

Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 10, 2020
10:30 AM

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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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Many thanks to Wayne Dietterick for serving as our guest musician today.

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

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 12 and 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

Lord, as we listen to your holy Word, open our hearts to the power of your Spirit, call us out of darkness, and lead us into your marvelous light. Amen.

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

PRELUDE In This Time...

Wayne Dietterick

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 377 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen
Verses 1, 4, 5



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound - ing in
4. Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a - sun - der, and
5. Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem,
glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim, sing: O grave, be o - pen!
Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,
Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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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

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he 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 2:2–10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” ⁸and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

PSALM 31:1–5, 15–16

Spoken responsively

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;
make haste to deliver me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 388 Be Not Afraid

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

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

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Be not a - afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!". The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

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

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GOSPEL John 14:1-7

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Verses 1, 4, 7, 8



1. I know that my Re - deem - er lives!
4. He lives to si - lence all my fears;
7. He lives and grants me dai - ly breath;
8. He lives, all glo - ry to his name!



What com - fort this sweet sen - tence gives!
he lives to wipe a way my tears;
he lives, and I shall con - quer death;
He lives, my Sav - ior, still the same;



He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives to calm my trou - bled heart;
he lives my man - sion to pre - pare;
what joy this blest as - sur - ance gives:



he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
he lives to bring me safe - ly there.
I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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.

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 671 Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks

Verses 1, 2, 3

Refrain

Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his Name.

Verses

1. Je - sus is Lord of all the earth,
 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3. We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 Now we shall live for ev - er.

Text: Donald Fishel, b.1950
 Tune: ALLELUIA NO. 1, 8 8 with refrain; Donald Fishel, b.1950
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DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Vignette on “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

arr. Wayne Dietterick

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



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We're delighted you're worshipping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.



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
Summit, NJ 07901

COMMUNITY FOODBANK OF NEW JERSEY

is also struggling with issues of volunteer support dropping/ceasing due to the health concerns of the volunteers.

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



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God's work. Our hands.

ALSO, check out **ELCA/World Hunger** information by clicking [HERE](#).

More than 820 million people - that's about 11 percent of people in our world today - are hungry.

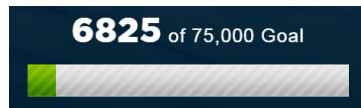


To help globally through **Lutheran World Relief**

Coronavirus is expected to spread at a catastrophic rate across Africa and health systems are not prepared. To learn more and give directly to LWR efforts in Africa, click [HERE](#).



Vulnerable communities are defenseless against COVID-19. LWR needs help to sew cloth face masks to help them reach men, women and children in vulnerable communities around the world. To join the challenge, click [HERE](#) for more info.



If you are able, please give directly to these organizations or through St. John's, designating the funds.

Give online through St. John's by clicking [HERE](#).

Or mail your check to
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587 Springfield Avenue
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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

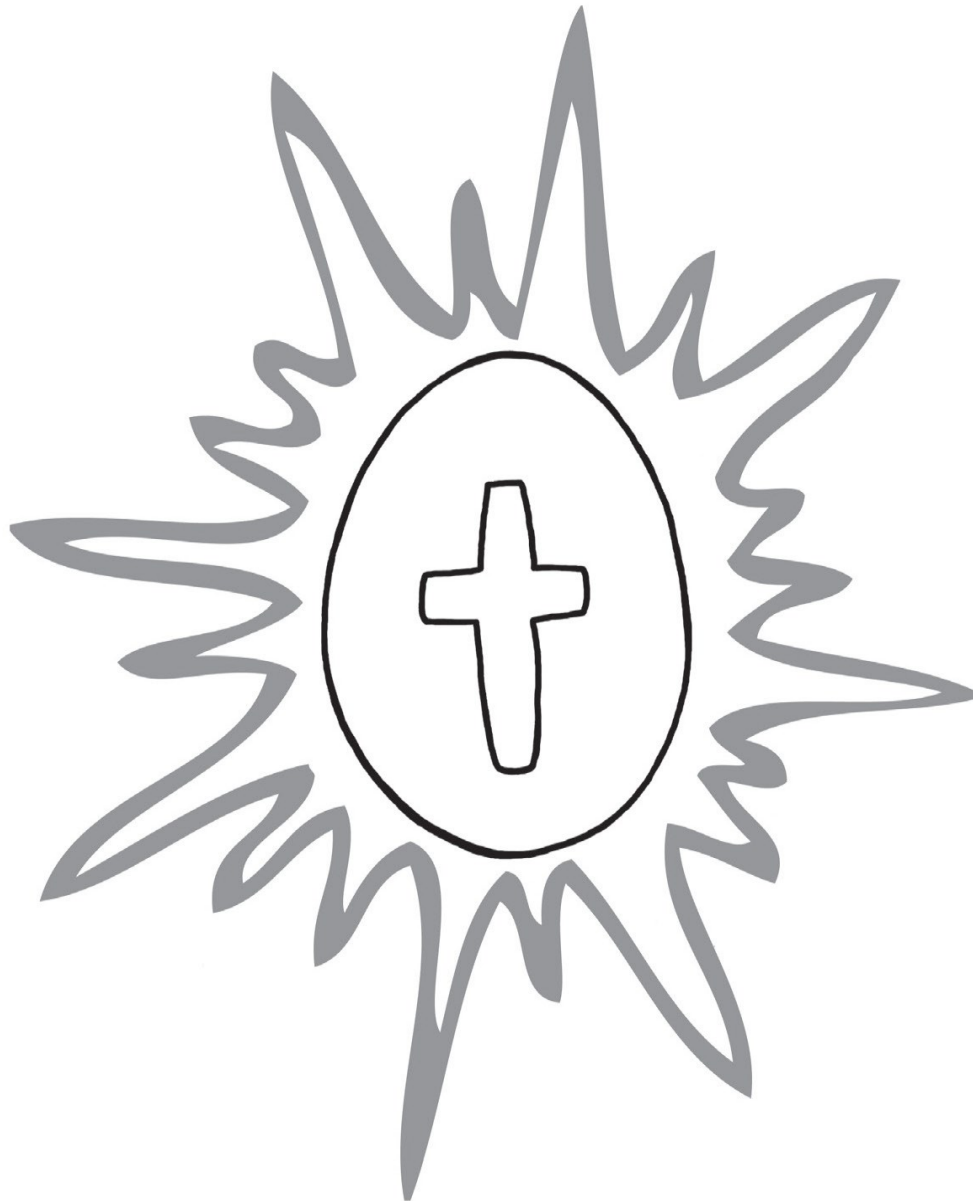


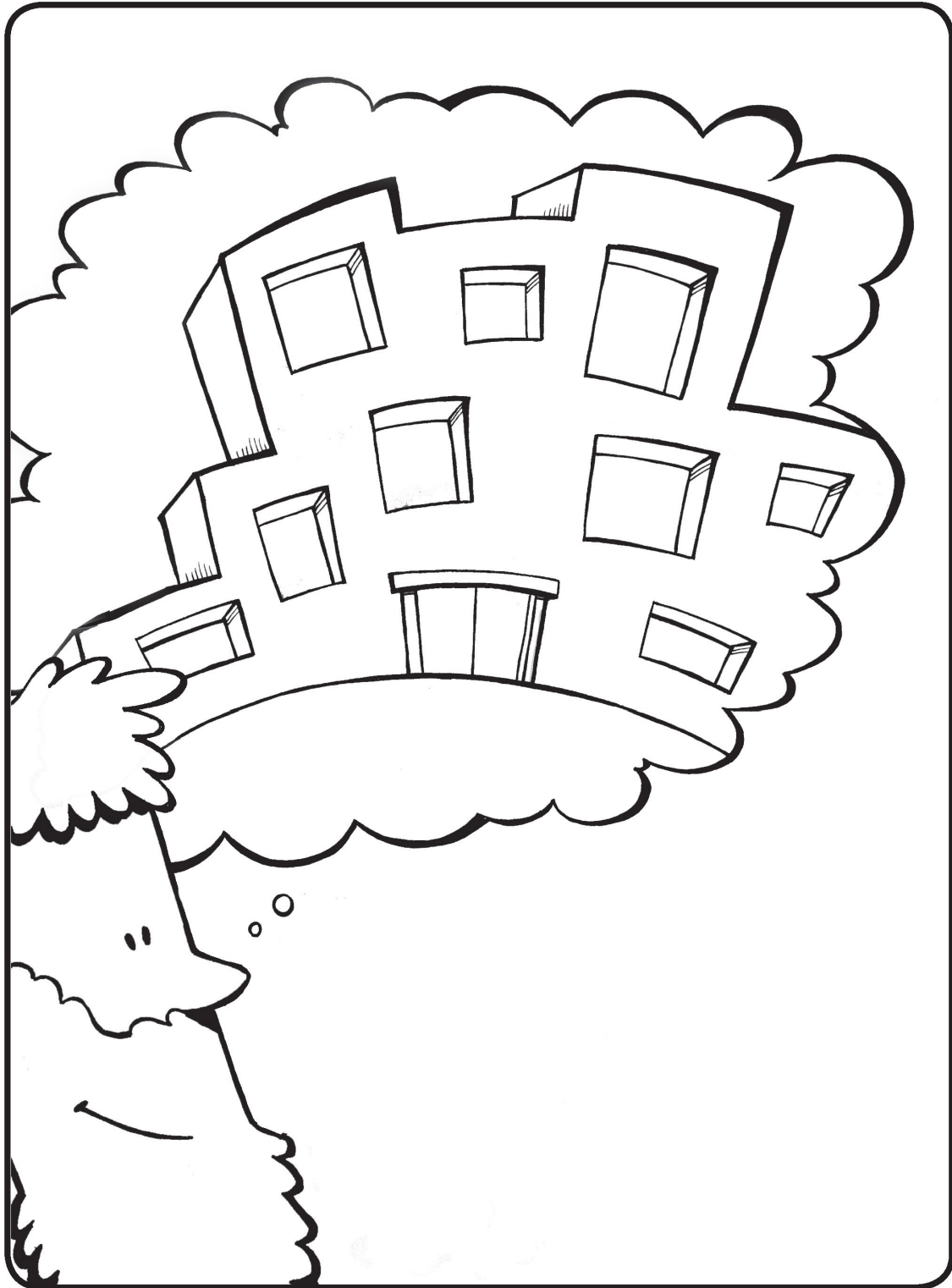
PRE-READER

Easter 5

- Today is the **5th Sunday** in **Easter**.
- Easter is a time to celebrate **new life** and **new beginnings**.

Draw a sun around this symbol for Easter to show the beginning of a new day.





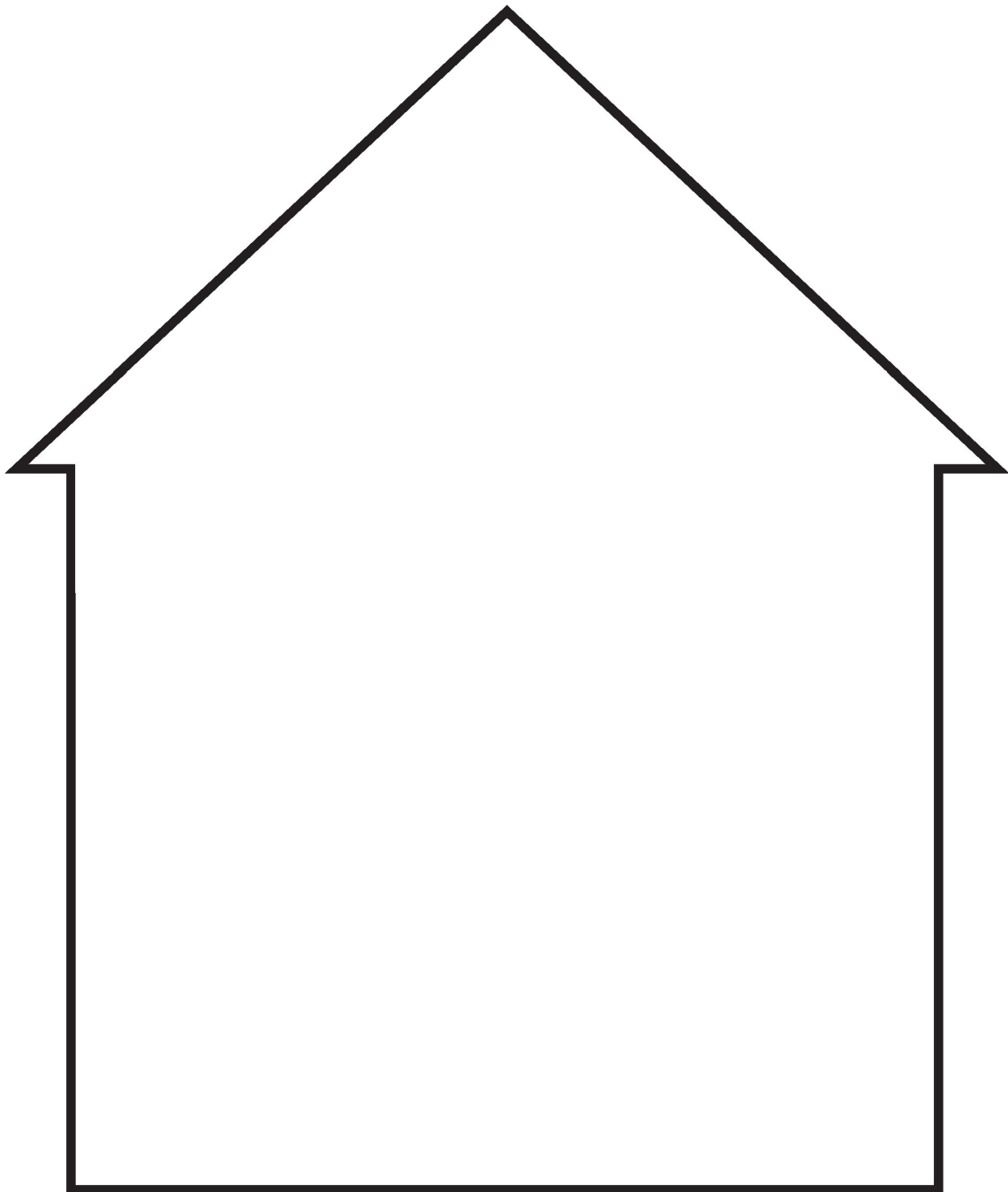
“We can live in God’s house, too!”



The Gospel of John tells us that there are many rooms in God's house. Jesus says that he is getting a place ready for us there!

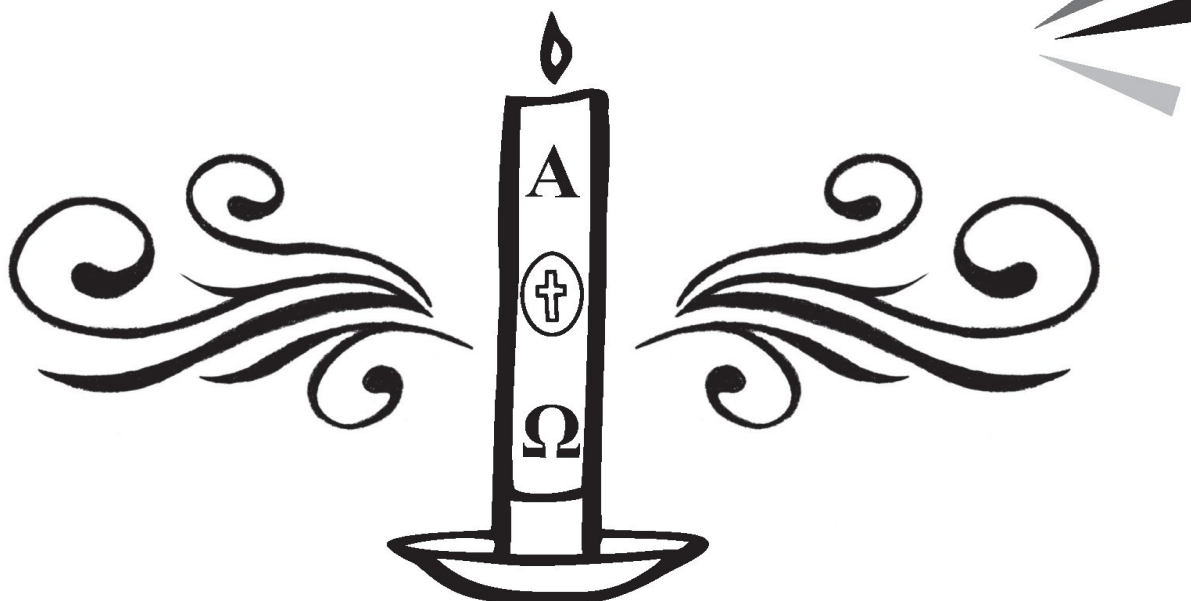


**What do you think God's house looks like?
Draw rooms and decorate this house.
Be sure to pick out a room for yourself!**

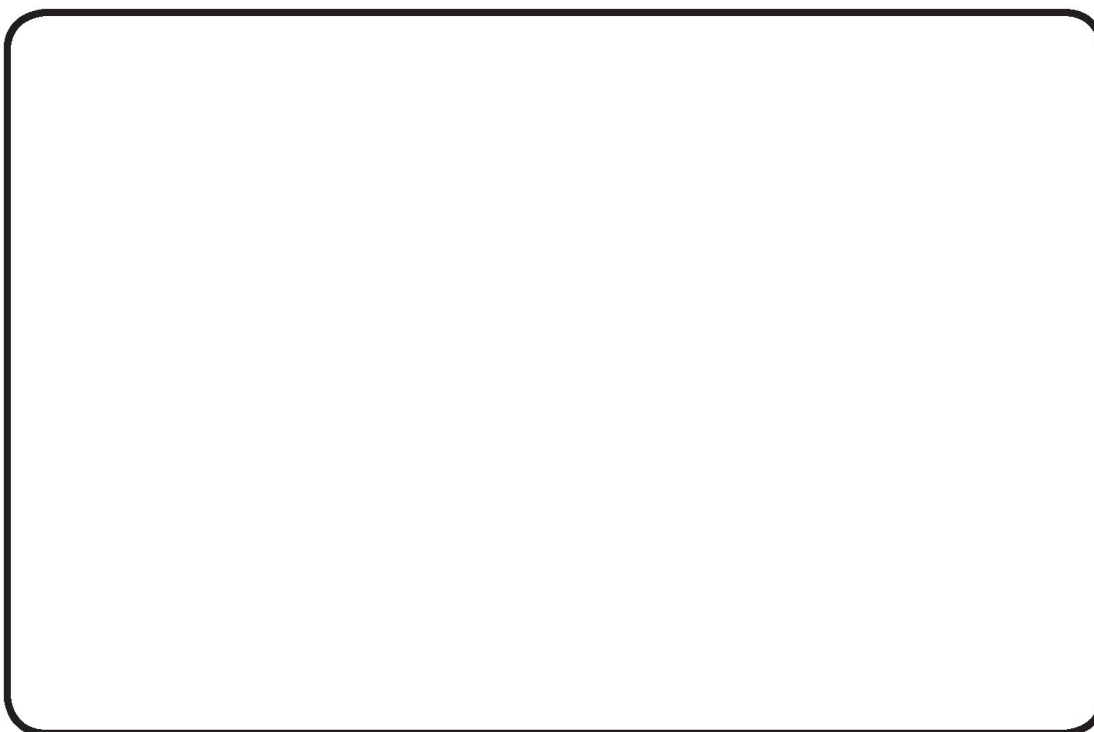


During Easter we use **candles** to remind us of the **life** and **light** of Jesus.

There may be a candle that looks like this in your worship space. Do you see one?



Color this candle and then draw pictures of other candles you see in your worship space.





READER

Easter 5

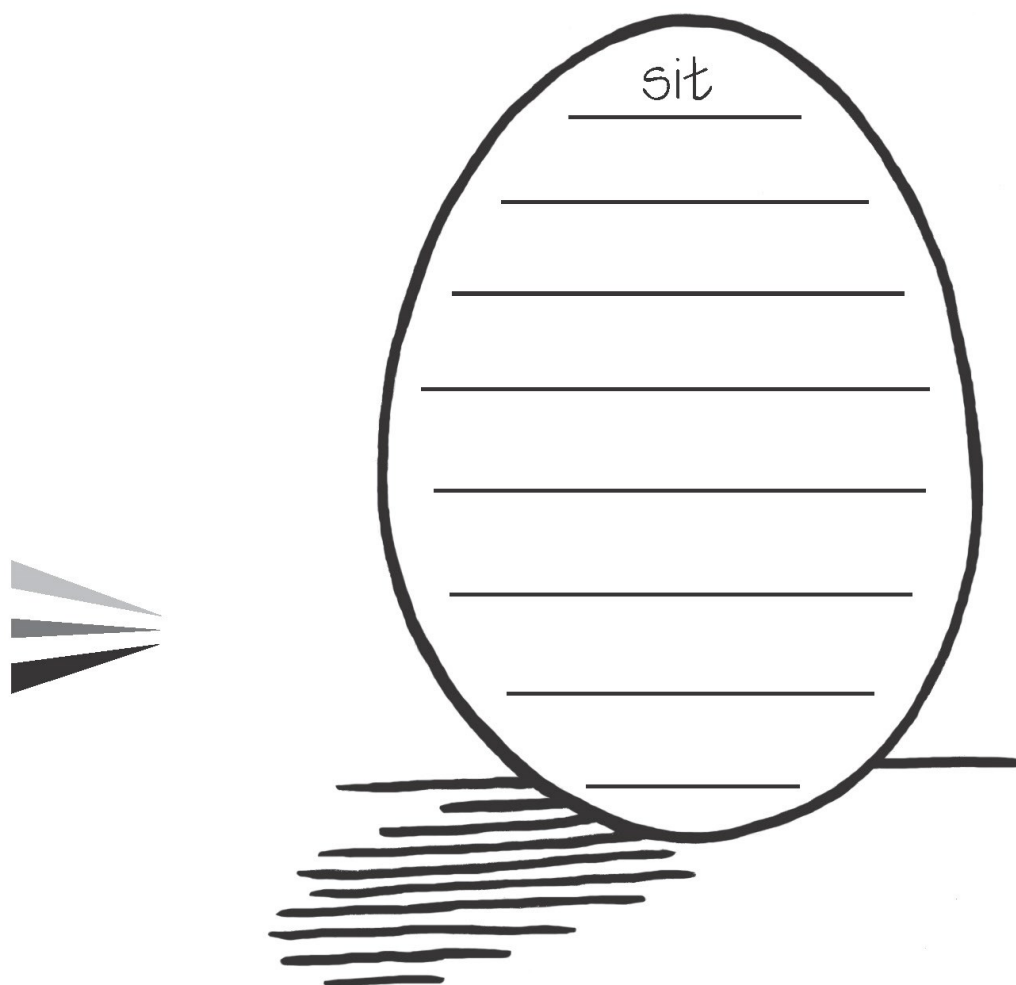
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New Words

How many new words can you make out of the words **CHRIST IS RISEN**??

Write them inside this symbol for Easter. One example is done for you.

CHRIST IS RISEN

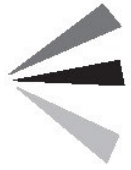


Fill in the blanks to complete this week's memory verses.



Jesus said, "I am the ___ ___ ___, and the truth, and the ___ ___ ___ ___."
John 14:6a

Do not let your ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1



Living Stones

Peter wrote a letter to his friends. He told them they were like living stones. By using the gifts God gave them, they could build a house for God on earth. Fill in your gifts on these stones.

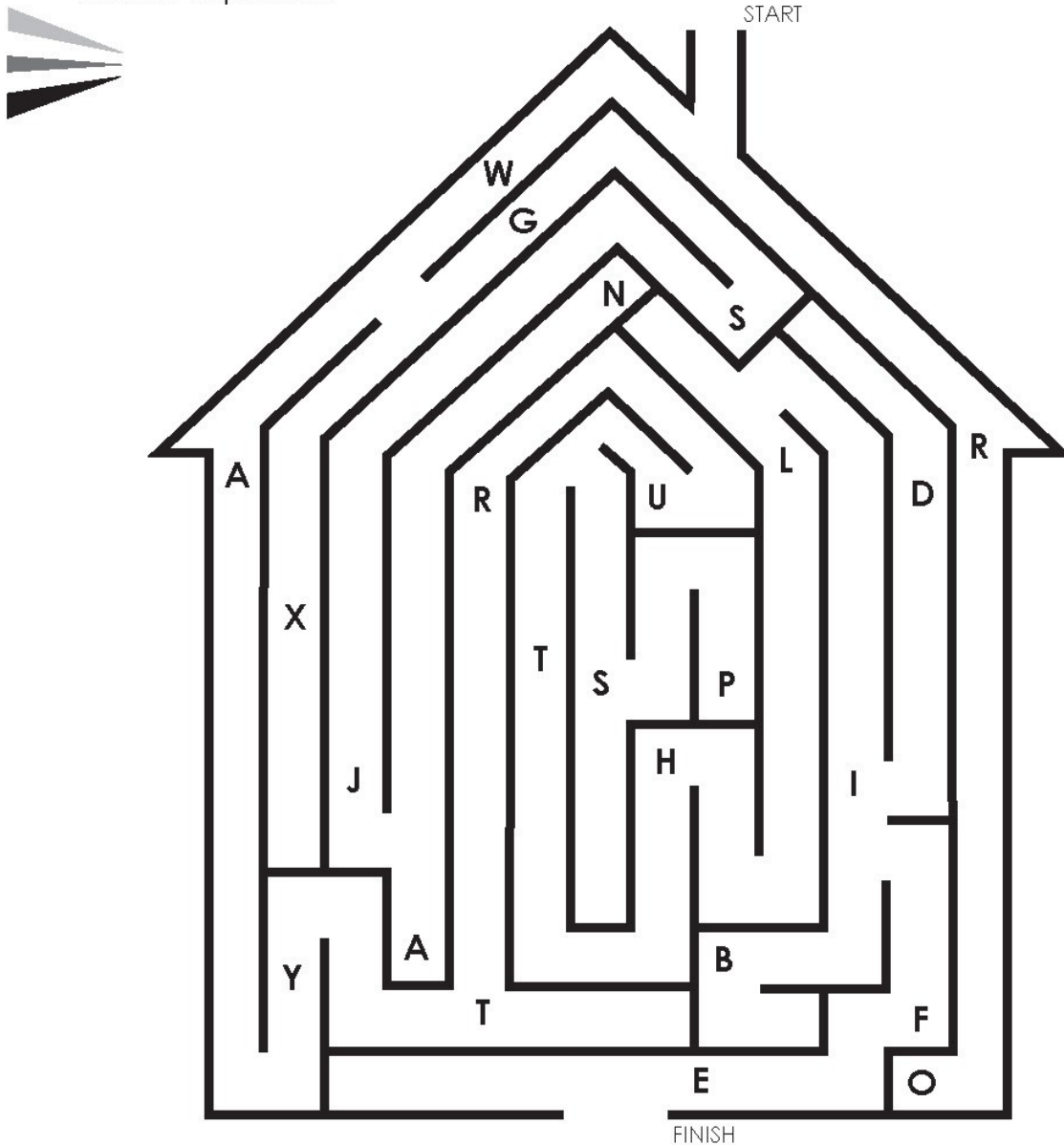
A collection of several irregular, stone-like shapes outlined in thick black. Each shape contains a text prompt for personal reflection:

- My favorite song in worship is...
- My favorite thing to do at school is...
- My favorite prayer is...
- At home, I help out by...
- My friends like it when I...

The Way Home

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in God's house. Thomas asks Jesus, "How will we know the way?"

Find your way through this maze, picking up letters to spell the answer to Thomas's question.



Answer: Jesus says, "I am the _____, and the _____,
and the _____."

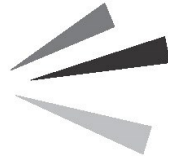


Look It Up!

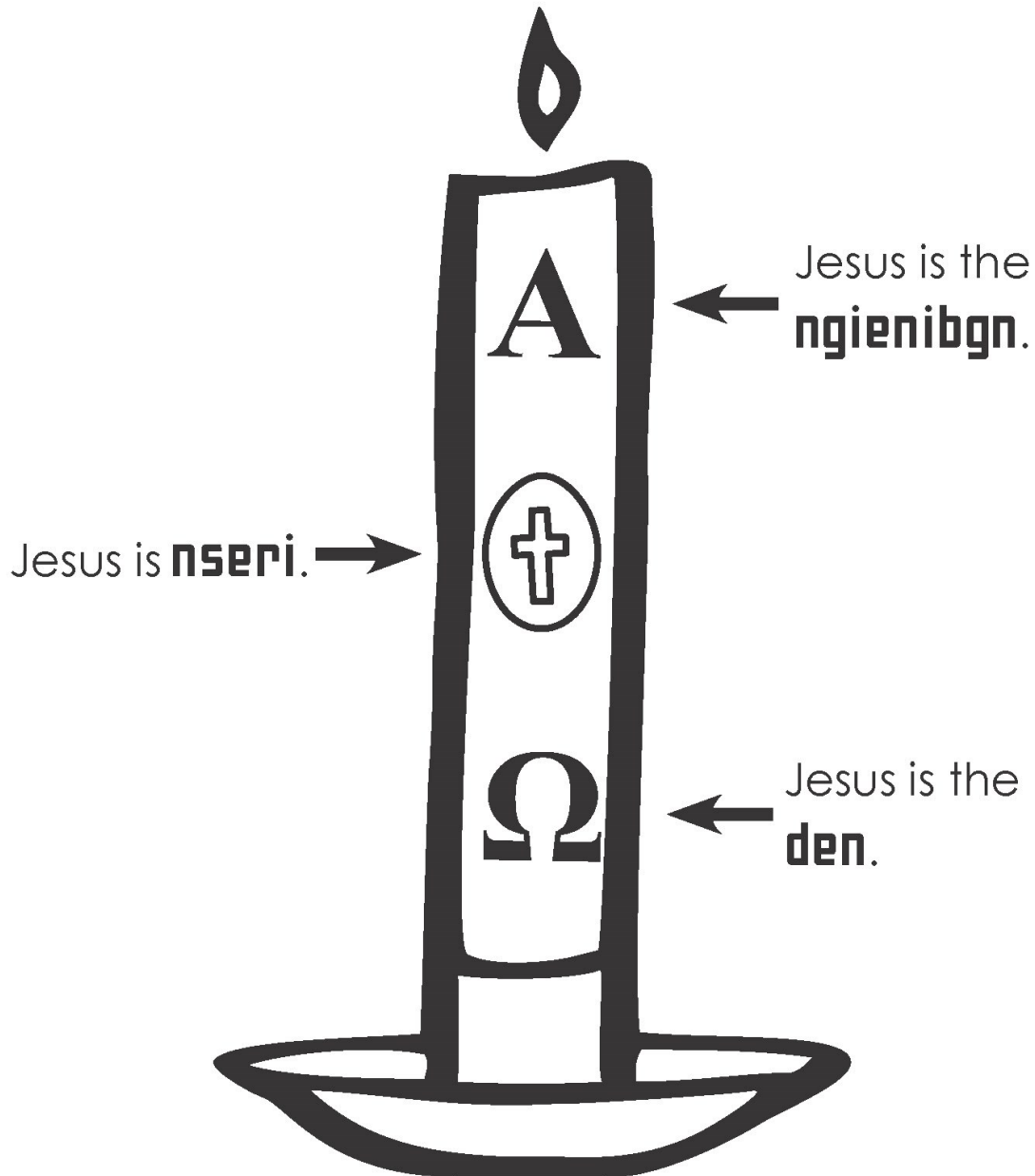
In the Gospel lesson today, Jesus tells us that he is the way to God. Look up John 10:9 and read about Jesus being the gate or door to God.

Paschal Puzzle

There may be a paschal candle in your worship space during Easter. This candle reminds us of the life and light of Jesus. The paschal candle looks like this. Do you see one?



Unscramble the bold words to find out what the symbols on the paschal candle mean.



Jesus is _____.

Jesus is the _____ and the _____.