

Second Sunday of Easter



April 19, 2020

10:30 AM

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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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Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM worship services on Facebook. **YOU DO NOT** need a Facebook account to access the live stream. Go to www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit to see the live stream or access the video archive. If asked to sign in, simply click "Not now." **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>. Visit Our YouTube Channel to see all the recorded services at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ.

Giving Is Important. The church is not closed. We continue to operate during this pandemic and seek to meet the needs of many in our congregation and community. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. If you are able, please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Zoom Children's Time is each **Sunday** at **9:30 AM**. Join: <https://zoom.us/j/374109491>

Youth Zoom Meeting: All middle school and high school youth are invited to a Zoom meeting Sunday, 4/26 at 7:30 PM. We will be sharing with one another how things are going. Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97056902228>.

Family Sunday School Resources: Our Denominational Publishing House has produced resources for family faith formation. Click [here](#). There is a movie with stories, songs, and prayers. You will find resources for activities and faith formation. A new lesson will be posted each week.

Summit Feeding Ministries: St. John's has generously supported food ministries here in Summit for years. Now during COVID-19 the need is exponential. The two food pantries we support are [Loves and Fishes](#) and [GRACE](#). If you can, please give generously.

Cross Roads Virtual Campfire 4/17: Our Camp is holding a fun, family virtual campfire on Facebook. Log on Friday night at 7 PM at www.facebook.com/CrossRoadsRetreat/.

Pastoral Care During Covid-19: During this time it is important for the whole congregation to care for one another. If you have a health, mental, or emotional concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Pastor Moore](#) or [Pastor Scalet](#).

Prayer Before Worship

God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. **Amen.**

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

PRELUDE Setting of *Christ lag in Todesbanden* By Friedrich Wilhelm Zachow (1663–1712)

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!**

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

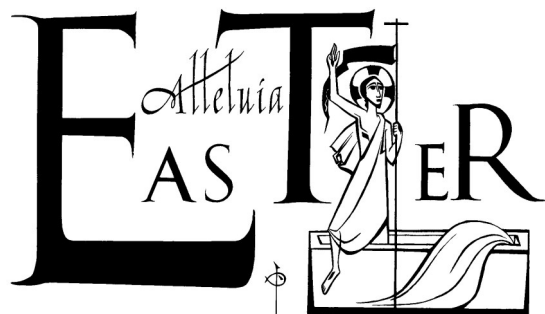
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

Ever-living God, author of creation, we give you thanks for your gift of water that brings life and refreshes the earth. We bless and praise you, for by water and the Word we are cleansed from sin and receive everlasting life. Join us again this day to the saving death of Christ; renew in us the living fountain of your grace; and raise us with Christ Jesus to live in newness of life; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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GATHERING HYMN 363 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Verses 1, 4, 5



1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
4. Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5. Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pa-roah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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.

READING 1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

PSALM 16:1, 7–11

Spoken responsively

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord,

“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

⁷**I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.**

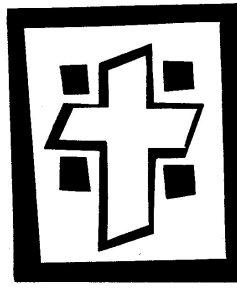
⁸I have set the Lord always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

⁹**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.**

¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.

¹¹**You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 388 Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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GOSPEL John 20:19–31

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 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.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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NICENE CREED

With the whole church, we 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.** *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.*

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Savior 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 Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERING MUSIC "A Gaelic Blessing"

By John Rutter (b. 1945)

Andrew Larsen, saxophone

OFFERTORY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
God, all crea - tures here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav' - nly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, Alt.

MUSIC: *Geistliche Kirchengensänge, Köln, 1623*

Sending

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

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN 763 My Life Flows On in Endless Song



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com - forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!



I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav - en and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen. Go share the good news. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Setting of *Gaudeamus pariter*

By Nancy M. Raabe (b. 1954)

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

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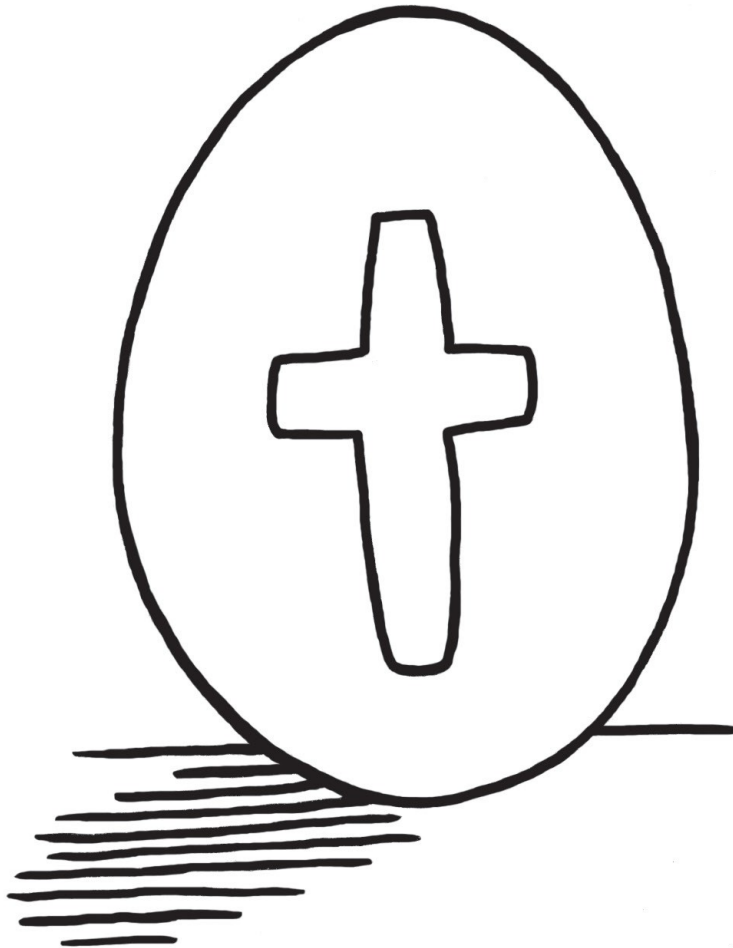


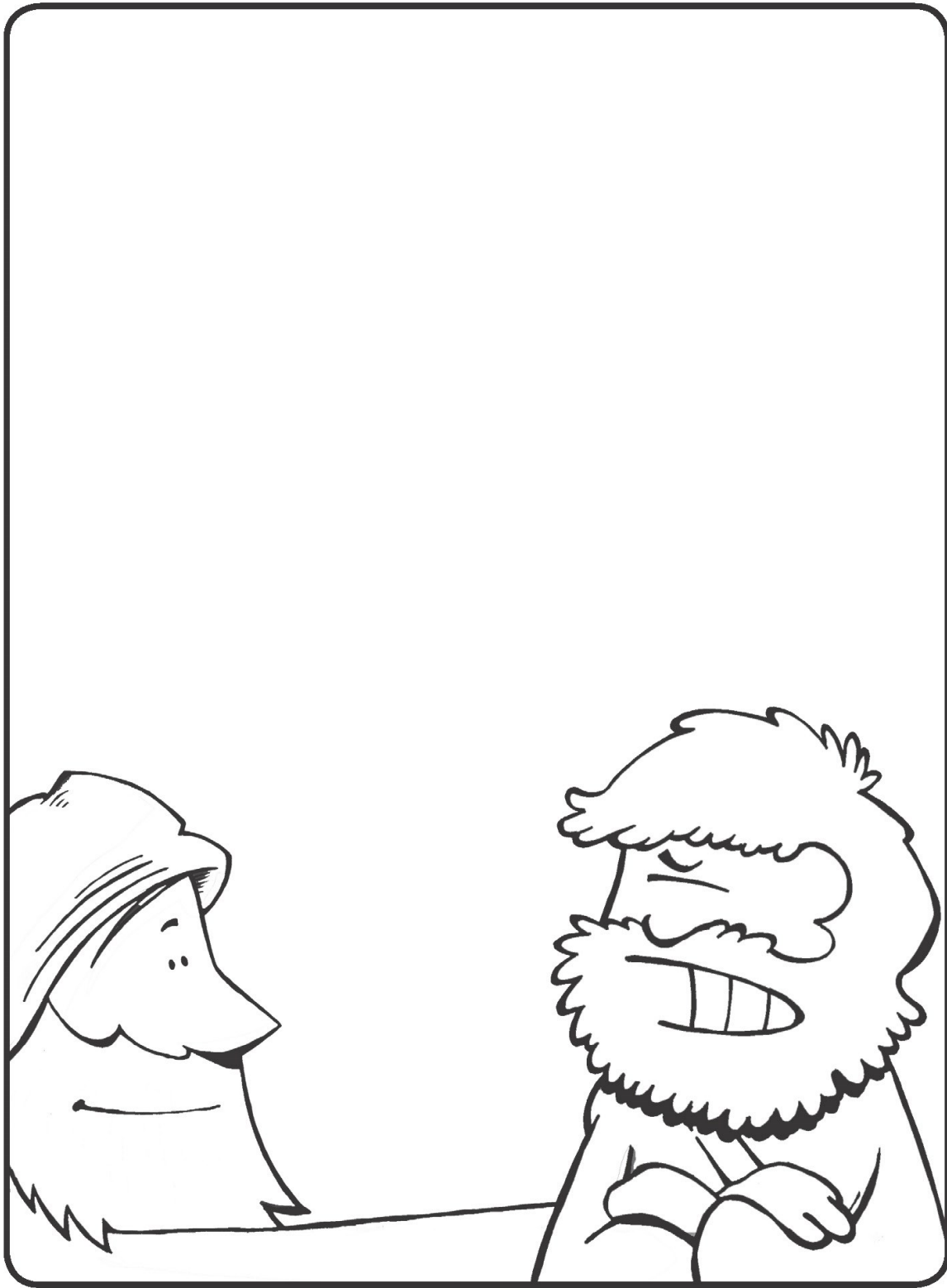
PRE-READER

Easter 2

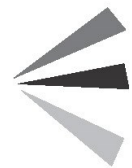
- Today is the **2nd Sunday** in **Easter**.
- The color for the season of Easter is **white**.
- Easter is a time for **joy** and **celebration**.
- During the Easter season, we celebrate that Jesus is **alive!**

**What colors do you use for celebration?
What colors bring you joy? Use those colors
to decorate this Easter egg!**





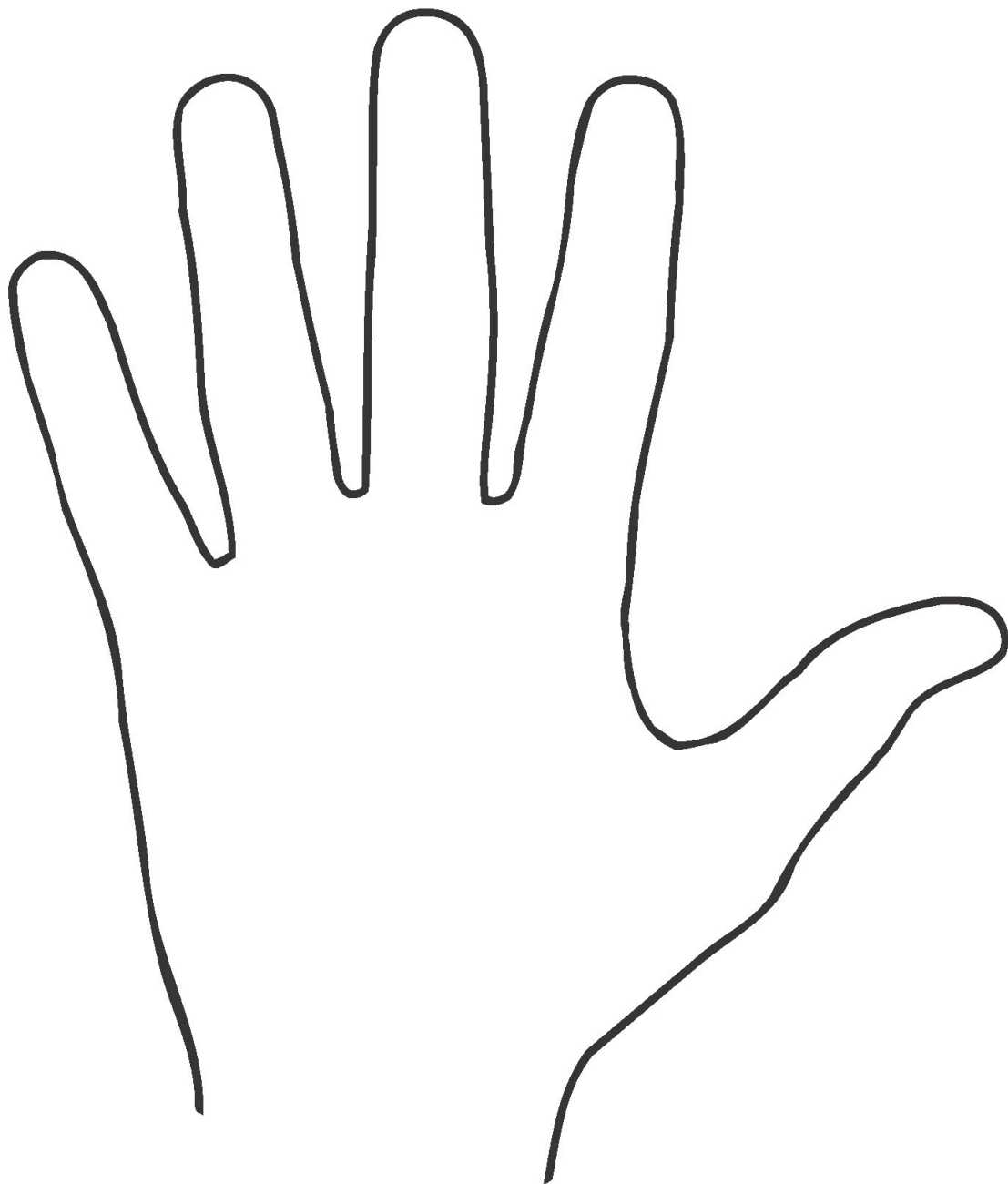
“I don’t believe you!” Thomas said.



When Doubting Thomas felt Jesus' hands, he knew it was Jesus.



What makes you special? Trace your hand inside the bigger hand. Then draw things that make you special on your hand tracing.



We hear a word during Easter that we did not hear during Lent. Pick up letters on your way through the maze to spell this important word.



Did you say, sing, or hear this word during worship today?

START

FINISH





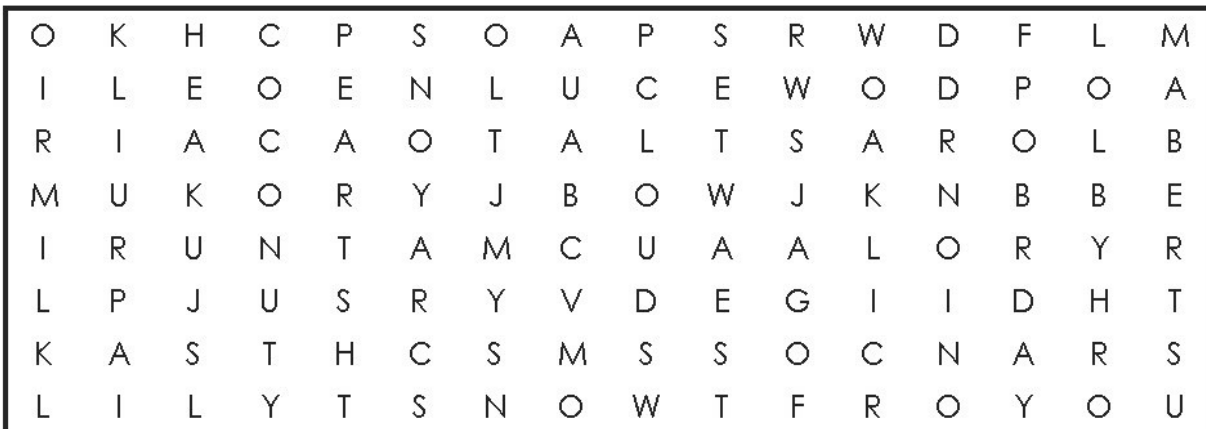
READER

Easter 2

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Color Clues

Find all of these things that are white in the word search. Then look for the three letters that you form with the circled words. They will spell a word that tells what the color **white** means.



SWAN
SNOW
LILY
MOON

SOAP
MILK
ONION

CRAYON
CLOUDS
COCONUT



Unscramble the underlined words to complete this week's memory verses.



Do not btodu but eelbive.

John 20:27c

Do not _____ but _____.
John 20:27c

Treasure It

Peter wrote a letter to his friends to tell them that their faith is more precious than gold. What is most important to you?

Draw or write about these things on the coins.



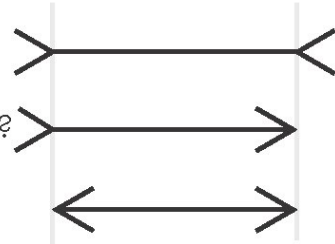
At first, Thomas did not believe that Jesus was alive. Thomas had to **see for himself** before he believed.



Optical illusions trick the eye into believing something about what it sees. Look at these optical illusions.

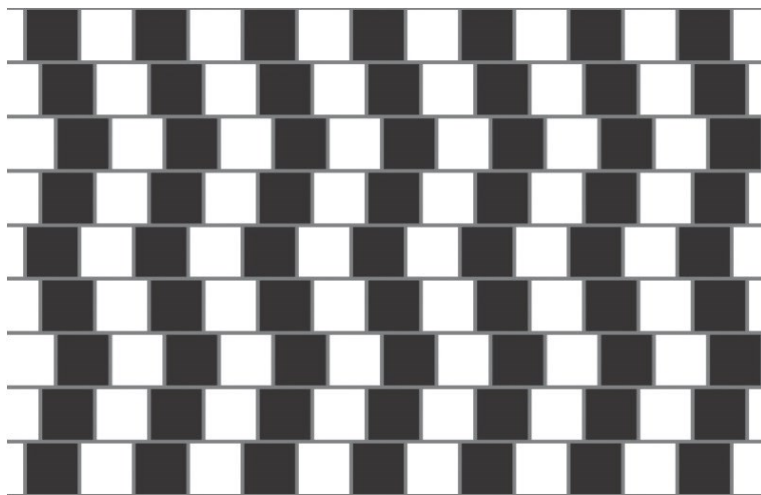
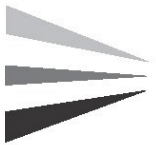
The Line Length Illusion

Do you believe that these lines are all the same length?



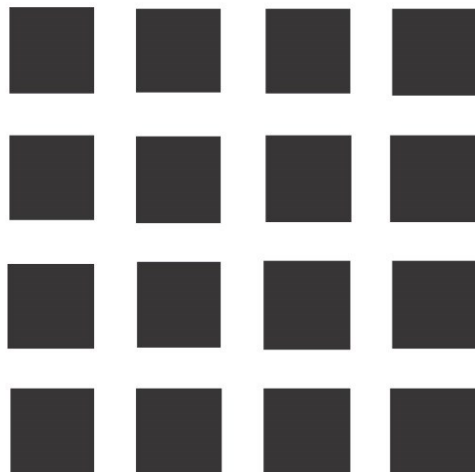
The Café Wall Illusion

Look at the lines and the black and white squares. Do you believe that the lines going left to right are straight across or bent?



The Hermann Grid Illusion

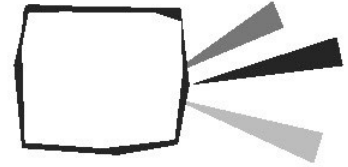
Look at these black squares with the white lines between them. Do you believe there are gray blobs where the white lines cross each other?



Alleluia! For...

A very important word during Easter is **Alleluia**.

How many times did you say, sing, or hear the word Alleluia during worship today? Keep track here.



We say Alleluia in times of joy and celebration. Draw or write about one thing that brings you joy inside each letter of the word Alleluia.

ALLE

LUIA