



Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10:30 AM

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or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>
Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



Everyone is welcome. As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

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In-Person Services: We will begin our biweekly in-person outdoor services today, **April 18 at 5:00 PM.** Please remember to bring your chairs for outdoor services. On **April 25 at 8:30 AM** we will have worship in Hinman Hall. These services will be offered biweekly and we ask that you RSVP. You must wear a mask for both indoor and outdoor services.

Our 10:30 AM service next Sunday, April 25 will be provided by Lutherans Restoring Creation. The Presiding Bishop will be preaching.

Members with Thrivent or Investors Bank accounts can request donations for St. John's: There are outreach programs available through Thrivent Financial and Investors Bank that can provide funds to help support our missions at no cost to you. Thrivent Financial is a non-profit organization of Christians that guides its members to be wise with money, live generously and change lives. Investors Bank describes itself as "a community bank that cares" and is committed to improving life in the communities they serve.

Active Bystander Training: Our Synod is offering a free 2-hour online training to learn how to Direct, Distract, Delegate, and Document moments of racial bias and aggression. A final session is offered on **April 29.** [Click here](#) for more information and to sign up.

Our next Anti-Racism book selection is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. This novel addresses race, the power of family, and the impact of the past. We hope you'll join us to discuss the book on **Thursday, April 29, at 5:00 PM,** on [Zoom Link HERE](#). If you'd like a copy of the book, please contact the Church Office or get a copy on your own. Any questions, please reach out to Lois Kopf, Wayne Dietterick, or Katie Mesenbrink.

Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM. Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

Prayer Before Worship

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

From Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 1

PRELUDE Setting of *Turnbull*

By Franklin D. Ashdown (b. 1942)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 383 Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



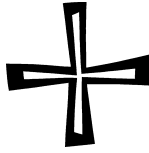
Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 380 Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

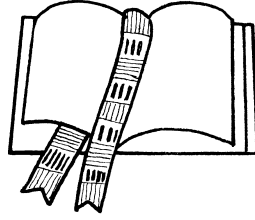
Verse 5

Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING Acts 3:12–19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1–7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

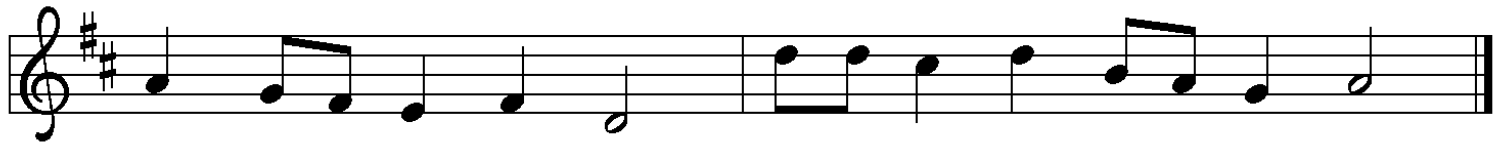
⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Luke 24:36b–48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 939 Touch That Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

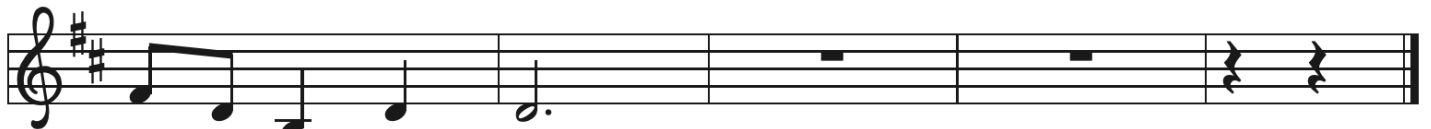
Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

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

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org.

OFFERING MUSIC "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

Arr. John Carter (b.1930)

Stephanie Rothman, trumpet

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart . . .

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart . . .

OFFERTORY ELW 391 This Joyful Eastertide

Verse 1

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

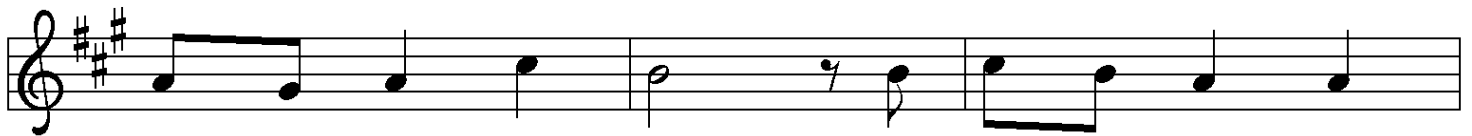
BLESSING

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 635 We Walk By Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

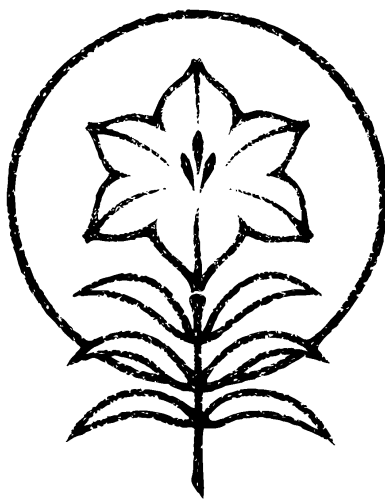
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Setting of *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

By J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>



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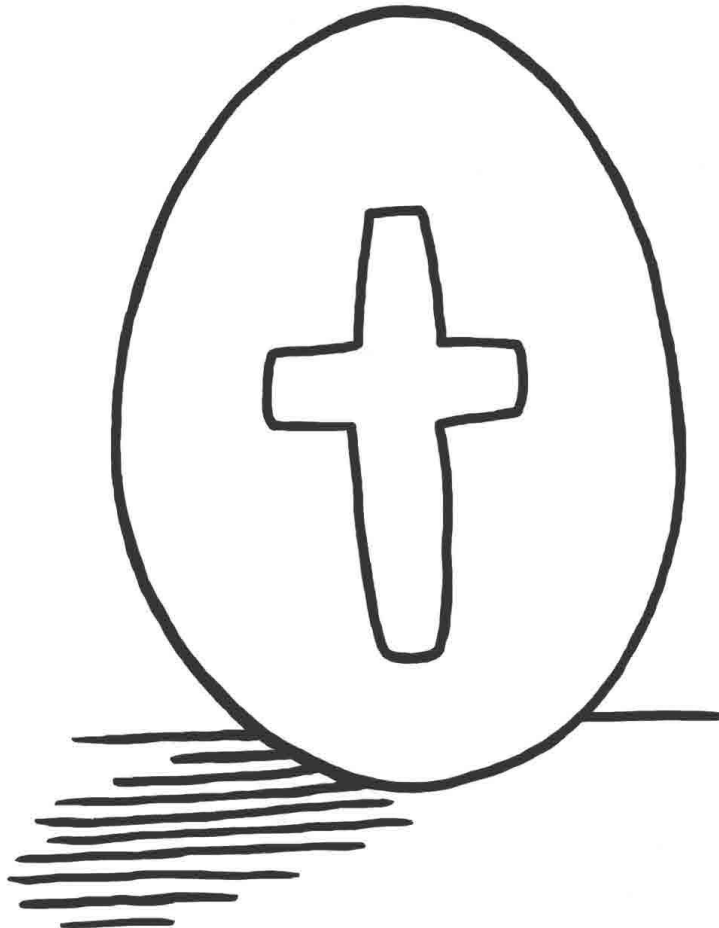


PRE-READER

Easter 3

- Today is the **3rd Sunday** in Easter.
- There are **7 weeks** in the Easter season.
- During Easter, we **celebrate** Jesus—he's alive!
- Jesus came to **share God's love**.

What colors do you see in your worship space today? Use those colors to decorate the egg below.

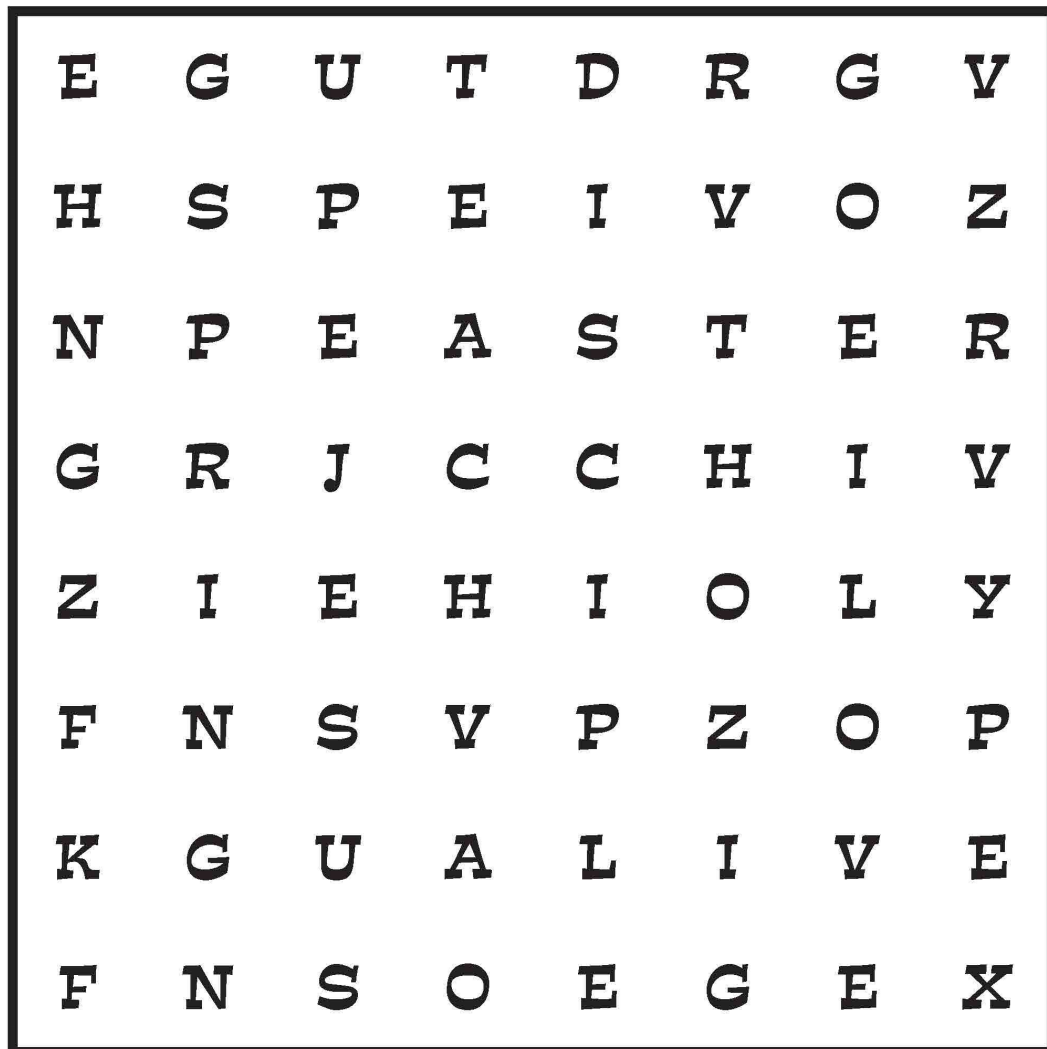




“Go everywhere in the world and teach people about me.”



Find the Easter words in the word find below.



Jesus

Love

Go

Easter

Spring

Disciple

Alive

Teach

Use your senses during worship today. What do you see, hear, smell, taste, and touch in your worship space?

Draw or write in the spaces below.





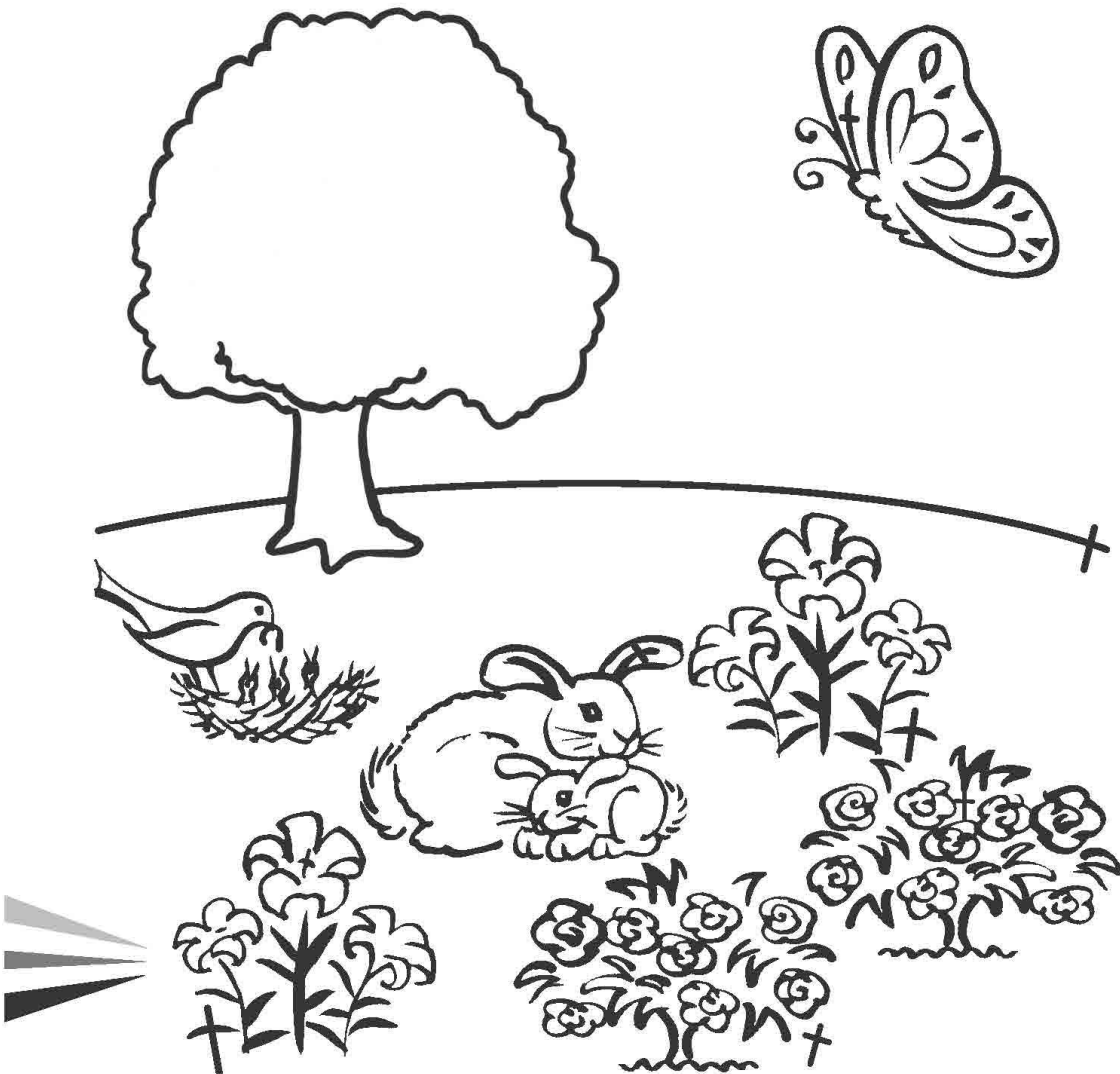
READER

Easter 3

- Today is the **3rd Sunday** in Easter.
- There are **7 weeks** in the Easter season.
- Jesus came to **share God's love**.
- Jesus calls us to **love each other**.

Seek and Find

Spring is a time of new life. Finish and color the spring scene below. How many crosses can you find hidden in the picture?





Bible Tip!

Want to learn more about the author of the Gospel of Luke? At the beginning of each book of the Spark Bible, you'll find out about who wrote the text and lots of other information.

Many people who study the Bible think that Luke was probably a doctor. Use this technique to learn about some other books in the Bible!

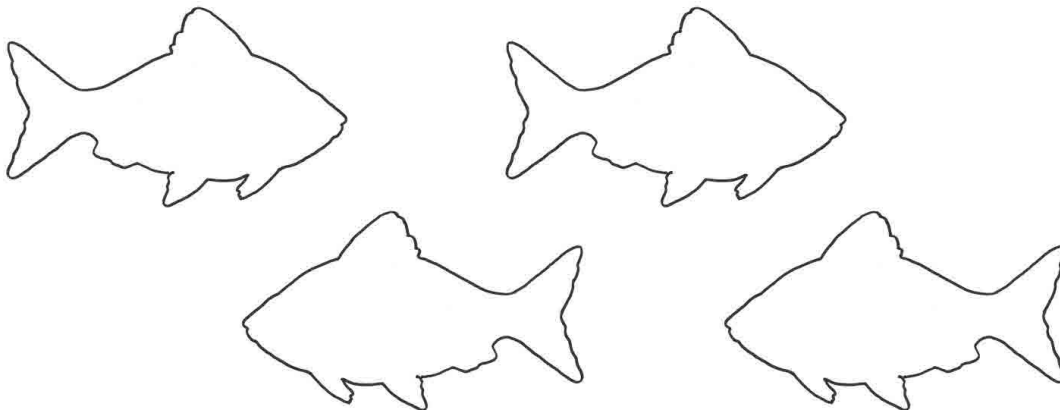


Look It Up!

Jesus appeared to the disciples. He shared fish with them and blessed them. Jesus said to them, "You are witnesses of these things" (Luke 24:48).

Reread today's Gospel lesson in Luke 24:36-53. Then, look up this same story in Mark 16:14-20. What does Jesus tell the disciples to do? Write some ideas below.

Jesus gives us the same powers as the disciples. What would you do with the Holy Spirit's power? Fill in the fish with some ideas.



Worship Blessings

Each week we receive a blessing in worship. The pastor gives us a blessing from God when worship is ending. This blessing is called the *benediction*.

Print or draw a blessing from God that begins with each letter of the word *benediction*. God's blessings are all around us!

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