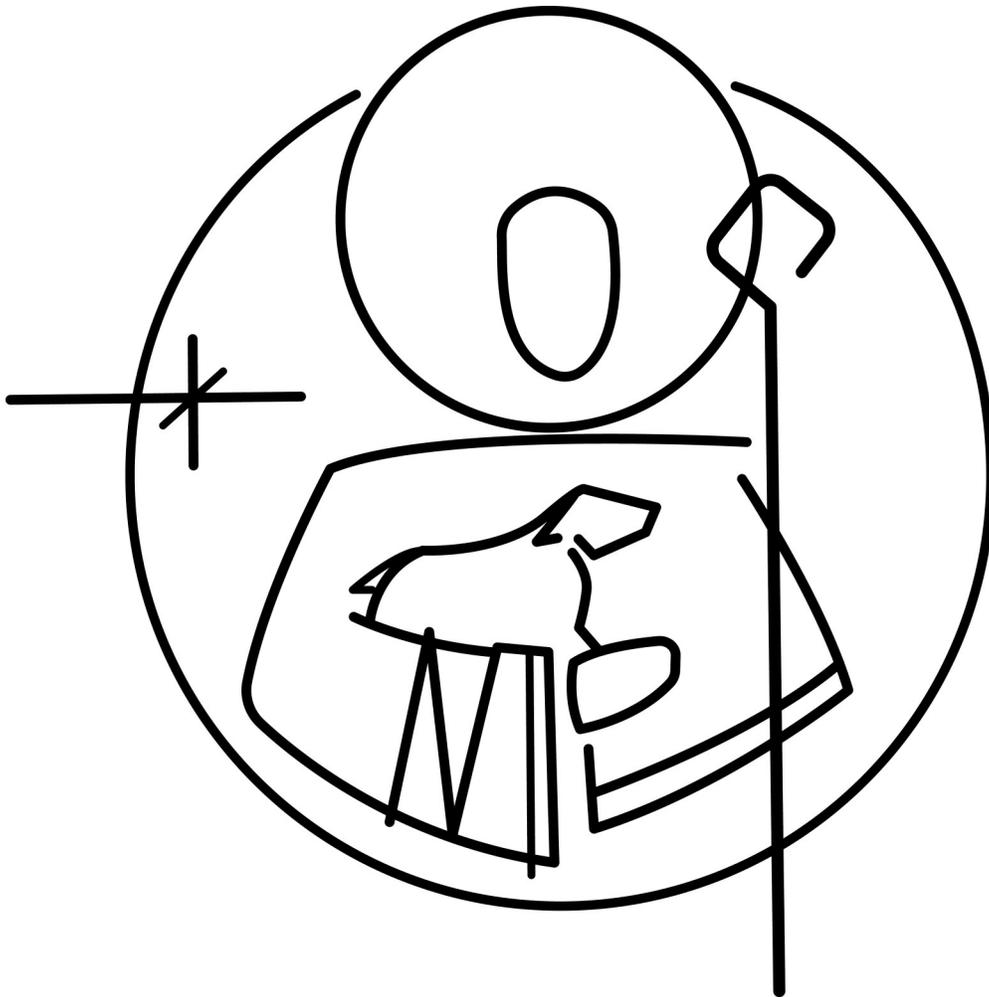


# Good Shepherd Sunday

## Fourth Sunday of Easter



**May 3, 2020**  
**10:30 AM**

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>  
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.

**May 3, 2020**

**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>. **SCROLL DOWN TO THE LIVE FACEBOOK VIDEO.** 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>.

**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.** Each week is independent—join when you can. 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

Good Shepherd, you call us by name, and we know your voice. Open the gate for us, that we may come and go freely, have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

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

## 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  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

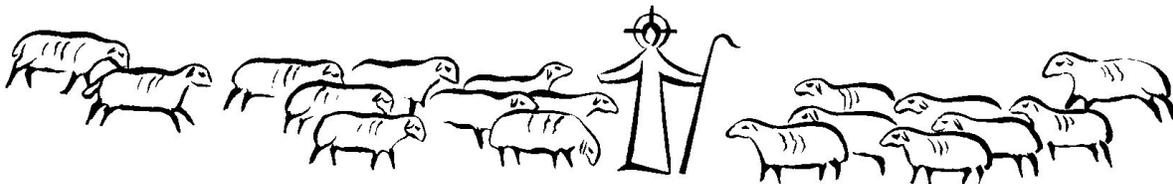
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 782 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



- 1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
- 2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
- 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.  
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.  
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;  
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.  
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt., based on Psalm 23  
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional

## 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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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.*

### READING Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

### PSALM 23

#### *Spoken responsively*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

<sup>2</sup>**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**



*The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 388 Be Not Afraid

Be not a - afraid, 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 10:1-10

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY 790 Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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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](http://www.stjohnssummit.org/giving). You may also contact the church office for more options.*

## 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 764 Have No Fear, Little Flock

*Verses 1, 3, 4*



1. Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle  
3. Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -  
4. Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to  
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -  
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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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

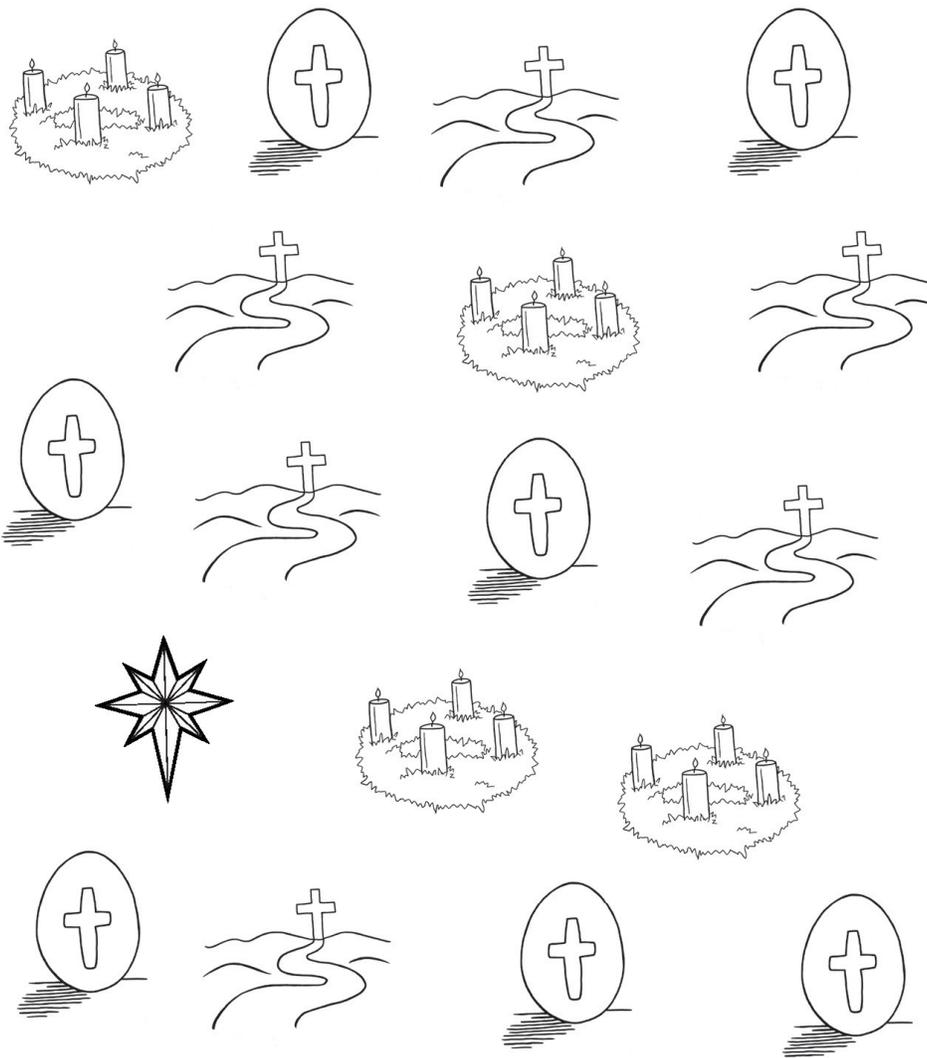


# PRE-READER

Easter 4

- Today is the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** in **Easter**.
- There are **7 Sundays** in the Easter season.

**Count how many of each symbol you see.  
Which symbol has seven?**





**They became one big Christian family.**

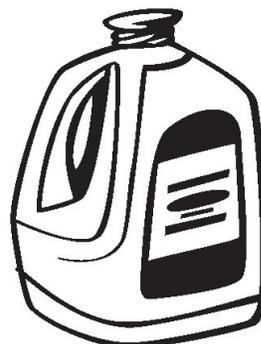
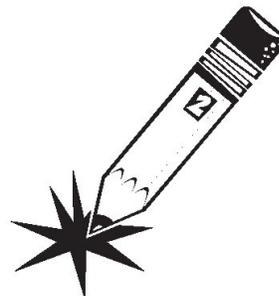
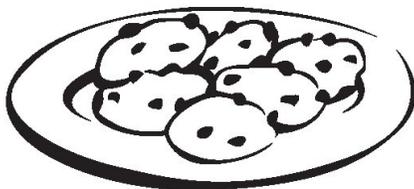
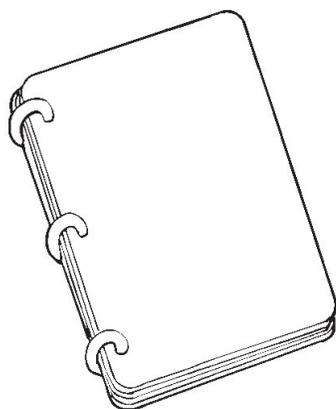


The book of Acts tells us that the first members of the Christian church **shared everything**.  
Sharing is a great way to **show God's love**.



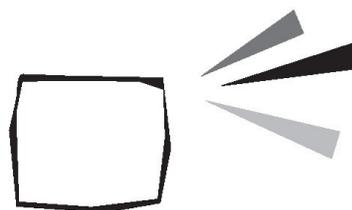
**Draw lines to match the things you could share with a friend.**

**If a friend had this...      I could share this...**



The Gospel lesson for today tells us that Jesus is like a **gate** or a door. He is the **way** in to God.

**How many doors are there in your church?**



**Draw a door that you use.**

**How many doors are there in your home?**



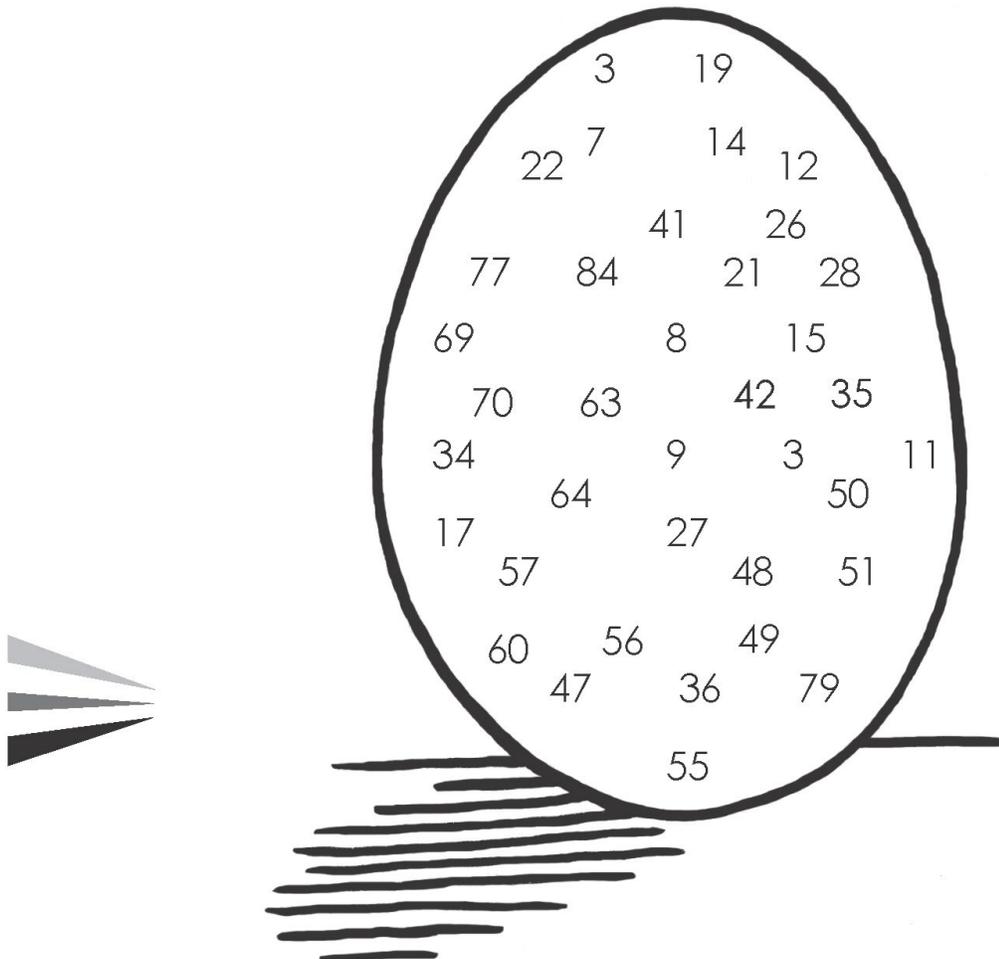
**Draw a door that you use.**



- Today is the **fourth Sunday** in **Easter**.
- There are **seven Sundays** in the Easter season.

## Lucky Sevens

Start with number seven. Connect all of the multiples of seven in order to reveal a symbol for Easter.



Draw lines to connect the pieces of this week's memory verses in order.

## Memory Verse



Acts 4:34

There was not a needy person among them,

the proceeds of what was sold.

sold them and brought

for as many as owned lands or houses

Acts 4:33

and grace was upon them all.

The apostles gave their testimony

to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,

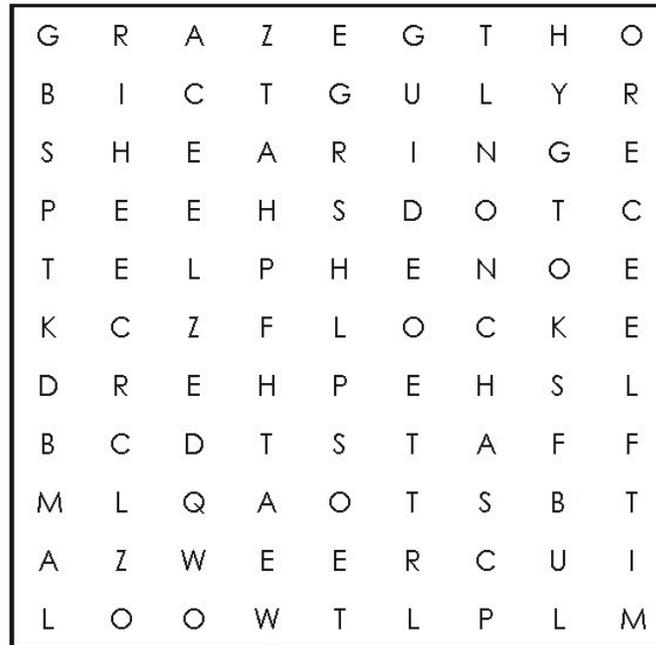


### Look It Up!

The early believers did not own anything, but shared everything with each other. Look up Mark 10:17-31 to read what Jesus has to say about sharing our possessions.

# Shepherd Search

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he is like a shepherd, and not like a thief. Can you find all these shepherd words?



Find the four letters that are shared by two words in the puzzle. Unscramble these letters to find out what Jesus brings to us as the Good Shepherd.

Shepherd	Lead	Lamb
Sheep	Flock	Fleece
Wool	Shearing	Staff
Protect	Guide	Graze

"I came that they may have \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_, and have it abundantly."  
John 10:10b

# Everything In Common

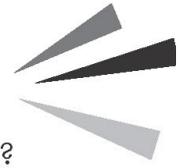
The earliest believers of the Christian church shared everything in common with each other. Can you figure out what these groups of words have in common? Answers are on the back page.

- |        |          |
|--------|----------|
| Apple  | Scissors |
| letter | Balloon  |
- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| Brown Coconut | Quiet Rhino   |
| Funny Girl    | Tiny Umbrella |
- |         |        |
|---------|--------|
| Ohio    | Iowa   |
| Alabama | Hawaii |
- |       |         |
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| Kayak | Racecar |
| Mom   | Eye     |

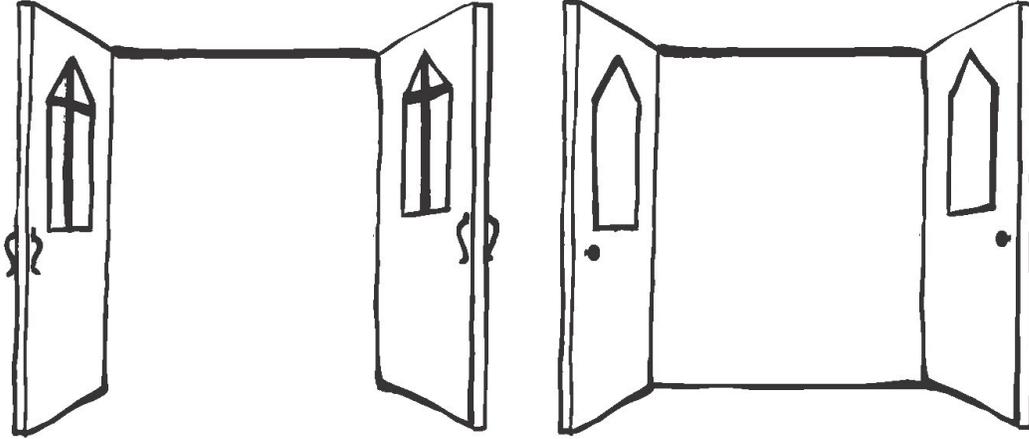
# Door Differences

Listen to today's Gospel lesson.

Jesus tells us that he is like a gate or a door. He is the way we get close to God.



Can you spot three differences between these two sets of church doors?



What does the door to your church look like? Draw it here.



EVERYTHING IN COMMON ANSWERS

1. All have double letters
2. Each set of two words begins with consecutive letters of the alphabet
3. All have more vowels than consonants
4. All are palindromes—words that are spelled the same forward and backward