Welcome to worship at
The New Hanover Evangelical Lutheran Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026



Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

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

We love our neighbors with healing and feeding them!

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and on YouTube.

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

Welcome Statement

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

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

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

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

Organ Prelude *The Healing Hand of God*

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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 *Christ, Be Our Light* ELW #715

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Centering Song *Whom Shall I Fear (God of Angel Armies)*

Grace Band

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus:
I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

Bridge:
And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful

You are faithful (You are faithful)
Repeat Bridge

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Children's Message — Lenore Gates

First Reading — Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 — Leslie Gates

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

7 Be silent before the Lord God,
for the day of the Lord is at hand!
The Lord has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who settle like dregs in wine,
those who say in their hearts,
"The Lord will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
13 Their wealth shall be plundered
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the warrior cries aloud there.
15 That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the Lord,
their blood shall be poured out like dust
and their flesh like dung.
18 Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the Lord's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed,
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.
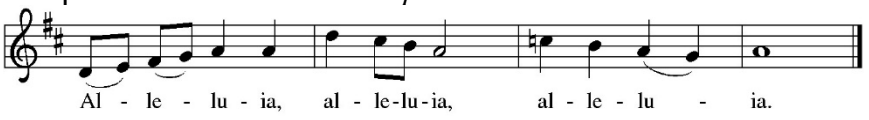
Psalm Psalm 90:1-12 Leslie Gates

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
2 **Before the mountains were brought forth,**
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Turn back, O children of earth."
4 **For a thousand years in your sight**
are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night;
5 you sweep them away like a dream,
they fade away suddenly like the grass:
6 **in the morning it is green and flourishes;**
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
7 For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
8 **Our iniquities you have set before you,**
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
9 When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

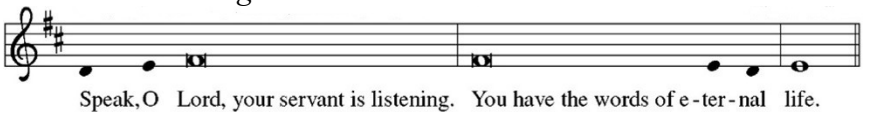
[10] **The span of our life is seventy years,**
perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
[11] Who regards the power of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your indignation?
[12] **So teach us to number our days**
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Please rise as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation *Gospel Acclamation*



Chancel Choir sings verse



Congregation repeats alleluia

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Gospel Matthew 25:14-30
The holy gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [14] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; [15] to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once [16] the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. [17] In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. [18] But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. [19] After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. [20] Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' [21] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a

few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

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 *Everlasting God* Grace Band
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus:
Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus:
You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat from the beginning

Pre-Chorus

Chorus 2x

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Please be seated.

Holy Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

I present Peyton James Dugan for baptism.

Parents called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Peyton baptized into Christ?
Parents: **I do.**

As you bring Peyton to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:
to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that Peyton may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Parents do you promise to help Peyton grow in the Christian faith and life?
Parents: **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support Peyton Dugan and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
Congregation: **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,
the powers of this world that rebel against God,
and the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

Please rise as you are able.
Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.
Blessed be God now and forever.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land.
Blessed be God now and forever.

In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God now and forever.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that those who are here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of all those who are cleansed by this water and bring them forth as inheritors of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

Baptism

Peyton James Dugan, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray.
We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Peyton with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Peyton, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
Amen.

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptism Song *Jesus Loves Me!* ELW #595

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.

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 *Song of Joy* Chancel Choir

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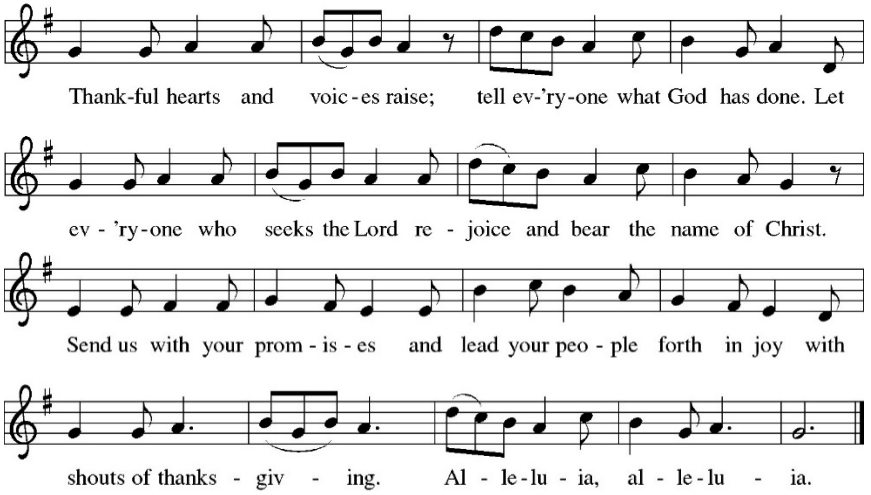
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Please rise as you are able.

Offertory Response *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise*



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The offering is brought forward for a blessing.

Offering Prayer

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.

Sending Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* ELW #632

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 *Let Praise Ring Forth*

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Announcements

Today

We welcome Peyton James Dugan, daughter of Jim and Danielle Dugan, who will be baptized during the worship service this morning.

The bulletin is sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary by Scott and Georgann Geiser.

The flowers are sponsored to the glory of God and in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary by Steve and Faye Weidner.

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.

The 2027 sponsor signup schedule is now available. To sponsor the bulletin, flowers, communion or Word in Season devotional booklet, use this QR Code or click on the link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-67504651-2027 to sign up today.

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

Next Sunday: George Trowbridge, head usher; Brian Flack, usher; Barbara Noecker, lector; Nikki Young, children's sermon; Sadie Hubley, 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 21
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
Confirmation – Today, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, St. James, Pottstown
Rejoicing Spirits – Today, 2:30 – 4:00 PM

AARP Board – Monday, 10:00 AM, room 1
AARP – Monday, 11:30 AM, room 1
Prayer Ministry – Monday, 1:15 PM, sanctuary
Cub Pack 367 – Monday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, rooms 1, 14, 24-25, 28-34, 37
Cemetery – Monday, 7:00 PM, welcome center

Scouts BSA Troop 367 – Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, room 1
Reconciling in Christ – Tuesday, 7:00 PM, room 7

Sunshine Learning Center Music – Wednesday, 9:00 – 11:00 AM, 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 – Wednesday, 9:00 AM - noon, room 1
Handbell Choir Rehearsal –Thursday, 6:15 – 7:30 PM, sanctuary
Council – Thursday, 6:30 PM, room 7
Addiction 12 Step – Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, welcome center
Scout District Roundtable – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, room 1

Sunshine Learning Center Hoagie Sale – Friday, 9:00 – 11:30 AM, welcome center

Scouting for Food – Saturday, 7:00 – 11:00 AM, room 1

Worship Service – Next Sunday, 9:00 AM, sanctuary and online
Food Drop Off – Next Sunday, 9:00 – 10:00 AM, kitchen
Food Delivery Pickup – Next Sunday, 10:00 AM, kitchen door
Kids for Christ Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:00 – 10:30 AM, sanctuary
J.A.M. – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 21
Fellowship – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1
Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 10:15 AM, room 1
J.A.M. Choir Rehearsal – Next Sunday 10:55 – 11:20 AM, rm 15
Grace Band Rehearsal – Next Sunday, 11:20 AM, sanctuary

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Committee 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. Feel free to bring any cards/well wishes. We will have a basket available.

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.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 6th, as the NHELC youth perform the 2026 Christmas Play "**Unplugged for Christmas."** What happens when today's youth unplug from technology and step back in time to experience the very first Christmas? Join us for a fun and heartwarming play as our modern-day youth relive the story of Jesus' birth in a whole new way! There will be laughter, surprises, and a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Come celebrate the greatest story ever told! Travel to Fellowship Hall following the church service! You won't want to miss it! Bring cookies/snacks to share for the social.

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 or sign up online at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFAC2CAAF4C16-67521232-advent. Sign up by Sunday, December 6th, to help with planning for this event.

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

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

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
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Barb & Tom Faust	Andy Van Dyke	Janet
Pam Abbott	Holli Muffler	Louise Karns
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RECONCILING IN CHRIST

We are a Reconciling in Christ Church

Jesus knows that every one of us counts!
Count these things in your church.
Put your answers on the lines.



How many candles? _____



How many pews or chairs? _____



How many people? _____



How many instruments? _____



How many crosses? _____

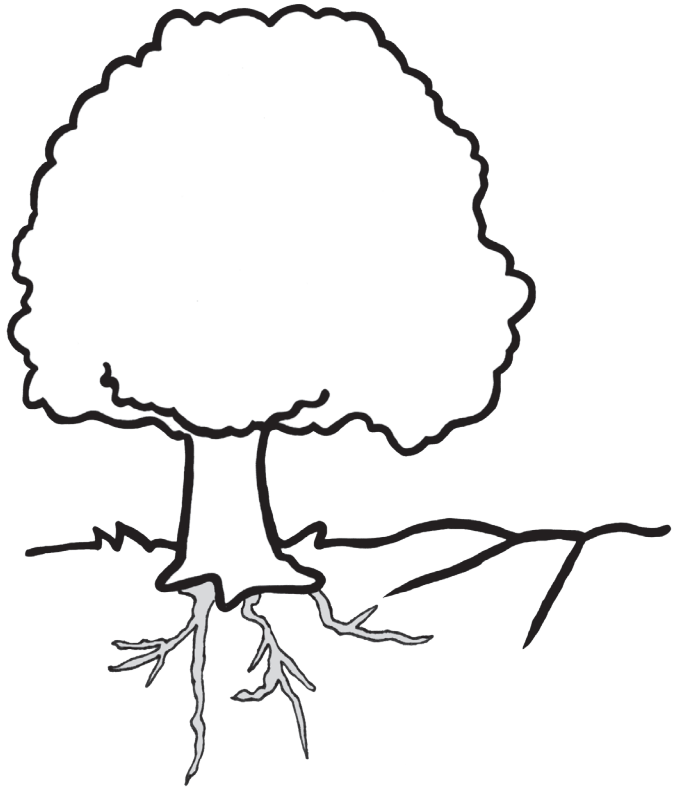
SPARK ACTIVATE FAITH

PRE-READER

Pentecost 25

- Today is the **25th Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God wants us to grow by **sharing** our skills and gifts.

Some things should not be buried, like God's love. Other things belong under the ground, like the roots of this tree. Roots make a tree strong. Draw more roots to make this tree strong.





One servant was afraid. He dug a hole and buried his talents.

God tells us not to be afraid.

Color the scared man by using shaky coloring. God tells us to be brave and bold and share what we have. Color the brave men by making your coloring strong.



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Church Talents

Have you ever heard someone say: "Oh, she's so talented"? A talent is a gift from God. It is something you are good at. What are your talents?

Look at the pictures below. Place a T next to you the ones that show a talent you have, and an F next to the pictures that show a talent of a friend.



Look at the people with you in worship. What are their talents?

SPARK ACTIVATE FAITH

READER

Pentecost 25

- Today is the **25th** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The Pentecost season is **almost completed** for this year.
- What did you **learn about Jesus** during the season after Pentecost?

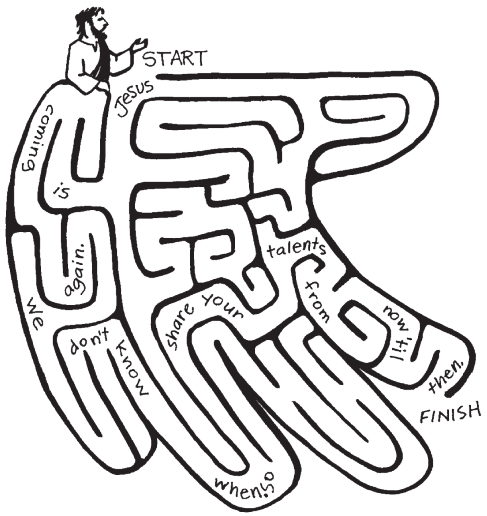
Dig It Up

Jesus tells us not to be afraid to share our gifts. Jesus doesn't want us to bury our talents. Look at the burial spaces under the Pentecost tree. Write the gifts you can share in those spaces. Jesus says, "Don't bury your talents! Don't be afraid to share!"



Follow Jesus

Following Jesus means sharing talents. Follow Jesus' footprints to uncover a poem that can help you remember to share your talents! Write the words you find, *in order*, in the space below.



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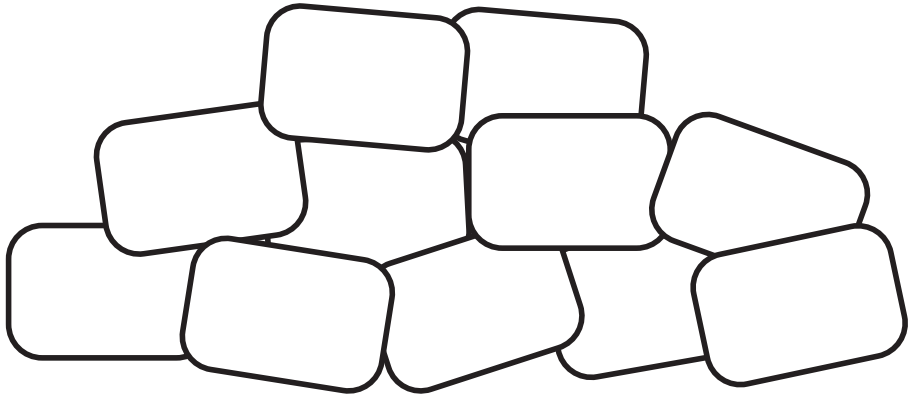
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His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave."

Matthew 25:21

Memory Verse

Jesus says when we use what we are given, our love grows and grows. Write one word from the memory verse in each box to create a large pile of goodness.



Everyday Talents

Matthew 25:14-30

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells another parable. This one is about using the talents God has given you to share God's love. Check out the following story. Who used their talents well?



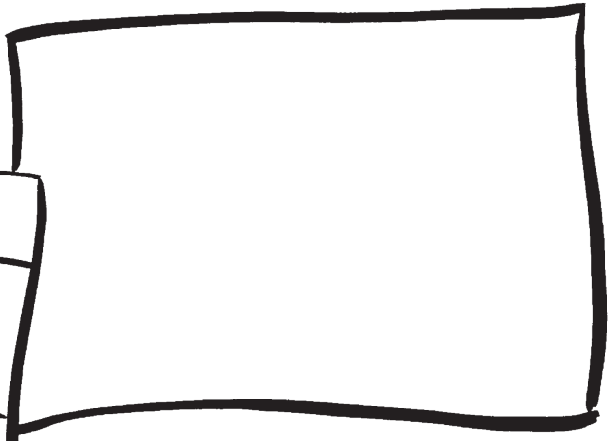
Sam, Karena, and Kelly were friends living in the same apartment building, Sam loved playing football and played anytime, anywhere.



Karena loved to act. She practiced every day, before and after school, and enjoyed finding friends to be in her plays.



Kelly was an amazing videogame player, and would spend time on the weekends working to get to the next level of the game she was playing. She knew all the secret codes and loved winning!



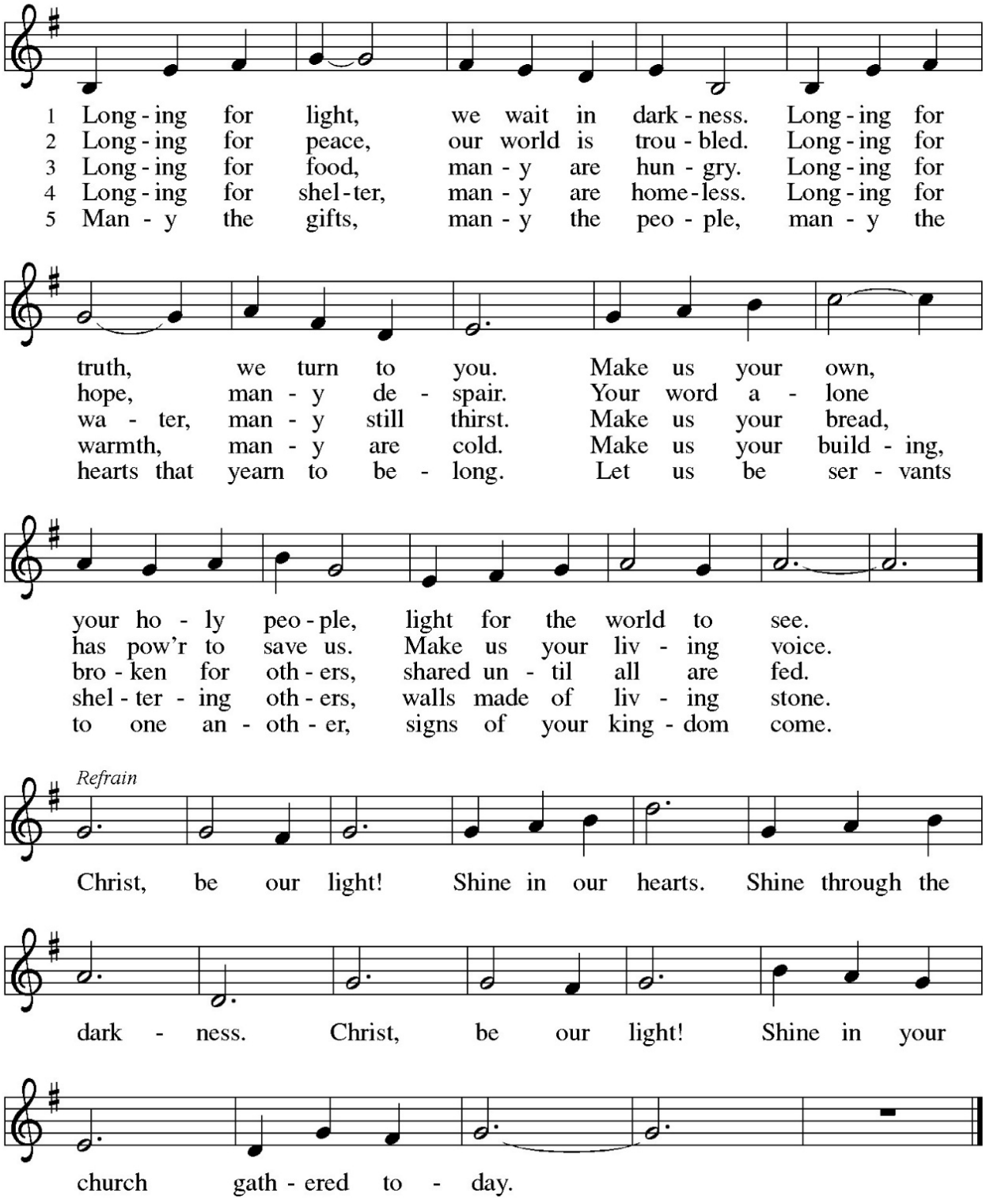
Just before Christmas, a new family moved into their apartment building. Karena and Sam were the first to greet them. Before long, the new kids were creating plays with Karena and playing football in the snow with Sam.

Kelly wondered how she could be a friend. What ideas do you have for Kelly? How could Karena, Sam, and their new friends include Kelly? How might Kelly share her talents?

Write or draw your idea in the box above.

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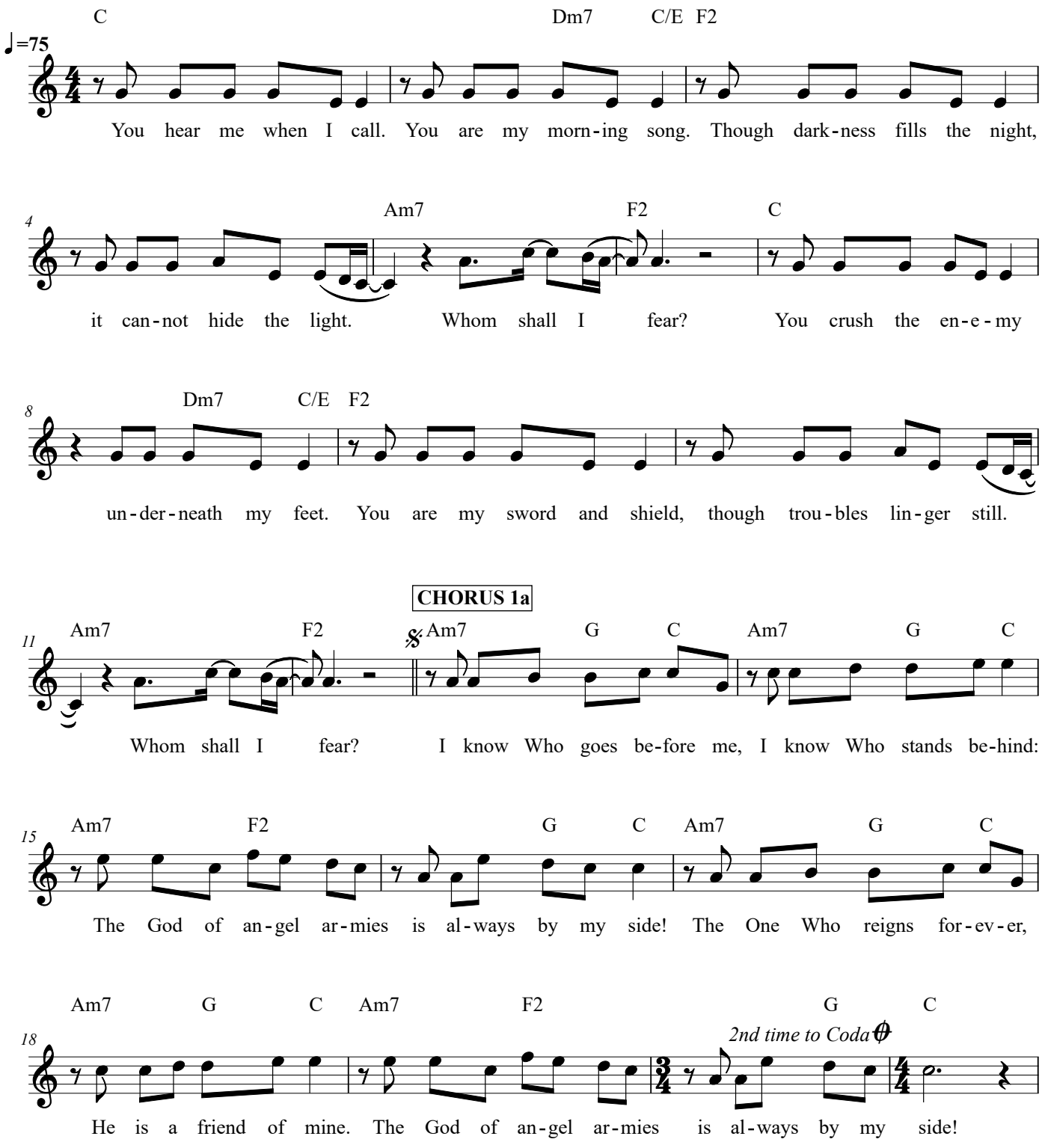


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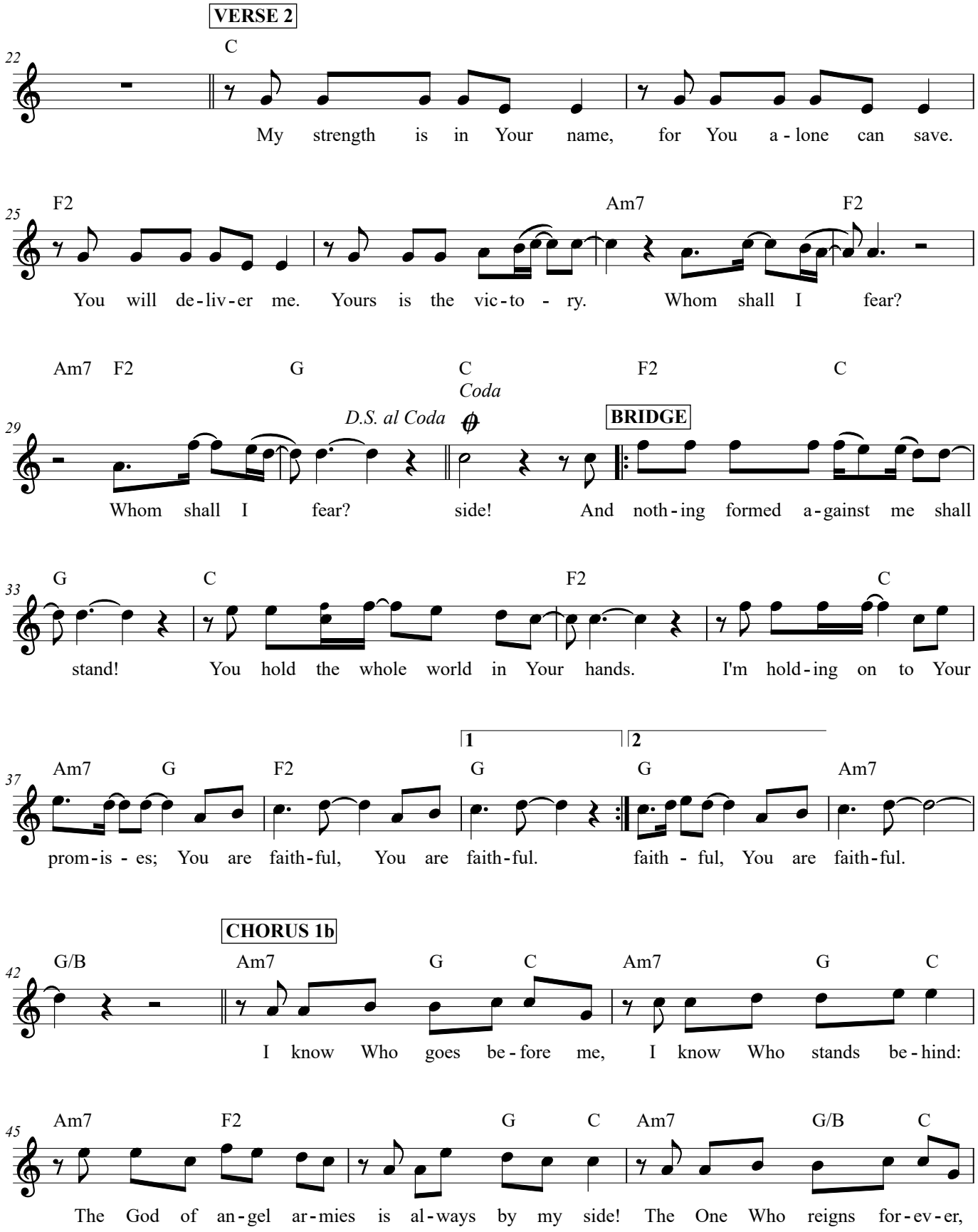
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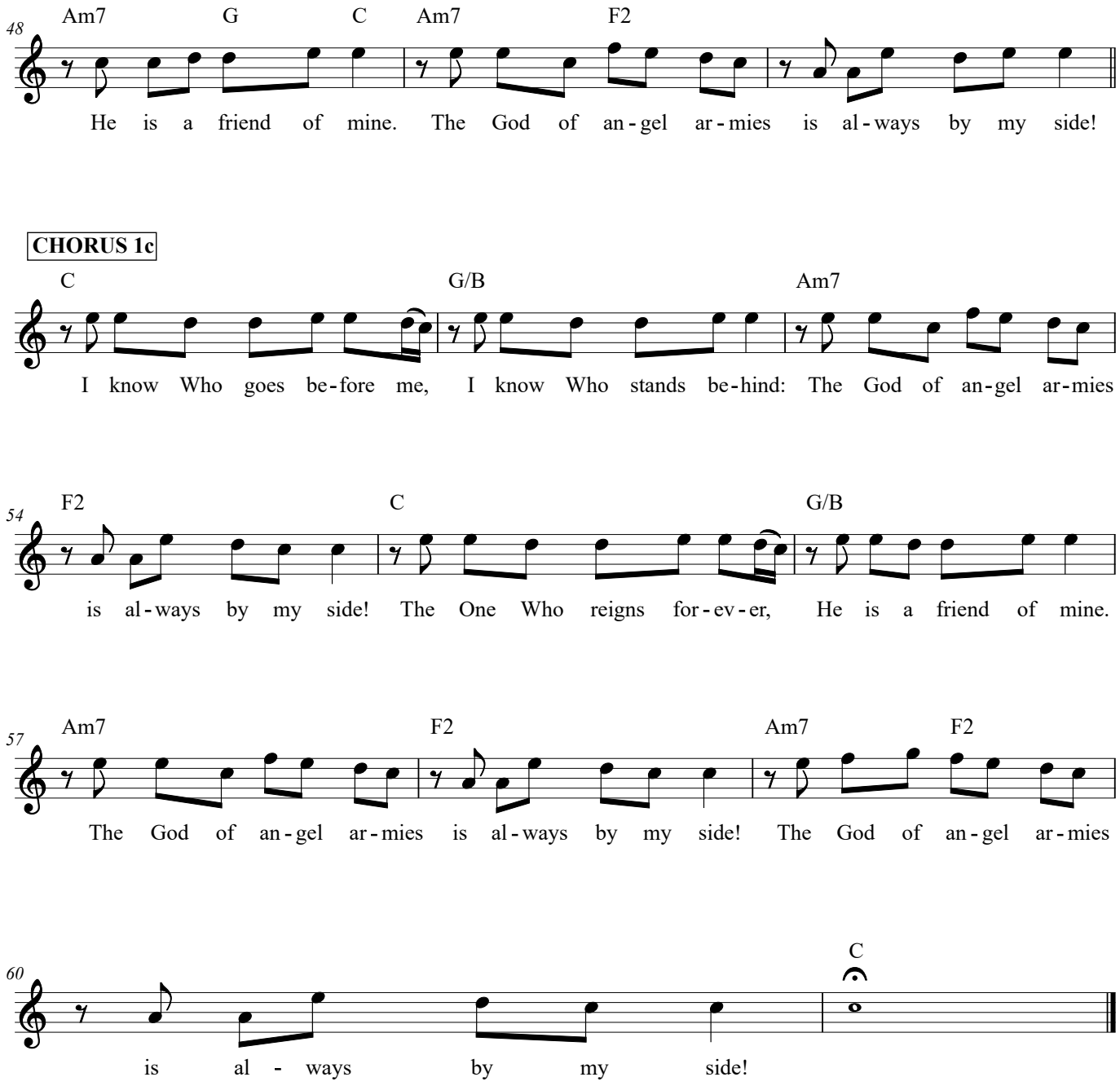
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VERSE 1



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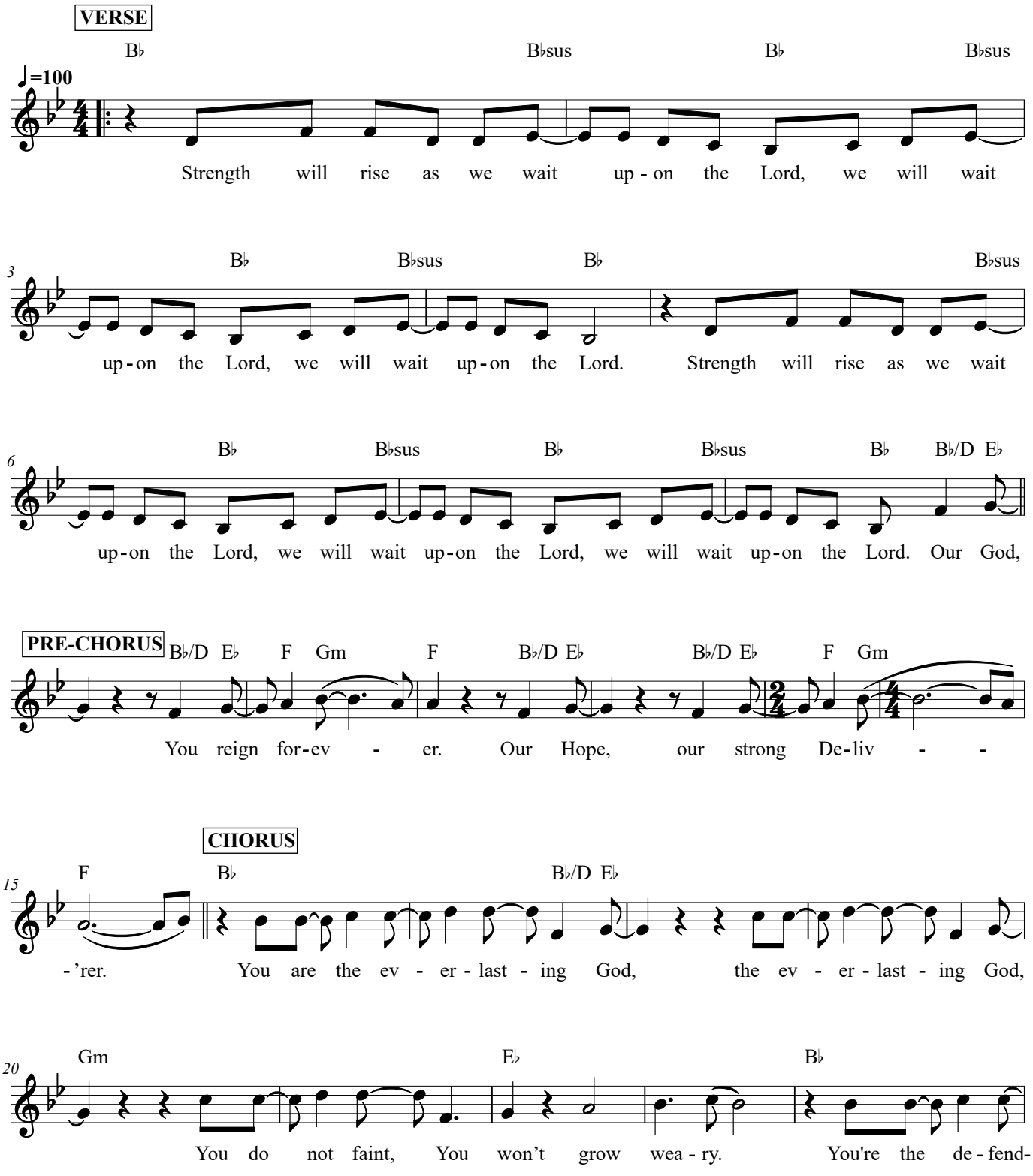

VERSE 2
C
22
My strength is in Your name, for You a - lone can save.
F2
Am7
F2
25
You will de - liv - er me. Yours is the vic - to - ry. Whom shall I fear?
Am7 F2 G C F2 C
Coda
D.S. al Coda
BRIDGE
29
Whom shall I fear? side! And noth - ing formed a - gainst me shall
G C F2 C
33
stand! You hold the whole world in Your hands. I'm hold - ing on to Your
1
2
Am7 G F2 G G Am7
37
prom - is - es; You are faith - ful, You are faith - ful. faith - ful, You are faith - ful.
CHORUS 1b
G/B Am7 G C Am7 G C
42
I know Who goes be - fore me, I know Who stands be - hind:
Am7 F2 G C Am7 G/B C
45
The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er,


48
Am7 G C Am7 F2
He is a friend of mine. The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side!
CHORUS 1c
C G/B Am7
I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an-gel ar-mies
54
F2 C G/B
is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for-ev-er, He is a friend of mine.
57
Am7 F2 Am7 F2
The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side! The God of an-gel ar-mies
60
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is al - ways by my side!
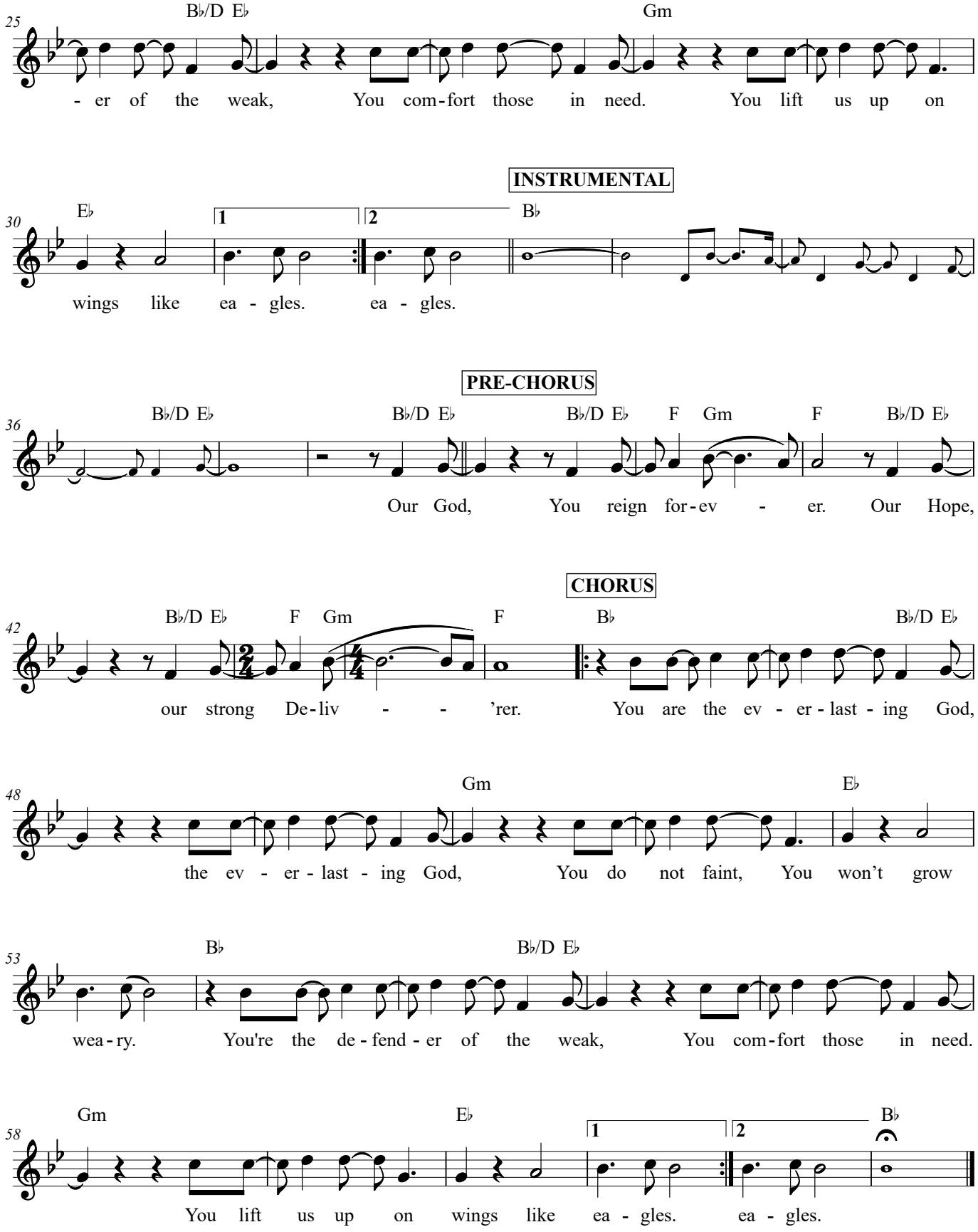
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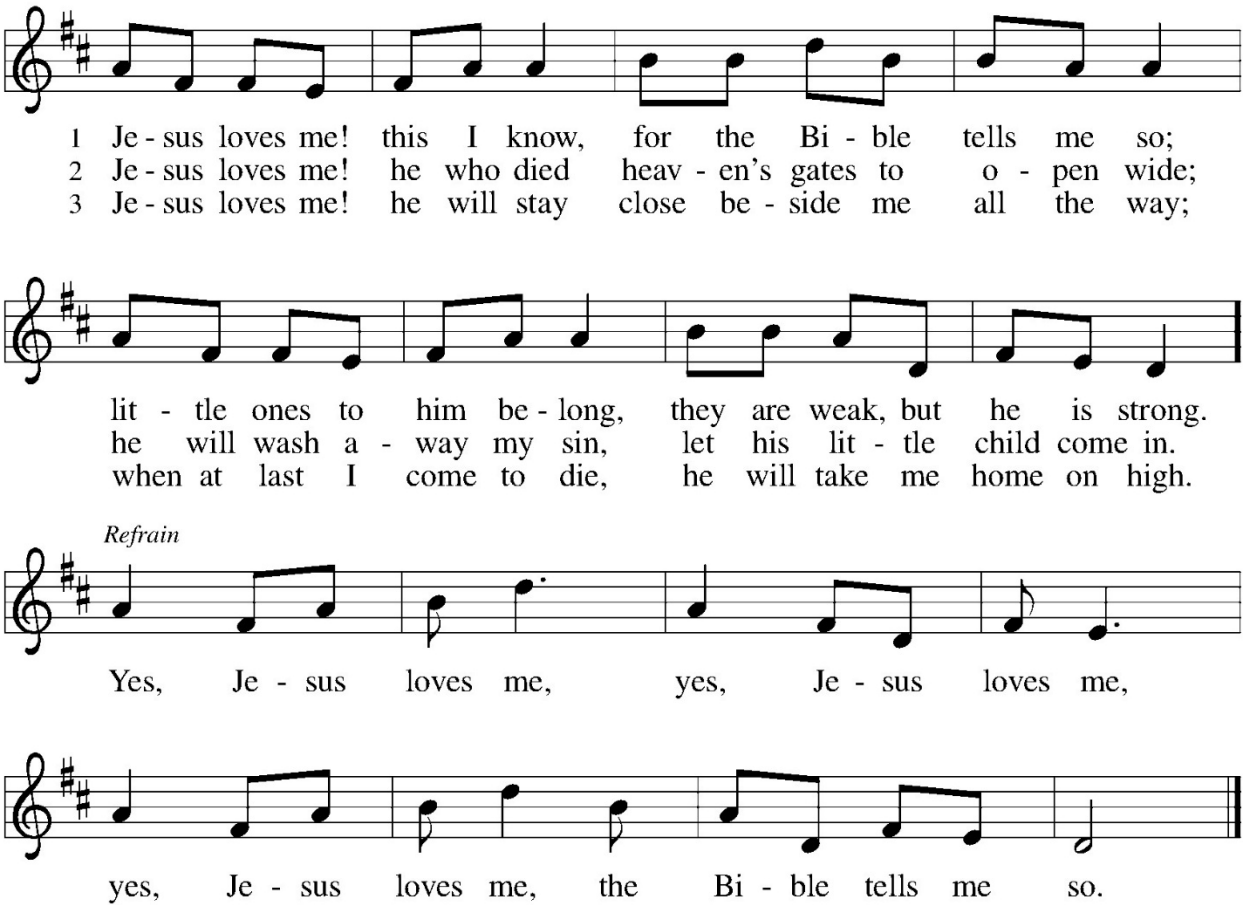
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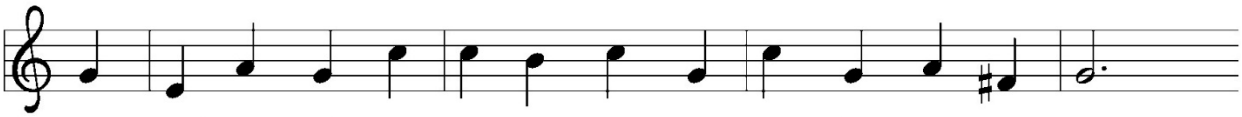

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- er of the weak, You com-fort those in need. You lift us up on
INSTRUMENTAL
30
E♭
1
2
B♭
wings like ea - gles. ea - gles.
PRE-CHORUS
36
B♭/D E♭
B♭/D E♭
B♭/D E♭
F
Gm
F
B♭/D E♭
Our God, You reign for-ev - er. Our Hope,
CHORUS
42
B♭/D E♭
F
Gm
F
B♭
B♭/D E♭
our strong De-liv - - 'rer. You are the ev - er-last - ing God,
48
Gm
E♭
the ev - er - last - ing God, You do not faint, You won't grow
53
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B♭/D E♭
wea-ry. You're the de - fend - er of the weak, You com-fort those in need.
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Jesus Loves Me!
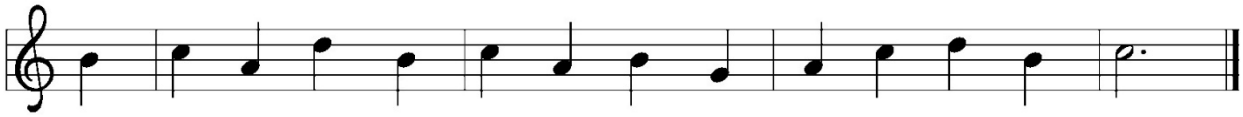


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O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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