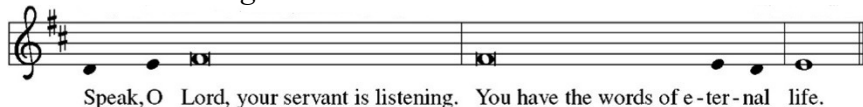
Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

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Chancel Choir sings verse



Congregation repeats alleluia

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Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said.

¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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 *Shout to the Lord*

Grace Band

My Jesus, my Savior

Lord, there is none like You

All of my days, I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am

Never cease to worship You

Chorus:

Shout to the Lord

All the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty

Praise to the King

Mountains bow down

And the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy

At the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You

Forever I'll stand

Nothing compares to the promise

I have in You

Repeat from the beginning

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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

Forever Blest Is He

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.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

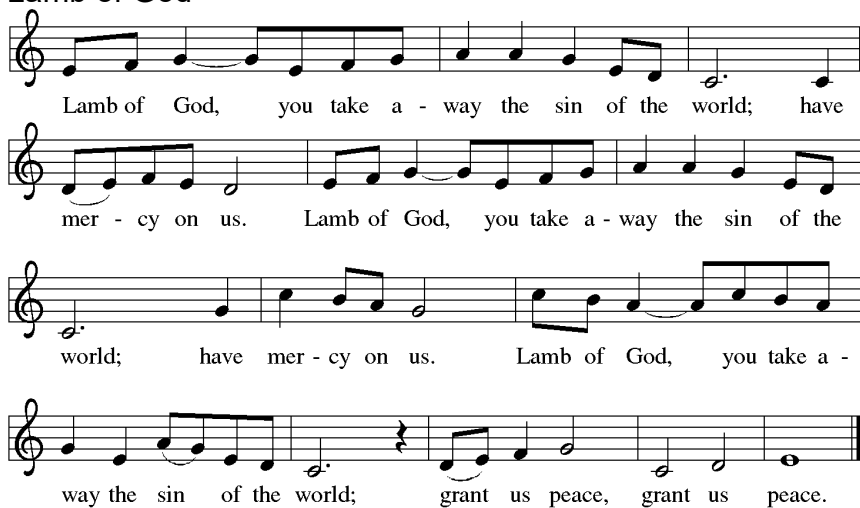
Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Christ invites you to this table.

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

Lamb of God



Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Song *The Heart of Worship*

Grace Band

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Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

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

Amen.

Please rise as you are able.

Sending Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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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

Toccata in Seven

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Brian Tracey, who is serving as the supply organist this morning.

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary by Lincoln and Barbara Noecker.

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: Todd Roethermel, head usher; Steve Weidner and Georgann Geiser, ushers; Bethlyn Bechtel, lector; Maddie Hansley, acolyte; Terry Santangelo and Erica Lucas, communion assistants

Next Sunday: Steve Weidner, head usher; Sharon and Bill Tracey, ushers; Nance White, lector; Lindsey Waltermeyer, children's sermon; Maddie Artim, acolyte; Terry Santangelo and Erica Lucas, communion assistants

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

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.

Join the Rejoicing Spirits service this afternoon at 3:00 in NHELHC's sanctuary for an uplifting worship experience. The Rejoicing Spirits ministry is geared toward people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, but provides a meaningful worship experience for people of all abilities. Come at 2:30 for refreshments and a social. For more information, contact Donna Kehs or Stacey Rothermel.

Have a pastoral emergency?
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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

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

Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, St. James Pottstown
Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM, room 1, sanctuary

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1

AARP – Monday, 11:30 AM, room 1

Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary

Cub Scouts – 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

Walnut Woods Service – Wednesday, 10:00 AM

Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, welcome center

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

Sunshine Learning Center Gym – Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, room 1

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

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

Sunshine Learning Center Music – Friday, 9:00 – 12:00 noon, room 1

Communion Set Up – Saturday, 9:00 AM, sacristy and sanctuary

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, parking lot

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 – 10:30 AM, sanctuary

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

Pumpkin Frolic – Next Sunday, 3:00 – 5:00 PM, room 1

Trunk or Treat this Saturday, 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#/>.

Upcoming Events

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. A sign-up sheet is on the desk in the welcome center or sign up 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.

The Garden of Hope has harvested 2,402 pounds of fresh organic produce this year (that's over a ton of food!), which was equally distributed, free of charge, to the Boyertown and Pottstown Food Pantries. This effort was completed leveraging 387 volunteer hours. Many thanks to all who assisted in this amazing ministry! The growing season has ended and we'll be scheduling our year-end garden closing shortly. Look for another bulletin announcement in the next week or two for the date and time. All are welcome to assist. No skills necessary!

“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](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ION1CNCX00M3?ref=wl_share).

The NHELC Book Club is reading “Mother, Like Mother” by Susan Rieger. Join the club for dinner and book discussion at the WQ Diner in Pottstown on Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:30 PM. Any questions about the book club, contact Sharon Tracey at LBD36@aol.com.

The Zion Choral, an 80-member choir presents a “Hope of Heaven” concert on Sunday, November 1st, at the Trinity EC Church at 3:00 PM. Trinity is located at 250 Sweinhart Road in Boyertown. For more information, go to www.zionchoral.com or follow the choir on Facebook at Facebook@ZionChoral.

“Salute to Our Veterans” concert, sponsored by The Boyertown Rotary Club, will be held on Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 PM at St John’s Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 PM. Featured will be the Boyertown East West Middle School Show Choir and the keynote speaker, Commander John Greason, U.S. Coast Guard (retired), and Bronze Star recipient. St. John’s is located at 45 North Reading Avenue in Boyertown.

Falkner Swamp United Church of Christ is hosting an organ concert on Sunday, November 8th, at 3:00 PM. Organists featured are Vincent Ryan, minister of music and organist at Advent Lutheran Church in Harleysville, and Philip Crush, music director and organist at Trinity Lutheran Church in Perkasie. A welcome reception will follow the concert.

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 NHELCC?

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

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.

Thank You

Thank you for your continuous donation of calendars. Keep up the good work. We will be sending them on the Phoenix Prison as we receive them. A simple act like the giving of a calendar can absolutely “make one’s day.”

Prayer Requests

Phoenix Prison: During the Sunday church service at Phoenix, a time is provided for the men to write a prayer request. These prayers are then sent to the Rev. Gates to be shared among many churches and individuals. You can support the inmates by praying their prayer requests.

Pray for my family and friends that need to find the Lord and that I can speak to them and get them to see how good God is and how He will change all our lives for the better. – C.M.

Pray for the sick, mental to get better and help each other. Pray for the people in this world. “Trust Jesus” always.

Grieving: Family and friends of Betty Karver

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
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Lucille Powell	Joan Scheffey	Chuck Beck
Rich Freed	Joe	Joe
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Tara Hauck	Hazel LeVan	David Gottshall
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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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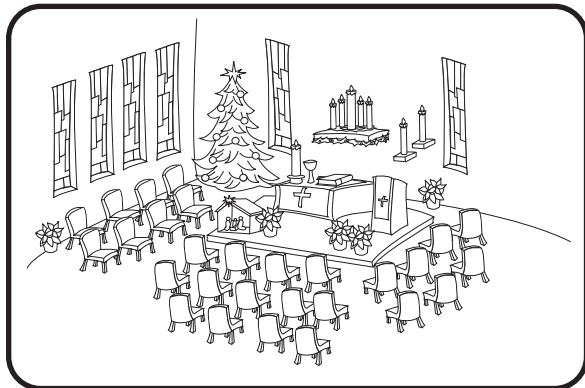
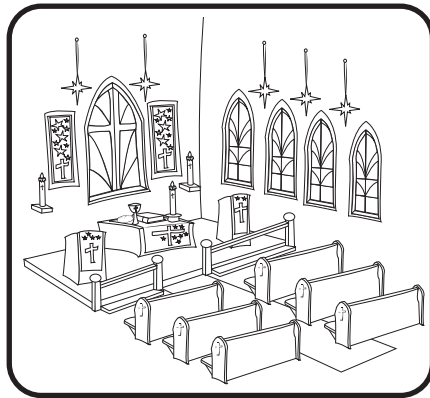
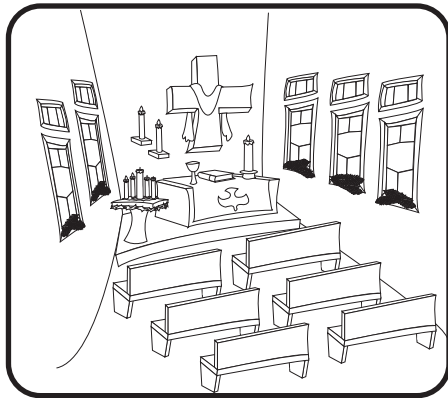
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We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

We belong to God. God gives us a place to call home.
One place we can call home is our church.

Color in these church homes.

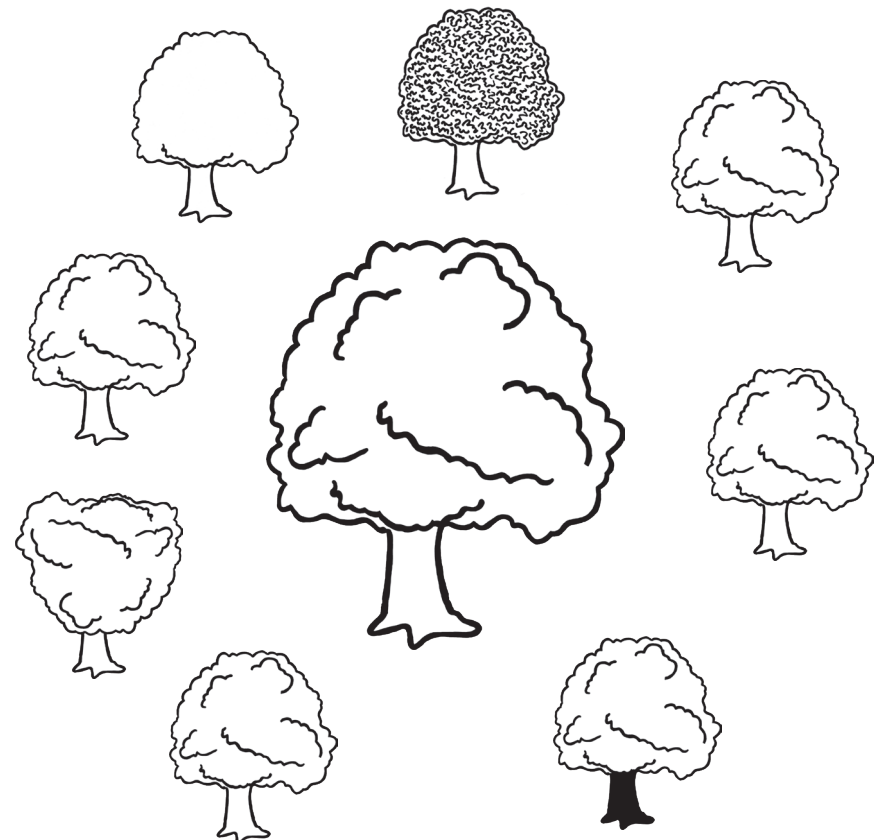


PRE-READER

Pentecost 21

- Today is the **21st Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God helps us grow by **loving us**.

Sometimes we have to look very closely to see what belongs together. Look at the tree in the middle. Find the trees that match this tree. Draw lines from the trees that match to the tree in the middle.

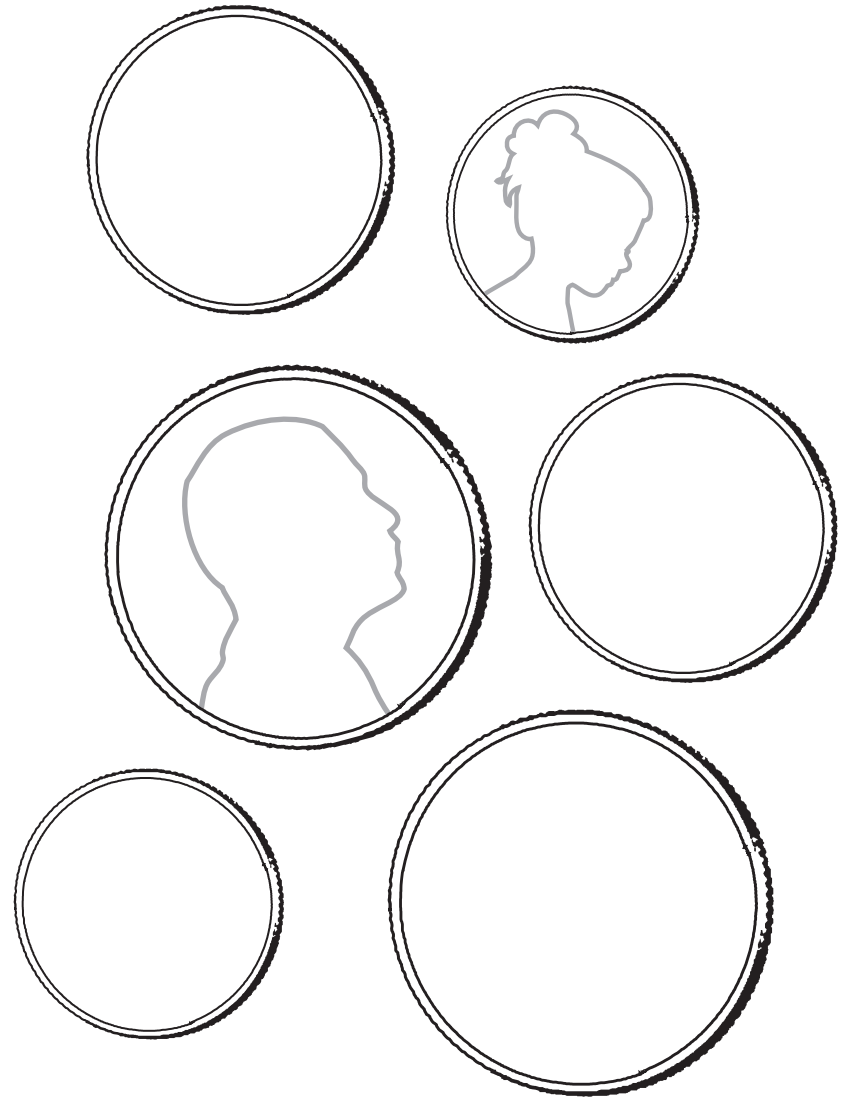




“Then give to God the things that are God’s,” said Jesus.

Jesus said, “Give to God the things that are God’s.”
We belong to God.

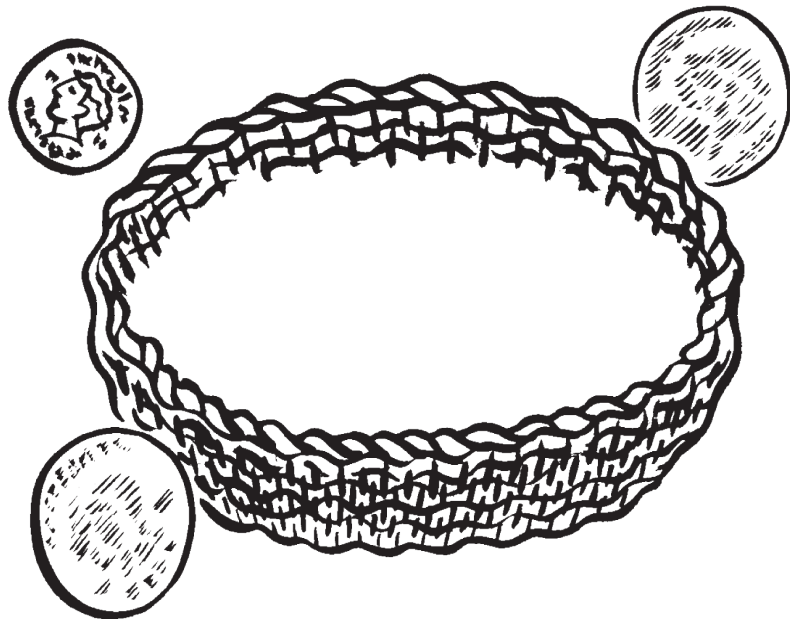
**Draw your face in the middle of a circle.
Draw your friends’ faces in other circles.**



Our Offerings

Worship includes offering gifts of money. These gifts are used to serve God in many ways. A coin in biblical times, called a *denarius*, had a picture of the emperor. What pictures are on the coins you offer to God?

Fill in the offering basket with coin rubbings. Place coins under this page and rub over the paper with a pencil. Try both sides of the coin. Who do you see?



READER

Pentecost 21

- Today is the **21st** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost is sometimes called **Ordinary Time**.
- Ordinary Time means Pentecost is an **ordinal**, or counting, time.

Created by God

How do you make a tree? You are about to find out. Copy what you see in each box at the bottom into the boxes at the top. See what you can make!

	1	2	3	4	
A					C1
B					D1
C					B4
D					D3

B1	D4	A2	C4	A3	C2
B3	D2	A1	B2	A4	C3

Give to God

Matthew 22:15-22

Did you hear it in today's Gospel? "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." Okay, what things are God's? Have you ever thought about it?

The Bible begins with an answer to that question. In creation God separated light from darkness. In the light we can see all the things God made. Look at the pictures.

Color what you see that is new in each frame.



to Caesar

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ \div 24 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

the things that
are God's

$$\begin{array}{r} 4.25 \\ + 1.75 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

the things
that are

$$\begin{array}{r} 99 \\ - 96 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

and to
God

$$\begin{array}{r} 17.50 \\ - 12.50 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Give therefore

$$\begin{array}{r} 77 \\ \div 77 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Caesar's

$$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ \div 25 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Solve the math problems to the left to find out the order of the phrases. Look up Matthew 22:21 if you need help.

Memory Verse



to Caesar		
1	2	3
4	5	6

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



- 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
- 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
- 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
- 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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Shout To The Lord

(as published by Hillsong Music)

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VERSE

A E F#m E D



My Je - sus, my Sav - iour, Lord, there is none like You; All of my days

5 A/C# D A/E F#m G D/F# Esus E D/E A



I want to praise the won - ders of Your might - y love. My com - fort,

10 E F#m E D A/C# D A/E



my shel - ter, tow - er of ref - uge and strength; Let ev - 'ry breath, all that I am,

CHORUS

14 F#m G D/F# Esus E A F#m D D/E E



nev - er cease to wor - ship You. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing.

19 A F#m D Esus E F#m



Pow - er and maj - es - ty, praise to the King. Moun - tains bow down and the seas

22 D E F#m E/G# A F#m



will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work

26

D D/E E A F#m D Esus E

of Your hands, for - ev - er I'll love You, for - ev - er I'll stand,

29

F#m D D/E E A

noth - ing com - pares to the prom - ise I have in You.

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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