

Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 17, 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 on Facebook. **YOU DON'T** 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, click "Not now." **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>. **SCROLL DOWN TO THE LIVE FACEBOOK VIDEO.** Visit Our YouTube Channel 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. Join us for some simple spiritual practices that can strengthen us for the living of these days. **Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM: May 26.** Join: <https://zoom.us/j/93047423385>.

Youth Zoom Meeting, Sunday, May 31 at 7:00 PM: Join <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87162633366>

Evening Prayer We will be offering a 30-minute service of Evening Prayer. **Wednesdays at 7:00 PM.** On both our Facebook and YouTube pages.

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>.

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. New lessons 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](#).

Need Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee or Tea? Contact [Jane Bowman](#) to make arrangements to purchase and pick up your supplies.

Prayer Before Worship

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life—a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ's love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

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

PRELUDE Setting of *Joyous Light*

By Lynn L. Peterson (b. 20th C.)

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 631 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

verses 1, 3, 4



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
3. Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er, let us all thy
4. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com -
more thy tem - ple leave. Thee we would be al - ways
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it
bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and
glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place, till we



us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

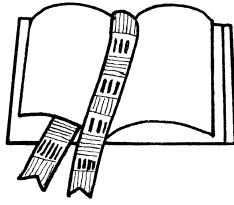
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

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 ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:24–28

²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

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

PSALM 66:8–12, 16–20

Spoken responsively

- ⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
- ⁹**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- ¹²You let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹⁶**Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.**
- ¹⁷I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.
- ¹⁸**If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;**
- ¹⁹but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
- ²⁰**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.**

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 image shows a musical score for a two-part vocal setting. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The music is in a minor key with a common time signature. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

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

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GOSPEL John 14:15–21

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

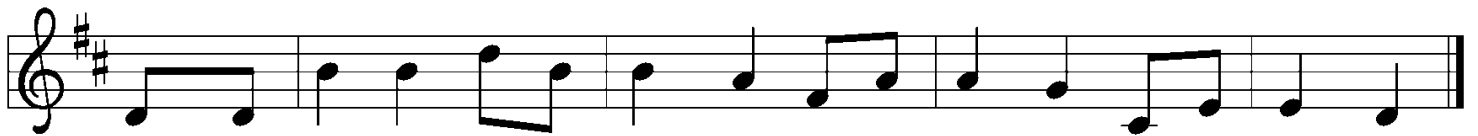
The gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 781 Children of the Heavenly Father



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958

Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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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.

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 Christ Has Risen

Verses 1 & 4

1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has
4. Christ has risen and for ever lives to
risen where hope died, as he said and as he
chal-lenge and to change all whose lives are messed or
prom-ised, as we doubt-ed and de-nied. Let the
man-gled, all who find re-li-gion strange. Christ is
moon em-brace the bless-ing; let the sun sus-tain the cheer; let the
ris-en. Christ is pres-ent mak-ing us what he has been—ev-i-
world con-firm the ru-mor. Christ is risen, God is here!
dence of trans-for-ma-tion in which God is known and seen.

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Tune: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc.

DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Setting of *Hyfrydol*

By Nancy Raabe (b. 1954)

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



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We're delighted you're worshiping 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.

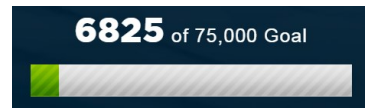


To help globally through **Lutheran World Relief**

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
St. John's Lutheran Church
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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



READER

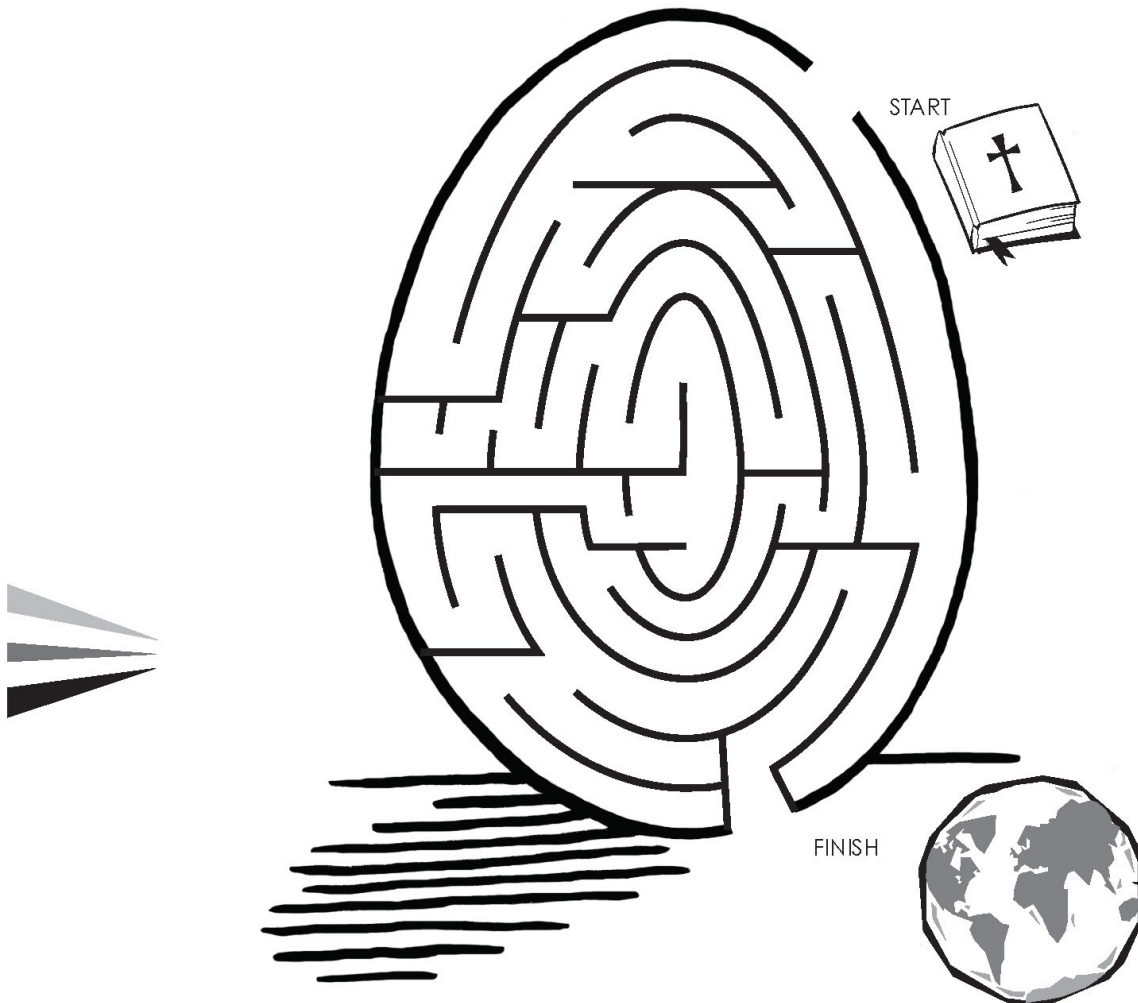
Easter 6

- Today is the **sixth Sunday** in **Easter**.
- During Easter we hear stories about the very **beginning** of the **Christian church**.
- The first members of the church traveled all over to spread God's message.

God's Messenger

You can spread God's message too!

Finish this maze to help spread God's message to the world.



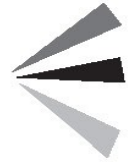
Solve the puzzle to finish this week's memory verses:

Memory Verse



Jesus said, "If you K___ M N ___ P U ___ W,
D ___ F me, you will J ___ L D ___ F D ___ F
O ___ Q my commandments." John 14:15

Jesus said, "If you ___ ___ ___ ___ me, you will ___ ___ ___ ___ my
commandments." John 14:15



Commandment Changes

Jesus made some changes to the traditional rules.

Match the commandment with Jesus' change. Look up the Bible passage if you get stuck.

You have heard it said...
You shall not murder (Matthew 5:21)
An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth (Matthew 5:38)
You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy (Matthew 5:43)
You shall not swear falsely (Matthew 5:33)

But I say to you...
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for is his footstool.
If you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment.
Do not resist an evildoer.

Away From Harm's Way

Peter wrote a letter to his friends.

He asked them, "Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?"

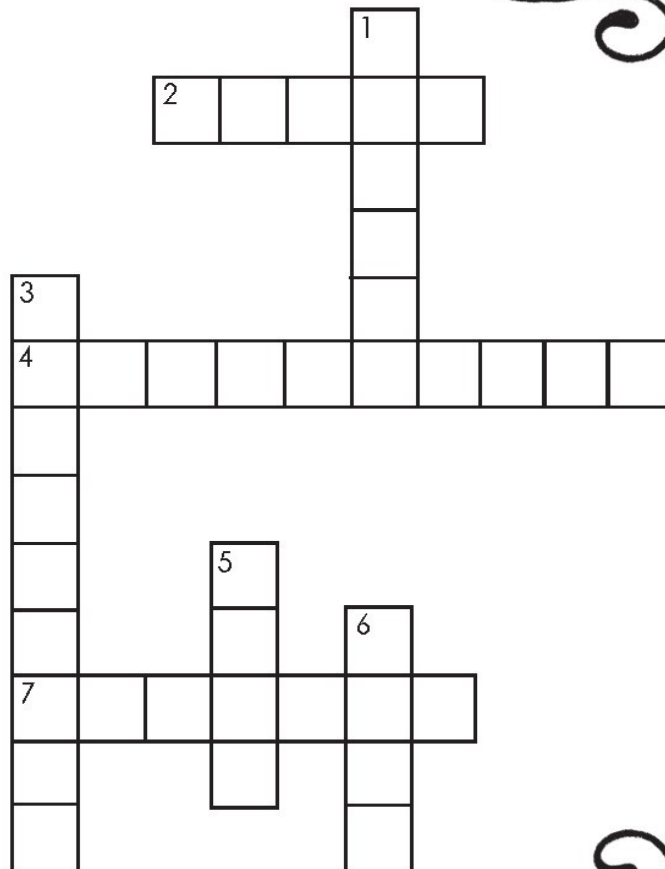
But sometimes bad things do happen!

Peter reminds us that God is with us, even in hard times.

Look up the Bible passages to complete this crossword puzzle of people who God protected.



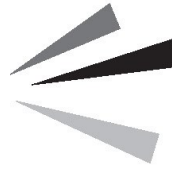
1. Daniel 6:1-28
2. John 8:1-11
3. Matthew 8:23-27
4. Exodus 5:1—6:3
5. Genesis 6-9
6. Ruth 2:1-17
7. John 12:1-8



In today's Gospel lesson Jesus promises his disciples will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Look up Acts 2:1-4 to read about the day the Holy Spirit came.

With Us, for Us

Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to his disciples. He told them that the Holy Spirit would be their advocate. An advocate speaks on behalf of their friends and helps them. Who is your advocate? Draw this person in the space below.

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing a person who is the student's advocate.

The Holy Spirit is a way for God to be with us always. Look around your worship space. What do you see that reminds you that God is with us? Draw or write about it here.

A large, empty rounded rectangular box with a black border, intended for drawing or writing about something that reminds the student of God's presence.



PRE-READER

Easter 6

- Today is the **6th Sunday** in **Easter**.
- During Easter we hear stories about the first **members** of the **first church**.

You are a part of God's church, too. Color this name tag and wear it today. Be proud that you are a part of God's church!

Hello, my name is



and I am a part of God's church!



“God’s Holy Spirit will be with you always.”



Jesus told his disciples that they would be able to see and feel the Holy Spirit. One way that artwork shows the Holy Spirit is in flames. Another way is the wind. And another way is a dove!



Color each symbol of the Holy Spirit.



Jesus **promised** the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The Holy Spirit is a way for God to **be with us** all the time.



Look around your worship space. What do you see that reminds you that God is with us? Draw or write about it here.

GOD IS WITH ME WHEN I...

SING

PLAY

EAT

PRAY

CRY

LAUGH

SLEEP

LEARN