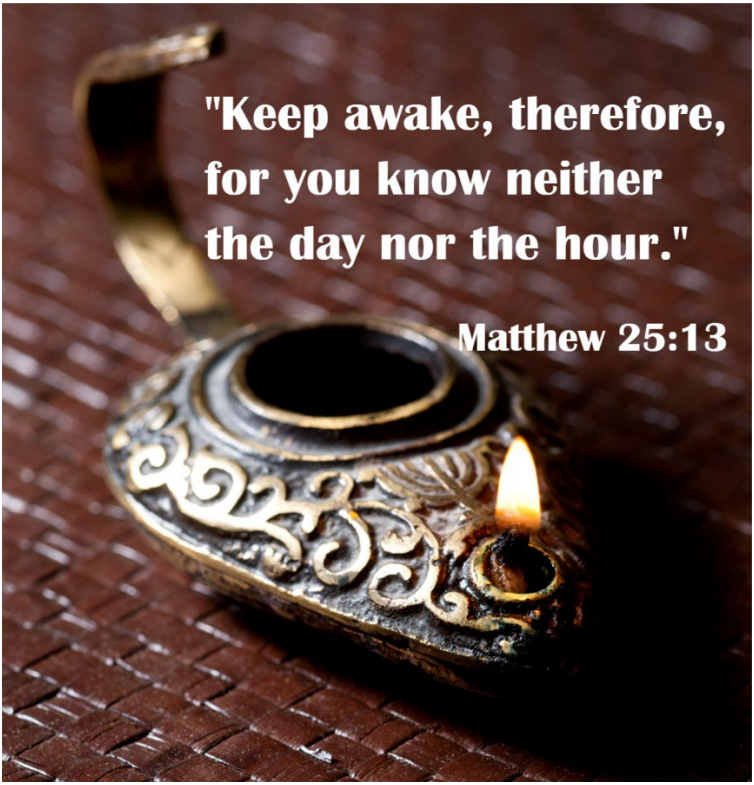
Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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

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

Welcome Statement

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

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

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

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

Organ Prelude *Chapel Aria*

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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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn *My Lord, What a Morning* ELW #438

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Centering Song *Our God* KFC Band

Verse 1
Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Verse 2:
Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus:
Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power, our God, our God

Verse 2

Chorus 2x

Bridge:
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
Then what could stand against

Chorus 2x

Bridge

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Please be seated.

Children's Message — Janine Springer

First Reading — Amos 5:18-24 — Donna Kehs

A reading from the book of Amos

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

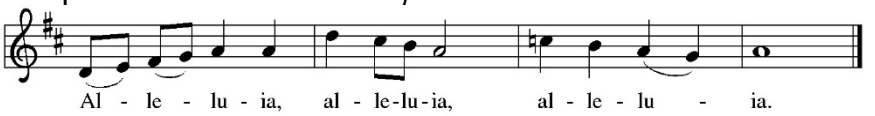
Psalm — Psalm 70 — Donna Kehs

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

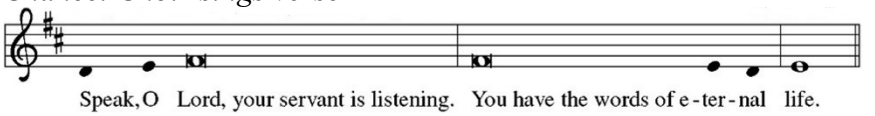
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever,
"Great is the Lord!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gospel Acclamation*



Chancel Choir sings verse



Congregation repeats alleluia

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Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for

yourselves.’ [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women
came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ [12] But he replied,
‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ [13] Keep awake, therefore, for
you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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 *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Grace Band
Chorus:
Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I’ll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it’s a new day dawning
It’s time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus

You’re rich in love and You’re slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus 2x

Ending:
Worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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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

God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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.

Please be seated.

Veteran Recognition *Armed Force Medley*

Veterans, and those on active duty, please stand up when your Service Branch tune is played, and remain standing. Assembly, please hold appreciation until all service branches are played. Thank you all for your service.

ARMY

Over hill, over dale
as we hit the dusty trail
and the army goes rolling along
in and out, hear them shout
"counter march, and right about!"
and the army goes rolling along
Then its Hi! hi! Hee! in the field artillery
shout out your numbers loud and strong!
for where'er you go, you will always know
that the army goes rolling along

US COAST GUARD

We're always ready for the call,
We place our trust in Thee.
Through surf and storm and howling gale,
High shall our purpose be,
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our fame, our glory, too.
To fight to save or fight and die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you.

NAVY
Anchors Aweigh, my boys,
Anchors Aweigh.
Farewell to foreign shores,
We sail at break of day-ay-ay-ay.
Through our last night ashore,
Drink to the foam,
Until we meet once more.
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home.

MARINES
From the halls of Montezuma,
to the shores of Tripoli;
we fight our country's battles
in the air, on land and sea
first we fight for rights and freedom
and to keep our honor clean;
we are proud to claim the title
of the United States Marine!

AIR FORCE
Off we go, into the wild blue yonder
climbing high into the sun!
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder
At 'em boys, give 'er the gun!
down we dive, spouting our flame from under
off with one heck of a roar!
we live in fame or go down in flame
Hey! Nothing will stop the U.S Air Force!

Please rise as you are able.

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 *I Was Glad* Chancel Choir

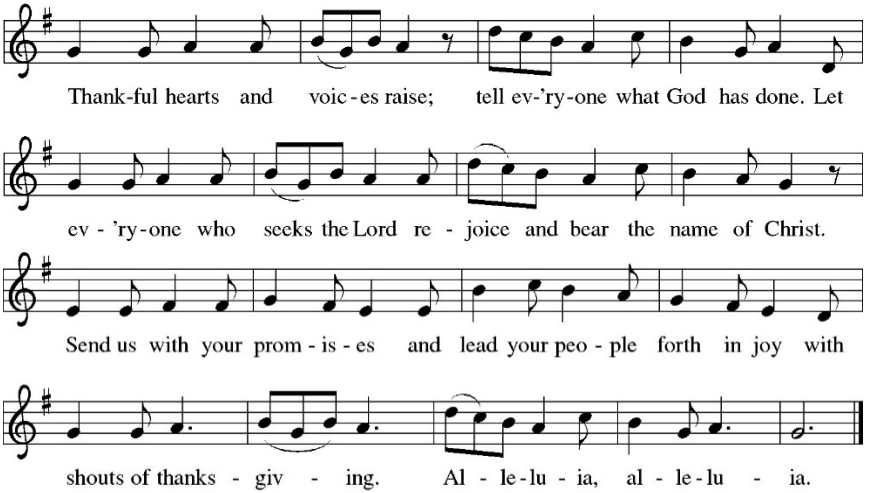
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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*



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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Offering Prayer

Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Litany of Celebration and Commitment for NHELC

Janet Psota: Christ be with you!
A: And also with you!

Janet Psota: This congregation became a Reconciling in Christ community in 2025. Let us celebrate that journey and how it still infuses our ministry of hospitality, welcome, affirmation, and justice.

Welcome Statement

Janet Psota: In years past we have strived to live into the hospitality and promises in our welcome statement, but we know there is always more to learn and more to do to support people who have been marginalized in our community. We promise to listen to the stories and honor the experiences of our neighbors who are members of these marginalized communities so that we can better understand the difficulties of living as themselves in our church and society.
A: We have open hearts and open minds and strive to learn more about our many different neighbors.

Dee Singly: In the years ahead, we commit to continue to work towards full inclusion in our congregation and in our community. We promise to work together with others to make this space one that provides a welcome in both words and deeds, one that is safe from humiliation and violence and offers sanctuary to those cast out by families and shunned by friends.
A: We commit to the spirit of hospitality and authentic welcome.

Dee Singly: We renew our commitment to welcome all who have been treated as less than or who were told they do not belong, especially transgender, non-binary, and intersex people. We also commit to welcome and support women, children, and foreigners who have been ignored or treated like property.
A: We commit to the work of justice and inclusion.

Josh Young: We renew our commitment to advocate for all LGBTQIA+ people as well as renew our commitment to racial and gender equity. We commit to advocacy and support for immigrants regardless of status. We commit to advocacy and

support for neurodiverse and disabled people, who are often targets for shaming language that diminishes their humanity.
A: We commit to using our voices to speak up for those who have been rendered voiceless in our church and society. We promise to continue to advocate for inclusion, affirmation, and justice in our church and in our community and in the wider world even when we encounter resistance or ignorance, or when our steps falter as we grow tired.
We promise all these things as we take another step in our journey towards understanding God's asymmetrical love.

Josh Young: Let us pray: O God of compassion and liberation, guide our feet as we strive to walk the good road with Jesus, a road towards justice. We ask You to strengthen our hands as we use them to build Your Blessed Community with space at the table for all of God's beloveds. We ask You to support our voices as we speak words of welcome and compassion. We ask Your Spirit to inspire and sustain us when our hearts grow weary, when our steps falter, when our boats feel so small on an endless ocean of pain and suffering. Be with us in and out of every day and night.
And as God's children we say: **Amen!**

Sending Hymn *Blessed Assurance* ELW #638

Blessing
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.
Amen.

Dismissal
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *To the God of Glory*

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Announcements

Today

The bulletin and flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in memory of her husband, Herbert, by Janet Burkhart.

The extra floral bouquet is presented to the Glory of God in honor of Doris Gross' birthday with love from her family. Doris will celebrate her 100th birthday on November 12th.

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: Dee Singley, head usher; Kye Singley, Terry Santangelo, Alivia and Kady Singley, ushers; Donna Kehs, lector; Janine Springer, children's sermon; Alivia Singley, acolyte

Next Sunday: Barbara Repa, head usher; Zach Quigley, usher; Leslie Gates, lector; Lenore Gates, children's sermon; Charlotte Moser, acolyte

Altar Guild members who are serving this month: Nancy Gross, Terry Santangelo and Janet Psota

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
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – Today, 10:15 AM, room 1
J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Today, 10:55 – 11:20 AM, room 15
Grace Band Rehearsal – Today, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Staff Meeting – Monday, 10:30 AM, room 20A
Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 24-25, 28-34, 37

Sunshine Learning Center – Tuesday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 7
Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
Finance – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Zoom

Women's Breakfast – Wednesday, 8:30 AM, Shorty's Sunflower Café, Pottstown
Sunshine Learning Center Gym – Wednesday, 9:00 AM – Noon, room 1
Food Drop Off – Wednesday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Wednesday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Endowment – Wednesday, 10:30 AM, room 7
Addiction 12 Step – Wednesday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, welcome center
Chancel Choir – Wednesday, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, room 15
Food Ministry Board – Wednesday, 6:30 PM, Zoom
Cub Committee – Wednesday, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, room 7

Sunshine Learning Center Music – Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, room 1
Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry – Thursday, 2:00 PM, room 1
Handbell Choir Rehearsal –Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, sanctuary

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, Pottstown

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
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Grace Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary
Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, St. James, Pottstown
Rejoicing Spirits – Next Sunday, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

Women's Breakfast is this Wednesday, 8:30 AM at Shorty's Sunflower Café on North Charlotte Street in Pottstown. Reservations are needed. To reserve your seat, contact Lynn Fegley at 484-300-6281 by Tuesday noon. And don't forget, husbands are invited too.

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

"Salute to Our Veterans" concert, sponsored by The Boyertown Rotary Club, will be held this afternoon at 3:00 PM at St John's Lutheran Church. 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 this afternoon 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.

Upcoming Events

Fellowship will honor Chef Chris on Sunday, November 22nd. The Fellowship Committee is hosting a fellowship hour following the worship service to honor and thank Chef Chris Fatzinger for his service through the Loaves and Fishes Food Ministry.

Advent Social Sunday, December 13th, 10:15 AM This year, the annual Advent Social will be held directly after the church service. Join in the seasonal activities include making crafts, playing games and decorating cookies. Also, we will make bags and cards for NHELC homebound members' December bags. Snacks will be served.
Bring a donation of personal care items such as tissues, toothpaste, individual packaged toothbrushes, Chapstick, lotion, individually wrapped snacks, etc. to be put in the homebound members' December senior bags. There is a paper sign-up sheet on the desk in the welcome center. Watch for a sign-up genius if you'd like to sign up online. Sign up by Sunday, December 6th, to help with planning for this event.

NHELC will hold a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 PM. Invite your family and friends to attend this service of thanksgiving.

The NHELC Book Club is reading "Like 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.

Help Needed

Turkey donations are needed for the Thanksgiving meal for recipients of the Loaves & Fishes Food Ministry. Bring your turkeys to the kitchen on Wednesday or Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM.

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

Oliver Heating and Cooling has launched its 28th Annual Heat for the Holidays program. This program ws created to help local homeowners facing hardships. Partnered with Ferguson, US Supply, J. Lorber Co. and Johnstone Supply, Oliver Heating and Cooling will install a brand-new heating system to a local family in need. If you know of an individual or a family who is having difficulties and could use a new heating system, you can nominate them. Nominees must own their own home and live within the service area including Bucks County, Chester County, Delaware County, Montgomery County, New Castle County or Philadelphia. Write a letter including the nominee's name and contact information, your name and contact information and information describing the circumstances (medical, financial hardship, etc.) to help Oliver understand the situation.
Send the nomination to:
Oliver Heating and Cooling
Attn: Joseph Krasowski
28th Annual Heat for the Holidays
101 Waverly Avenue
Morton, PA 19070
800-522-4884
Or submit the nomination on the website
www.oliverheatcool.com/heat-for-the-holidays
Or email at jkrasowski@oliverhvac.com

Thrivent Action Teams and Choice Dollars Do you have a Thrivent Account? Did you know that Thrivent offers up to two action teams each year to their members? If you have not used them yet, talk to Vicar Nikki about some ideas on how NHELC can use some action teams to help benefit our programs and ministry. There is still time before the end of this year!

Team up with Thrivent for Giving Tuesday! NHELC is teaming up with Thrivent for Giving Tuesday!
Thrivent believes money is a tool, not a goal. That's why they're committing $3 million to support organizations like NHELC through their Giving Tuesday initiative. When you donate today through Thrivent's giving platform, they'll boost your gift so it can do even more for our ministries. Donate today: https://choice-org-

search.apps.thrivent.com/details/100244101269. While you are on the website, you can check if you have any Choice Dollars available to donate.

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 to all who recently contributed to the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Sixty pounds of non-perishable food and personal items were donated.

Thank you for your continuous donation of calendars. Keep up the good work. We will be sending them on to 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.

I pray for peace on earth and for my brothers here and for their families. Thank you Lord, for waking me up for another day to show your love to people. Amen.

I would like to send out a prayer to the hopeless people on the streets. The weather is getting colder and we don't want them to freeze. - John

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

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Luann Hanley
Maxwell Girard
Pr. Kork Moyer
Raul Castro
Wilma Lahr
Doug Weaver
Eric & Wendy Hess
Marceline
Chris Fatzinger
Jen Perez
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RECONCILING IN CHRIST

We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

Today's story is about a wedding. Lots of weddings happen at church.

What do you need for a wedding? Circle those things.



PRE-READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God wants us to grow by **being ready** for God to **show up**.

God wants us to walk on the road of love. God welcomes us on this road. Color in the welcome mat. Use lots of colors. Everyone is welcome.





Jesus told a story about getting ready.

Five bridesmaids put oil in their lamps. They were ready. Five other bridesmaids need our help. We can help them get ready.

We can draw flames on their lamps. We can draw smiles on their faces.



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Get Ready for Worship

Here's a quiz to help you get ready for worship. Circle the letter that matches your answer.

1. **What can you bring to church each week?**
   a. Bible
   b. Headphones
   c. Snacks

2. **How can you get ready to pray during worship?**
   a. Read the bulletin.
   b. Start looking through your hymnal.
   c. Fold your hands and close your eyes.

3. **How can you get ready to sing at church?**
   a. Do some voice warm-up exercises.
   b. Find the hymn numbers in the hymnal or the song in the bulletin service folder.
   c. Do some drum rolls on the pews.

4. **How do we get ready to take communion at church?**
   a. Go to the communion table.
   b. Stare out the window.
   c. Start whistling.

Now try writing your own question or two!

SPARK ACTIVATE FAITH

READER

Pentecost 24

- Today is the **24th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The Pentecost season is the **longest season** of the church year.
- At the **end** of the Pentecost season, we enter **Advent**.
- Advent is the time when we **get ready** for Jesus at Christmas.

Ready, Set, Grow

Jesus tells us to get ready to meet God. What helps us get ready to meet God? Unscramble the words above the road and write your answers on the road.



iebbl
rrayep
eolv
plenhig

Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 25:1

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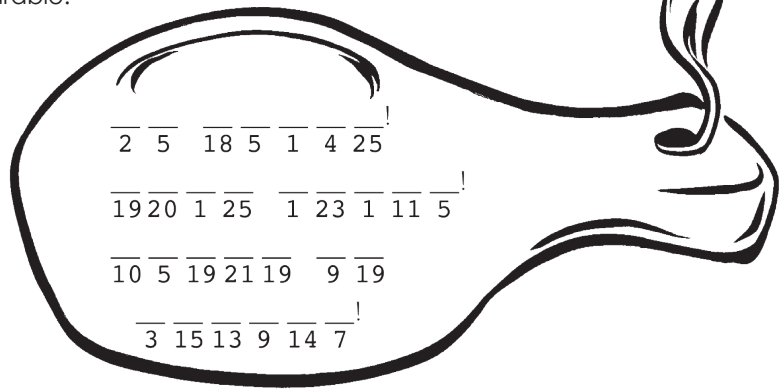
All Is Ready!

The five bridesmaids who were ready had lamps filled with oil. Find them and color their lamps.



Crack the Code

Use the code at the bottom of the page to read the message of today's parable.



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Ready and Waiting

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told many parables about the kingdom of heaven. Find this parable in Matthew.

Fill in the blanks with the correct numbers and read the story.

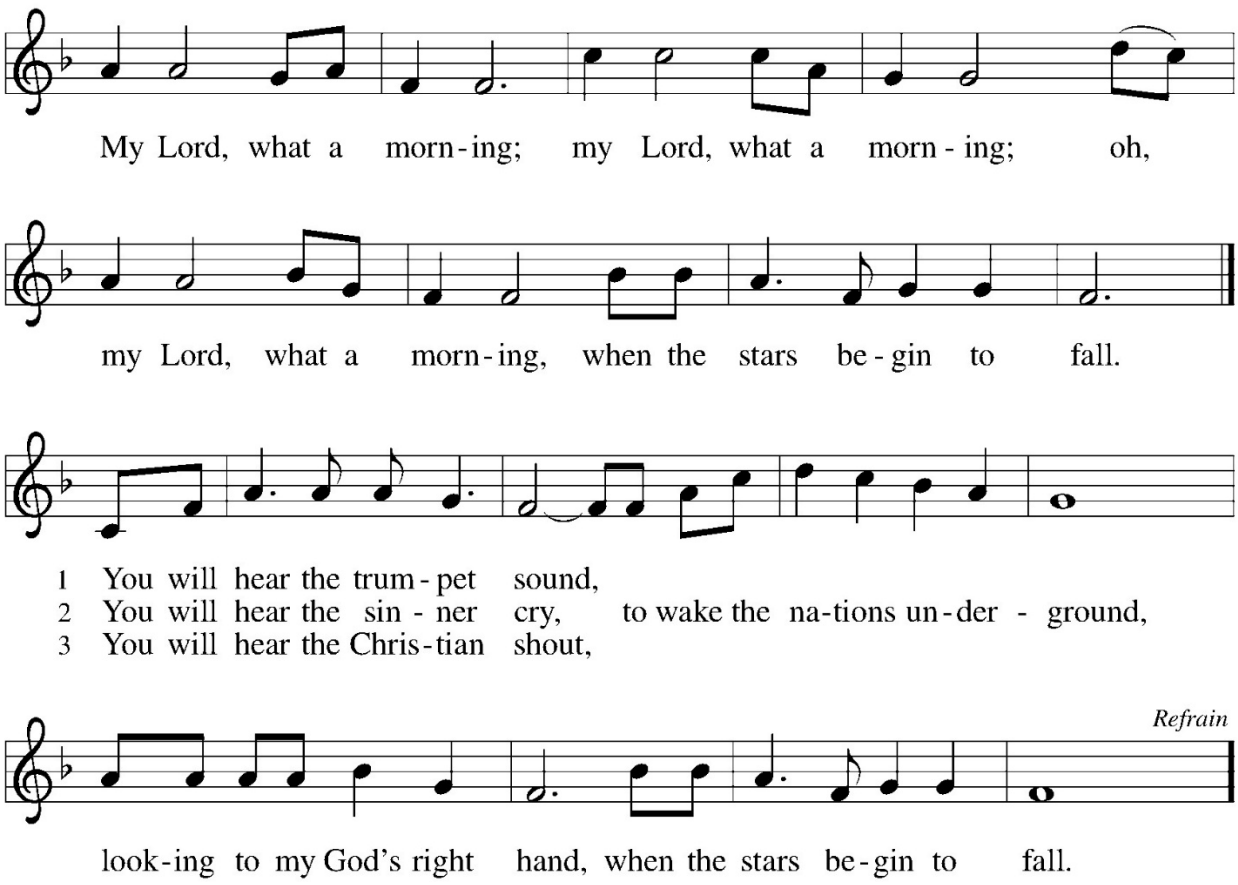
_____ (5+5) took their oil and went to meet the . _____ (4+1) were wise and filled their with oil. _____ (3+2) weren't wise, and didn't fill their with oil. It got to be late at night, and the _____ (9+1) fell asleep. Suddenly, at _____ (11+1) midnight, the arrived. The _____ (1+4) wise lit their oil and went in to the wedding banquet with the . The _____ (2+3) not-so-wise couldn't light their , so they couldn't go to the wedding banquet. Jesus says we should be like the _____ (0+5) wise and be ready!

= bridesmaids = groom = lamps

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My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



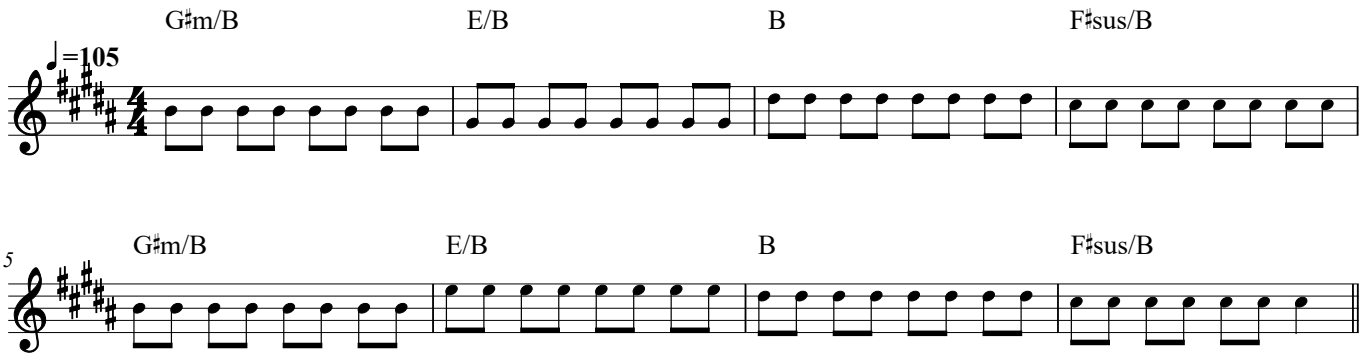
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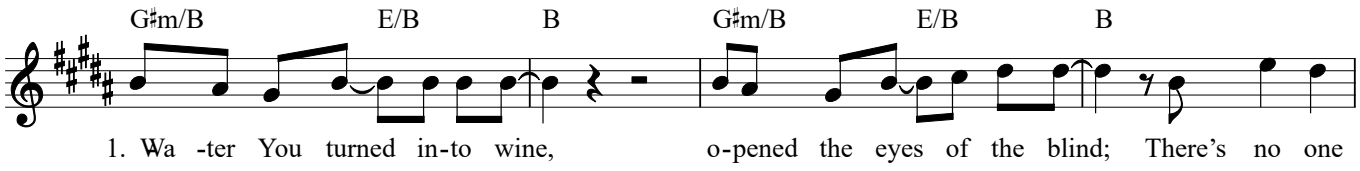
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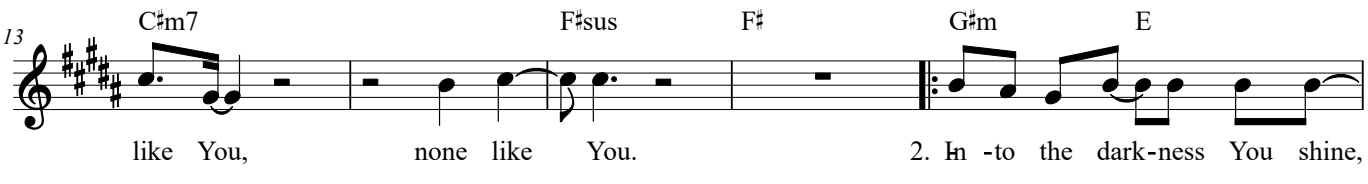
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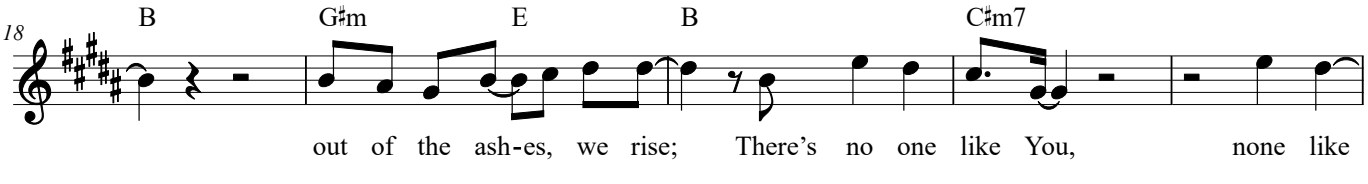


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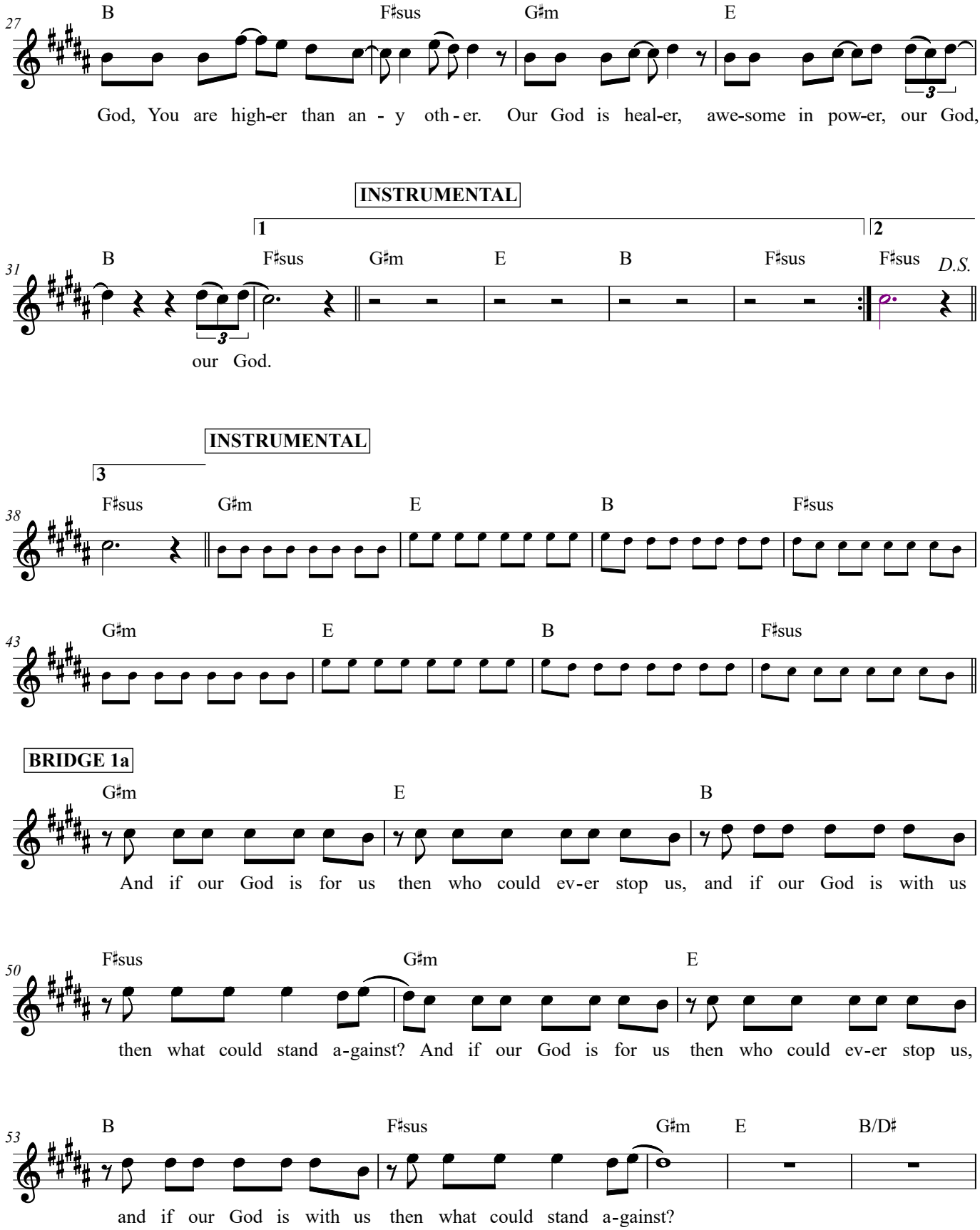




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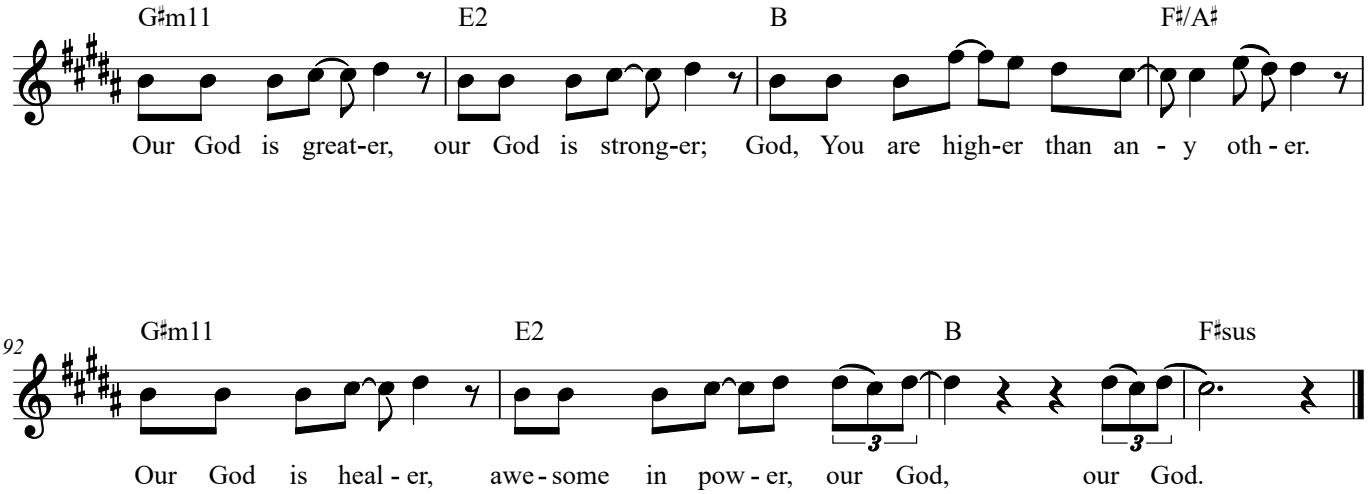


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27
B
F♯sus
G♯m
E
God, You are high-er than an - y oth - er. Our God is heal-er, awe-some in pow-er, our God,
INSTRUMENTAL
1
2
31
B
F♯sus
G♯m
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B
F♯sus
F♯sus
D.S.
our God.
INSTRUMENTAL
3
38
F♯sus
G♯m
E
B
F♯sus
43
G♯m
E
B
F♯sus
BRIDGE 1a
G♯m
E
B
And if our God is for us then who could ev-er stop us, and if our God is with us
50
F♯sus
G♯m
E
then what could stand a-gainst? And if our God is for us then who could ev-er stop us,
53
B
F♯sus
G♯m
E
B/D♯
and if our God is with us then what could stand a-gainst?


58
F♯sus
G♯m
E
B/D♯
F♯sus
What could stand a-gainst?
CHORUS 1b
G♯m11
E2
B
F♯/A♯
Our God is great-er, our God is strong-er; God, You are high-er than an-y oth-er.
67
G♯m11
E2
B
F♯sus
Our God is heal-er, awe-some in pow-er, our God, our God.
BRIDGE 1b
G♯m11
E2
B
And if our God is for us then who could ev-er stop us, and if our God is with us
74
F♯/A♯
G♯m11
E2
then what could stand a-gainst? And if our God is for us then who could ev-er stop us,
77
B
F♯sus
G♯m
E
B/D♯
and if our God is with us then what could stand a-gainst?
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Then what could stand a-gainst?

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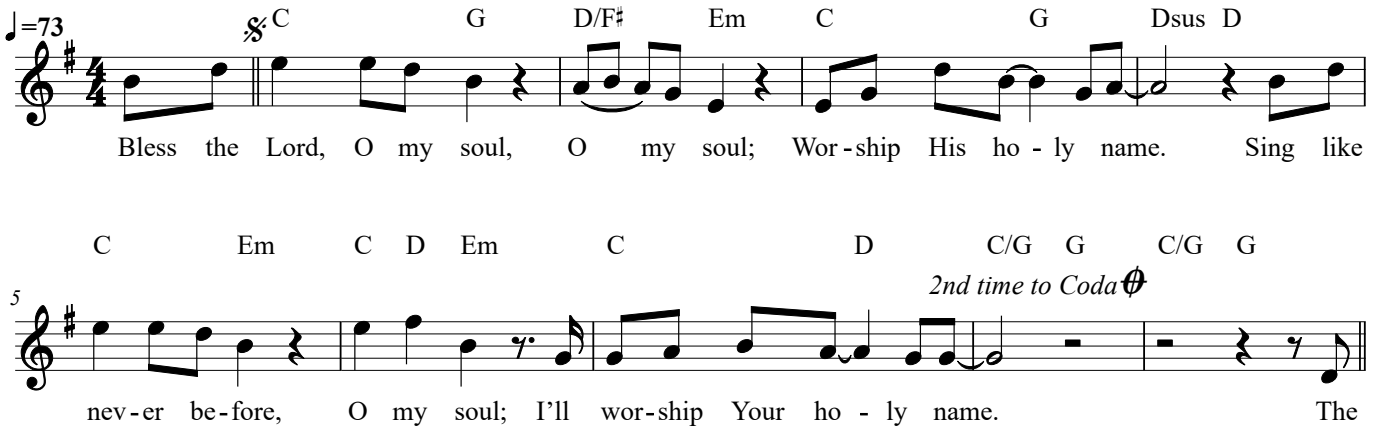

G♯m11
E2
B
F♯/A♯
Our God is great-er, our God is strong-er; God, You are high-er than an - y oth - er.
92
G♯m11
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B
F♯sus
Our God is heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our God, our God.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

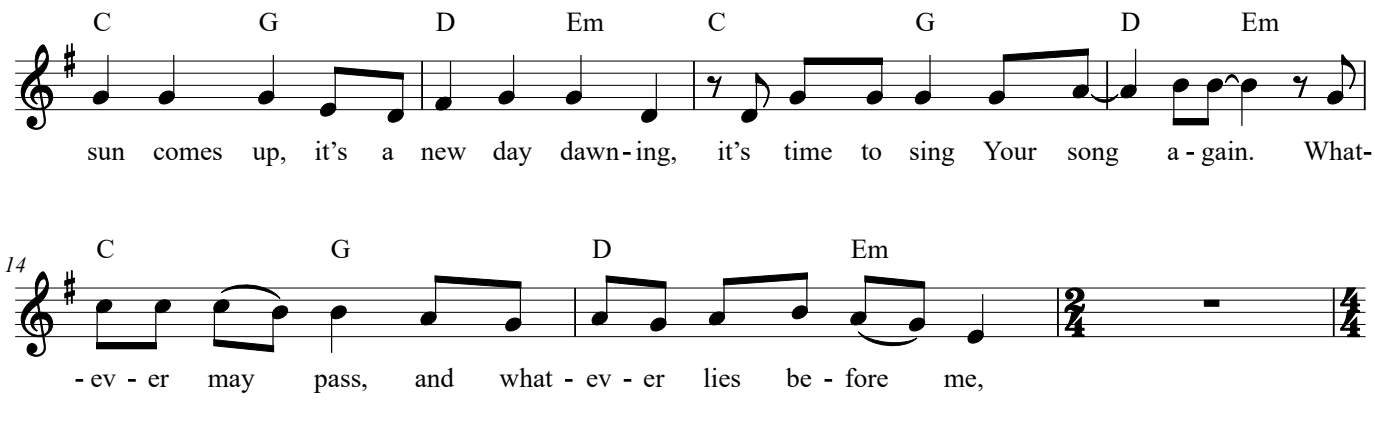
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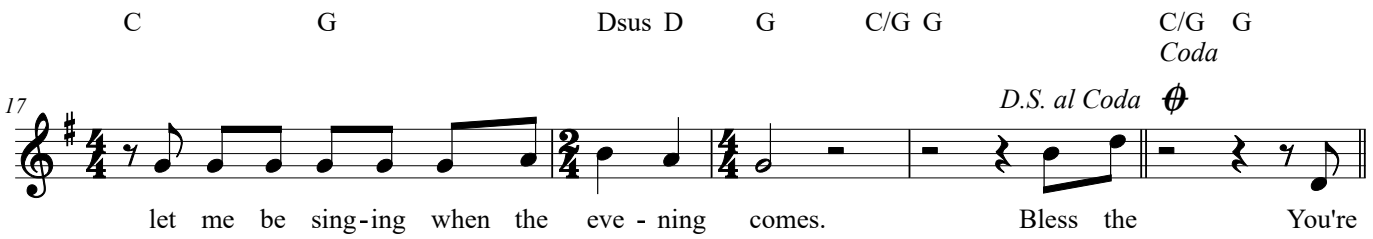
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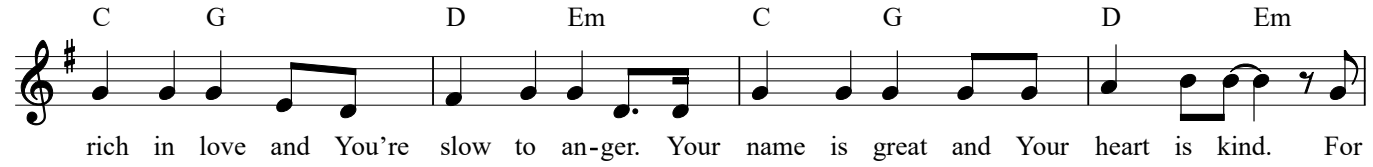


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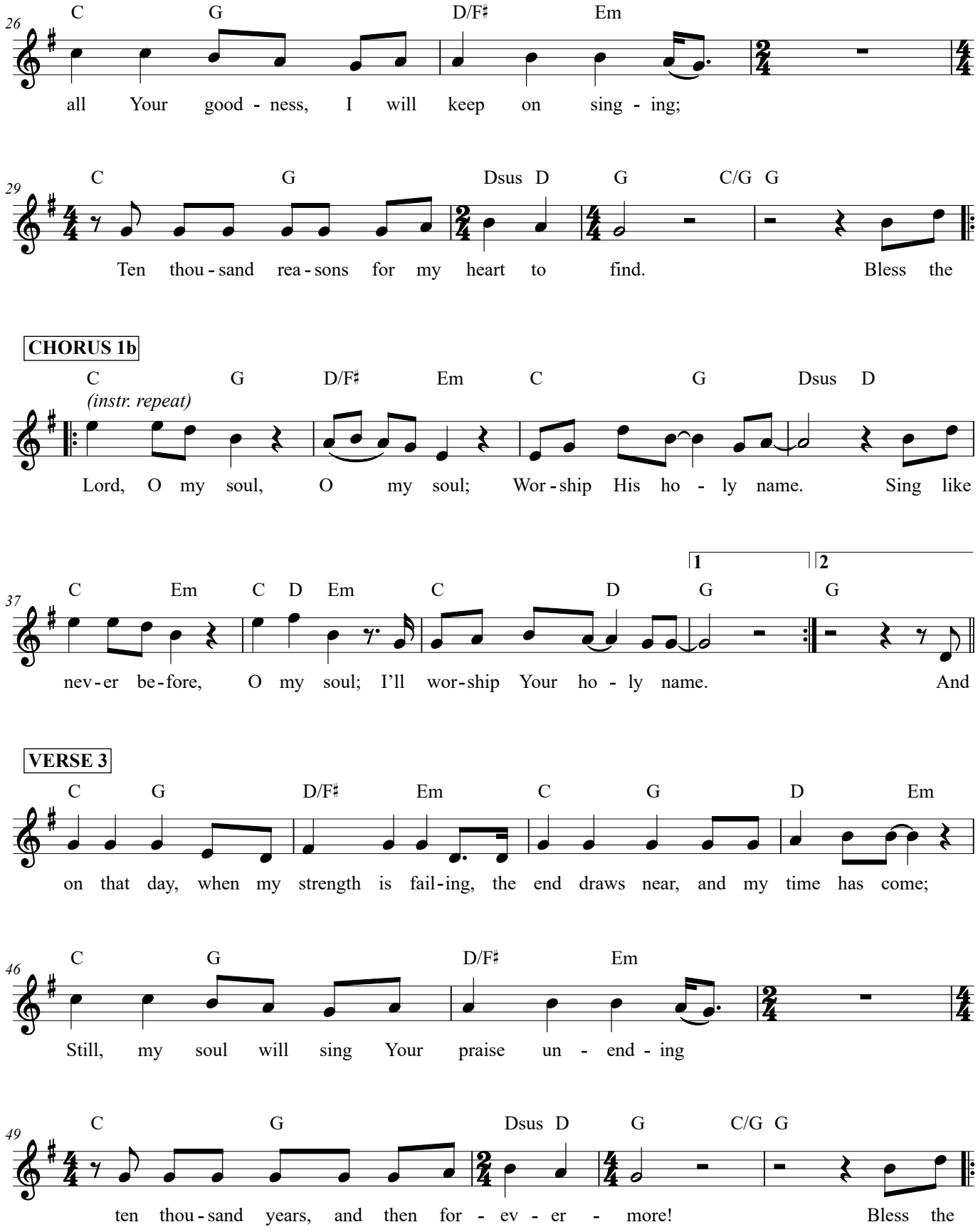




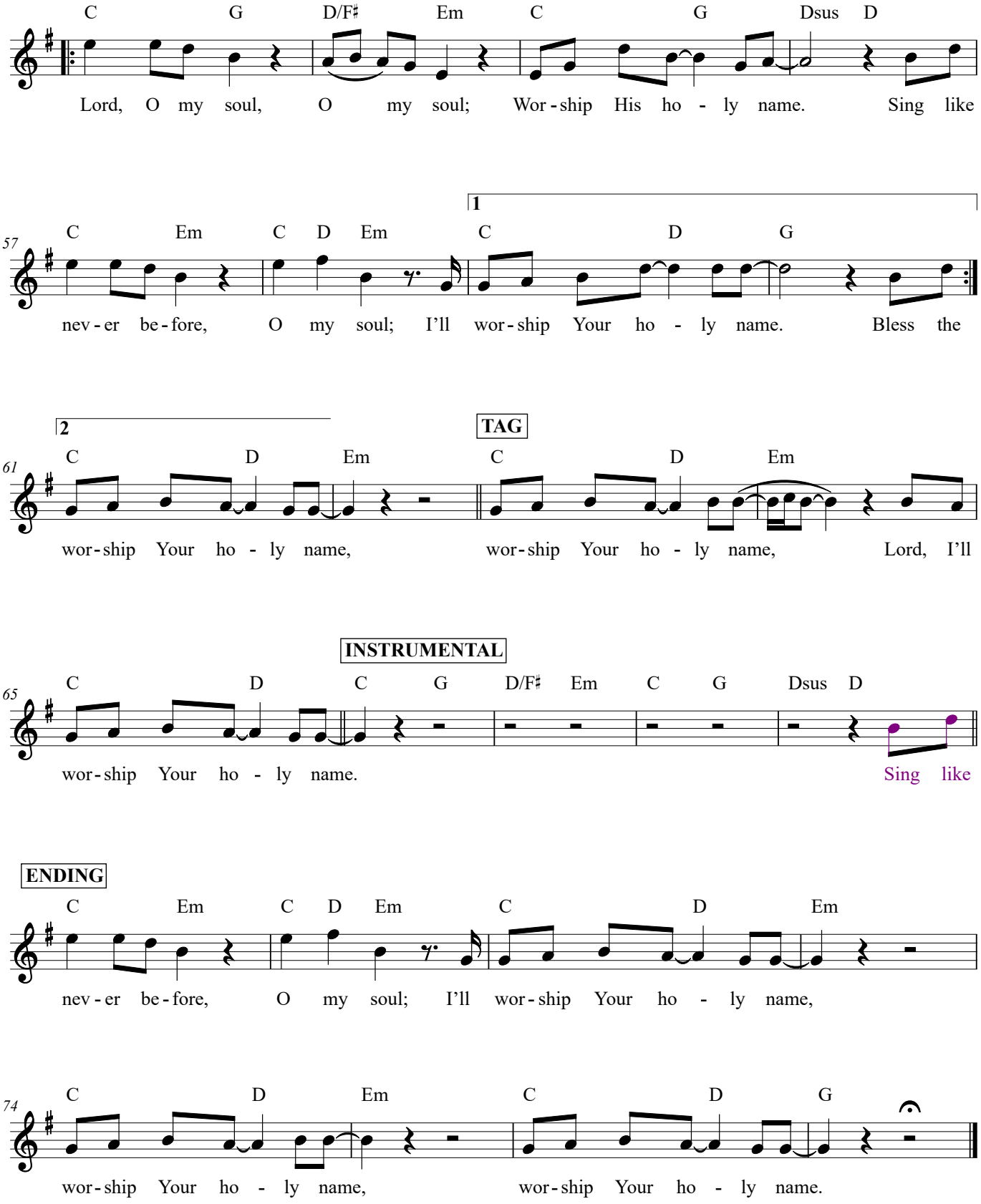
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26
C G D/F♯ Em
all Your good - ness, I will keep on sing - ing;
29
C G Dsus D G C/G G
Ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to find. Bless the
CHORUS 1b
C G D/F♯ Em C G Dsus D
(instr. repeat)
Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor - ship His ho - ly name. Sing like
37
1 2
C Em C D Em C D G G
nev - er be - fore, O my soul; I'll wor - ship Your ho - ly name. And
VERSE 3
C G D/F♯ Em C G D Em
on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the end draws near, and my time has come;
46
C G D/F♯ Em
Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing
49
C G Dsus D G C/G G
ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er - more! Bless the

CHORUS 1b


C G D/F♯ Em C G Dsus D
Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. Sing like
57
C Em C D Em
1
C D G
nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name. Bless the
2
TAG
61
C D Em
C D Em
wor-ship Your ho - ly name, wor-ship Your ho - ly name, Lord, I'll
INSTRUMENTAL
65
C D C G D/F♯ Em C G Dsus D
wor-ship Your ho - ly name. Sing like
ENDING
C Em C D Em C D Em
nev-er be-fore, O my soul; I'll wor-ship Your ho - ly name,
74
C D Em C D G
wor-ship Your ho - ly name, wor-ship Your ho - ly name.

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:



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

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