

# Third Sunday of Easter



**April 26, 2020**  
**10:30 AM**

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or see the recorded videos at <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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**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](http://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](http://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 **TODAY** at **7:30 PM**. We will be sharing with one another how things are going. Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97056902228>.

**Spiritual Practices for a Pandemic:** The Power of Psalms and Prayer. How is your faith helping you in this time of COVID-19? Join us for some simple spiritual practices that can strengthen us for the living of these days. **Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM: May 5, 12, 26.** Zoom Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/93047423385>

**Hymns of Faith:** Pastor Blake will be offering a faith formation opportunity to explore the history and spirituality of many of our favorite hymns. **Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.** Zoom Join URL: <https://zoom.us/j/97268221619>

**ELW Daily Prayer:** The ELCA Worship Office has provided resources for simplified Daily Prayer for personal/home use. Click [here](#) to access these resources.

**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 [Loaves and Fishes](#) and [GRACE](#). If you can, please give generously.

**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

Almighty God, Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. Open the eyes of our hearts that we may recognize his presence, and with his disciples cry, “The Lord has risen, indeed!” Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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## PRELUDE

## 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!**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

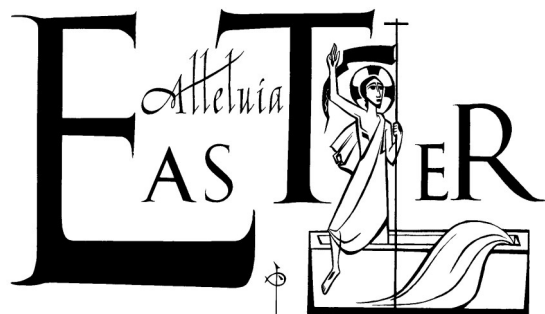
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism—the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new creation.

**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.**



## GATHERING HYMN 379 Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## 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

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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 1:17–23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

### PSALM 116:1–4, 12–17

#### *Spoken responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,  
<sup>2</sup>**for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**
- <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me;  
the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- <sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**
- <sup>12</sup>How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?
- <sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**
- <sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people.
- <sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.**
- <sup>16</sup>O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- <sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

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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The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

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

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## **GOSPEL** Luke 24:13–35

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

Now on that same day when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

## **SERMON**

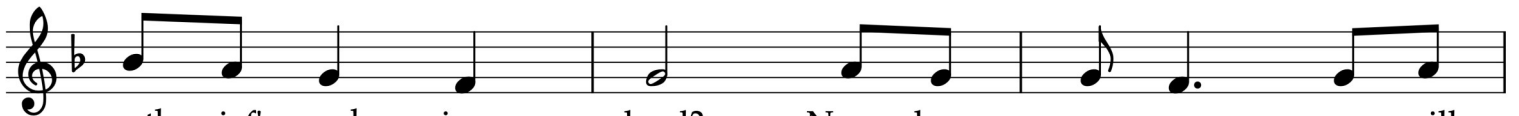
HYMN OF THE DAY Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow



1. Who are you who walk in sor - row down Em - ma - us' bar - ren  
 2. Who is this who joins our jour - ney, walk - ing with us stride by  
 3. Who are you? Our hearts are o - pened in the break - ing of the  
 4. Who are we who trav - el with you on our way through life to  
 5. "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! is the Eas - ter hymn we



road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed, bent be -  
 stride? Un - known Stran - ger, can you fath - om depths of  
 bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor, liv - ing,  
 death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing, wa - kened  
 sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship as the



neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers, we will  
 grief for one who died? Then the won - der! When we  
 ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion on our  
 by the Spir - it's breath! At the font you claim and  
 gift of love we bring. You have formed us all one



join you, we who al - so mourn our dead; we have  
 told you how our dreams to dust have turned, then you  
 jour - ney, still sur - prise us with your grace! Make each  
 name us, born of wa - ter and the Word; at the  
 peo - ple called from ev' - ry land and race. Make the



stood by graves un - yield - ing, eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
 o - pened wide the Scrip - tures till our hearts with - in us burned.  
 day a new Em - ma - us: on our hearts your im - age trace!  
 ta - ble still you feed us, host us as our ris - en Lord!  
 Church your ser - vant bo - dy, sent to share your heal - ing grace!



## 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

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## 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 Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Glory to you, O God:

**you have won the victory over death, raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.**

Glory to you, O Christ:

**for us and for our salvation you overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life.**

Glory to you, O Holy Spirit:

**you lead us into the truth.**

**Glory to you, O Blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

Let us pray. Eternal God, we thank you for your victory over sin and death. You have given us a new birth into a living hope in Christ's resurrection. By your Spirit, lift us from doubt and despair, and set our feet in Christ's holy way, that our lives may be signs of his risen life, and all we have may show forth his love. Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you, our God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## Sending

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

### BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

### SENDING HYMN Love's Redeeming Work Is Done



1. Love's re - deem - ing work is done; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Lives a - gain our glor - ious King; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!



Fought the fight, the bat - tle won: Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fol - lowing our ex - al - ted Head. Al - le - lu - ia!



Death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Dy - ing once, he all doth save; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Made like him, like him we rise; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

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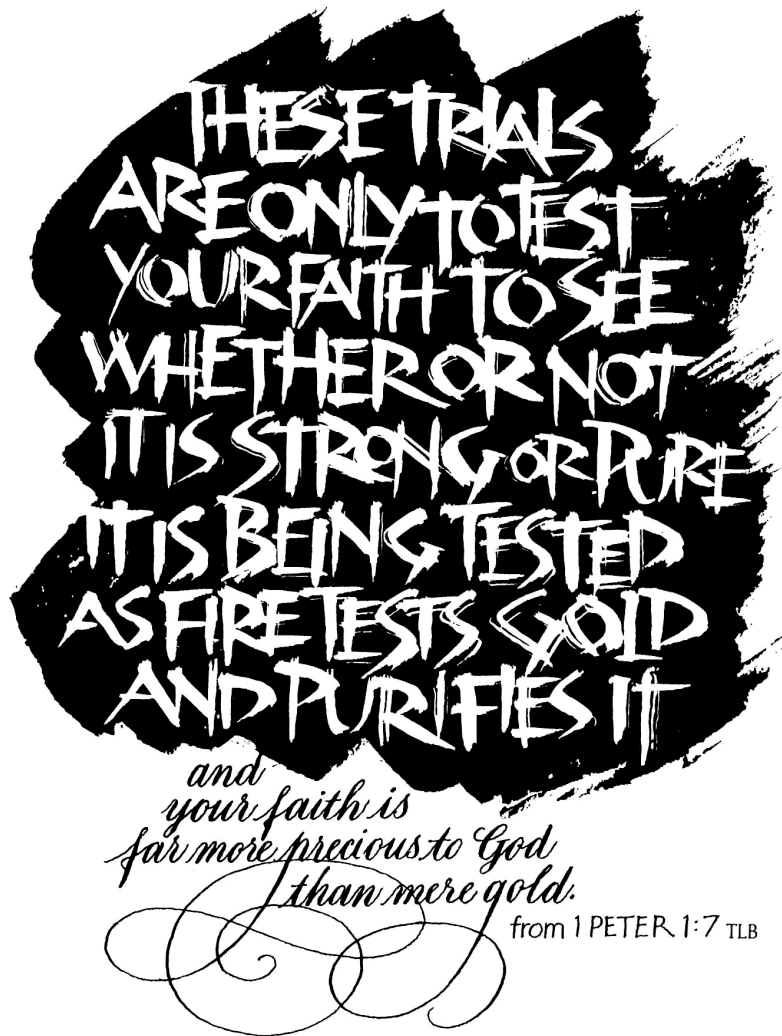
### DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

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



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In our region, a significant number of local food banks have been shuttered because they lack the infrastructure to safely deliver food, rely on elderly volunteers, or lack proper supplies (gloves, masks, disinfectant) to continue operating. As such, those individuals and families in need are looking farther afield for assistance to places like Summit that have been able to keep their food pantries open.

**GRACE**  
 (Giving and Receiving Assistance for Our Community's Essentials)  
**has seen a 500% increase in usage to**  
 over 500 families and 2,000 individuals,  
 with those numbers expecting to rise this week.

To donate directly to GRACE,  
 click [HERE](#).

GRACE regularly helps local families in need by providing fresh food, toiletries and household goods.

**LOAVES & FISHES**  
 Food Pantry  
 @ St. Teresa of Avila Church, Summit  
**has seen a dramatic increase in usage,**  
 and some food donation support organizations,  
 such as our St. John's weekly food collection,  
 are no longer able to provide this support.

Loaves & Fishes regularly stocks shelf-stable items as well as locally donated produce and baked good for weekly distribution.

Monetary donations can be dropped off or mailed to:  
 St. Teresa of Avila Church  
 Attn: Loaves & Fishes  
 306 Morris Avenue  
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**COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY**  
 is also struggling with issues of volunteer support dropping/ceasing due to the health concerns of the volunteers.

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*Almighty and most merciful God, we call to mind before you all whom it is easy to forget: those who are homeless, destitute, sick, isolated, and all who have no one to care for them. May we bring help and healing to those who are broken in body or spirit, that they may have comfort in sorrow, company in loneliness, and a place of safety and warmth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

- ELW, p. 79



# PRE-READER

Easter 3

- Today is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** in **Easter**.
- The word **Easter** comes from the name of a **springtime** celebration.
- **Spring** and **Easter** are celebrations of **new life**.

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Trace along the dotted lines to make a symbol for **Easter** come to life.



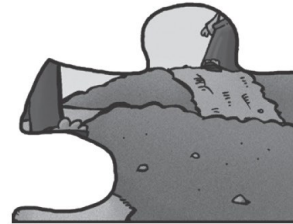


**All of a sudden, Cleopas and his friend  
recognized the stranger. It was Jesus!**



Jesus met some friends on the road and they did not recognize him. When they sat down to eat dinner, Jesus' friends suddenly put the puzzle together. They knew who he was!

**Choose the correct puzzle piece to finish these two pictures.**





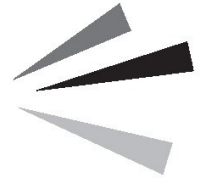
Using flowers in the worship space reminds us of new life.

**Do you see any flowers in your worship space today?**

**YES**

**NO**

**What colors are the flowers? Write the names of the colors here.**



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**Color these flowers to match the ones you see in your worship space.**





# READER

Easter 3

- Today is the **third Sunday** in Easter.
- During Easter we celebrate that Jesus came **back to life** and **appeared** to us.

## Now You See It

Complete this color by number to make Jesus appear. Use the color key to determine which color goes with which number.



- |               |          |        |          |              |
|---------------|----------|--------|----------|--------------|
| 1. light blue | 2. black | 3. tan | 4. brown | 5. dark blue |
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Some of the words in these Bible verses are jumbled. Can you find them and unscramble them?



They were saying, "The rold has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Snimo!" Luke 24:34

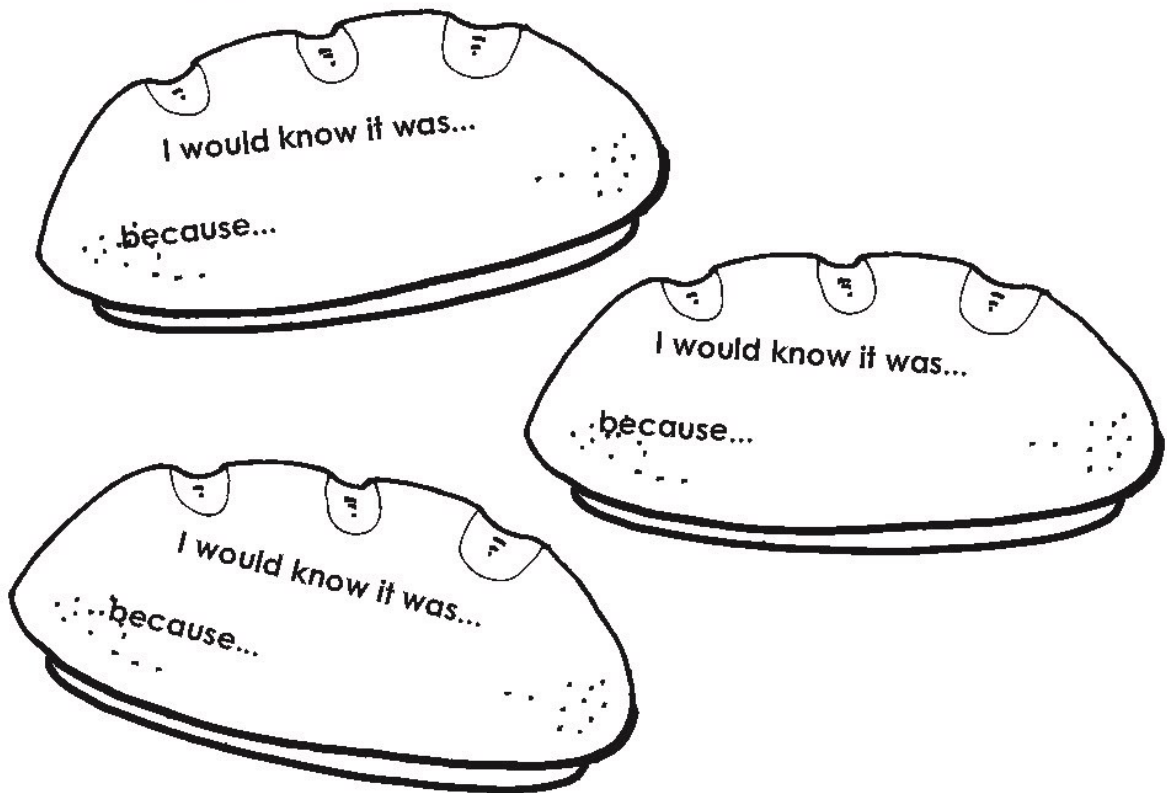
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Then their yees were opened, and yeht recognized him. Luke 24:31a

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## Who Do You Know?

It wasn't until Jesus shared a meal with the two men that they recognized him. What is one thing about your family members and friends that you would recognize, even if they looked different? Draw or write about it in these loaves of bread.

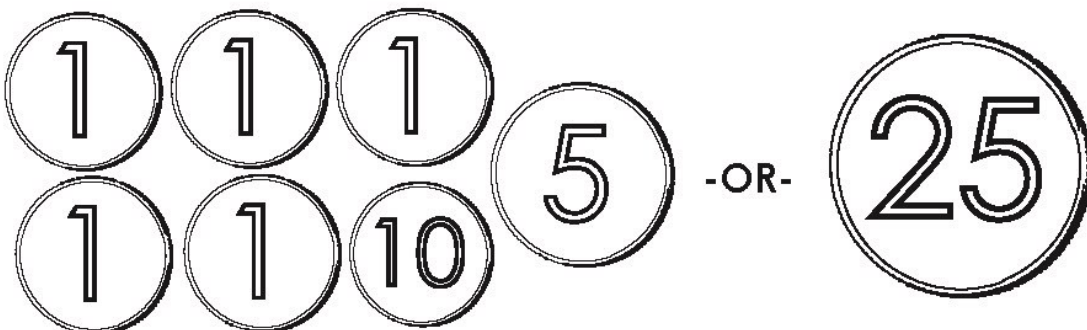
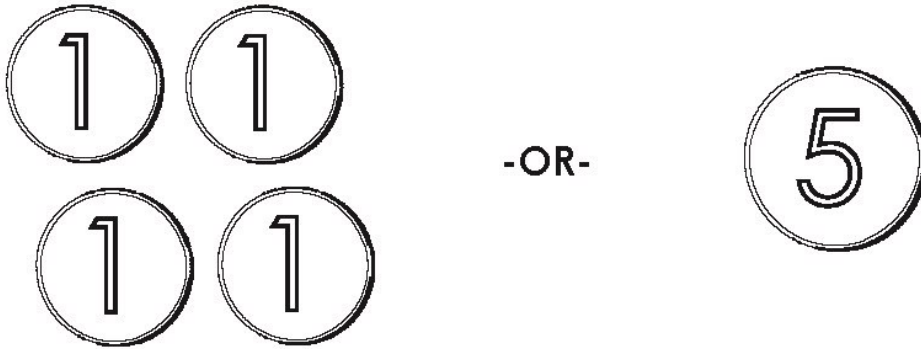
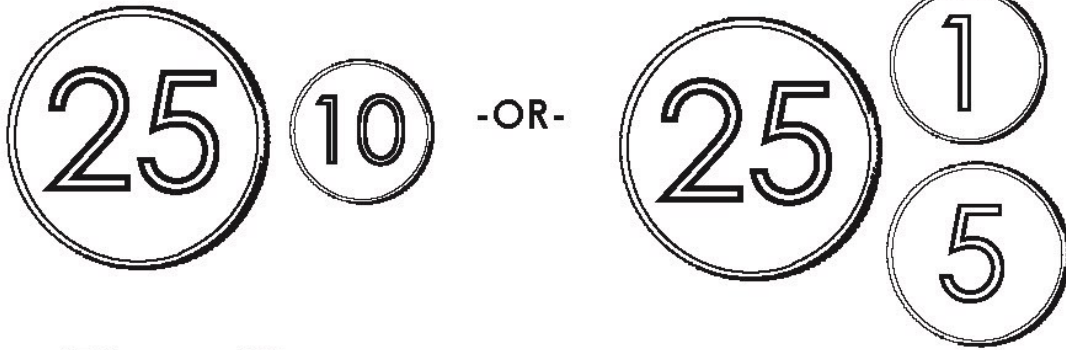


The road from Jerusalem to Emmaus was about 60 stadia. One stadion is about 610 feet or 185 meters. That makes the distance to Emmaus about 7 miles or 11 kilometers.



# Counting Coins

Peter wrote a letter to his friends. He told them that what Jesus gave in order to save us, is worth a lot more than gold or silver coins. Which set of coins is worth more than the other?

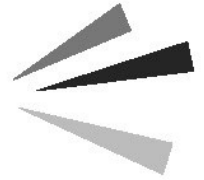


# Flower Power

Flowers are used in worship throughout the year. Look around for flowers in your worship space today.

During **Easter**, flowers have an important meaning. Cross out every other letter around these petals to find out what flowers mean during Easter.

The first letter is done for you.



FLOWERS:

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