



## Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

10:30 AM

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>  
or <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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**Coffee Sale:** If you need fair trade coffee, teas, and chocolate, contact Jane Bowman.

**Lent Evening Prayer:** Join us on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) each Wednesday at 7:00 PM for special Lenten Evening Prayer Services.

**Bridges Outreach** is currently doing runs into Newark 7 days a week. The need is very great. They are happy to receive donations of lunches any day before 2:00 PM. Lunches need to be taken to the Bridges office, call 908-273-0176 to inform them you are bringing lunches.

**U.S. Severe Storms:** In recent days, severe storms have created a significant crisis Texas and surrounding areas. Donations to Lutheran Disaster Response go 100% to relief. You can donate through St. John's [online](#) or by check memo: LDR Severe Storms or directly to [LDR](#).

**Cross Roads Summer Camp Registration** for all Cross Roads summer camp programs for youth and families is open! Find the schedule, program descriptions, and more information on the Cross Roads [website](#). Cross Roads is also looking for trustworthy and creative young adults to help serve this summer as counselors and support staff members. Learn more and apply on the Cross Roads [website](#).

**Summit Warm Hearts:** The Interfaith Council established emergency shelter, meals, and support services with GRACE Food Pantry and Bridges to help the homeless in our community. Other Fellow First has pledged a \$10k matching grant, but we haven't made the match yet. We need to raise \$6k. **To make a donation:** Send a check to: The Other Fellow First Foundation (note 'Summit Warm Hearts'), 47 Summit Avenue, Summit, 07901, or visit [otherfellowfirstfoundation.org](#) to donate using a credit card.

**Host sign up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BADAE2DAA8-swhhosts>

**Lunch sign up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BADAE2DAA8-swhlunch>

**Pick up and delivery sign up:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050A4BADAE2DAA8-restaurant>

**Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM.** Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

**Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM** on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

**Giving Is Important.** We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

**Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM** on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit) or our YouTube Channel at [www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ](http://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ) **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

### **Prayer Before Worship**

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Lasset uns mit Jesu ziehen*

By Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, seeking forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

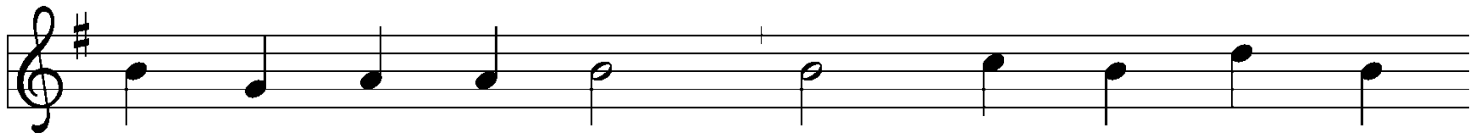
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our † Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

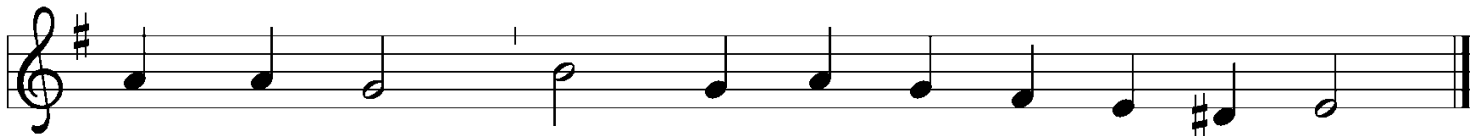
GATHERING HYMN ELW 320 The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing  
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered  
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,  
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's  
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

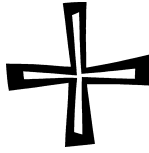


things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

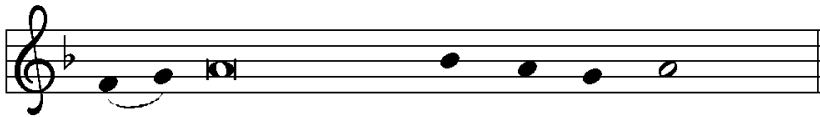
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



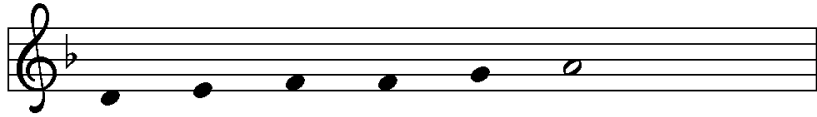
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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.*

### **FIRST READING** Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.”

<sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

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

### **SECOND READING** Romans 4:13–25

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## GOSPEL Mark 8:31–38

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

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

## HOMILY

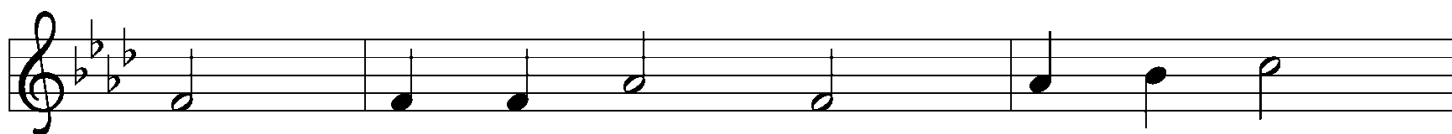
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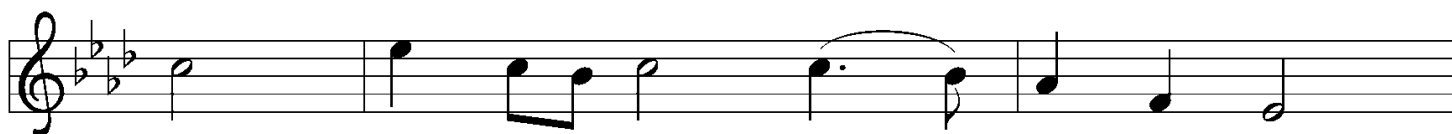
# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 667 Take Up Your Cross the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,  
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight  
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;  
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;  
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;  
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,  
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,  
for you the Lord en - dured the cross  
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."  
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.  
to save your soul from death and hell.  
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.

Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord in your mercy, **.hear our prayer.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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**

*We present monetary, food, and other offerings for God's mission through this congregation. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit [www.stjohnssummit.org](http://www.stjohnssummit.org).*

**OFFERING MUSIC** "Tranquillo" from Oboe Concerto By Tomaso Albinoni (1671–1751)  
Evelyn Estava, Violin

## OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

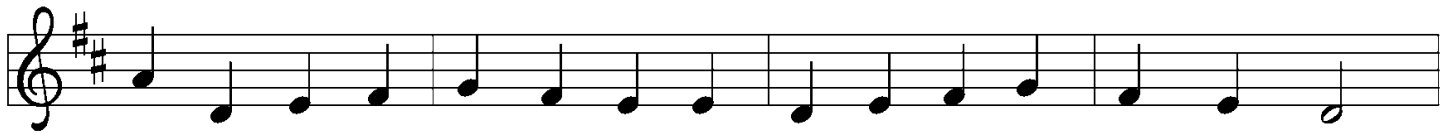
### Sending

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

## BLESSING

Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And may Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,  
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.  
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,  
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.  
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.  
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.  
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,  
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:  
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;  
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.  
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.  
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.  
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.  
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.  
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.  
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Erhalt uns, Herr*

By Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

Zoom Coffee Hour: URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

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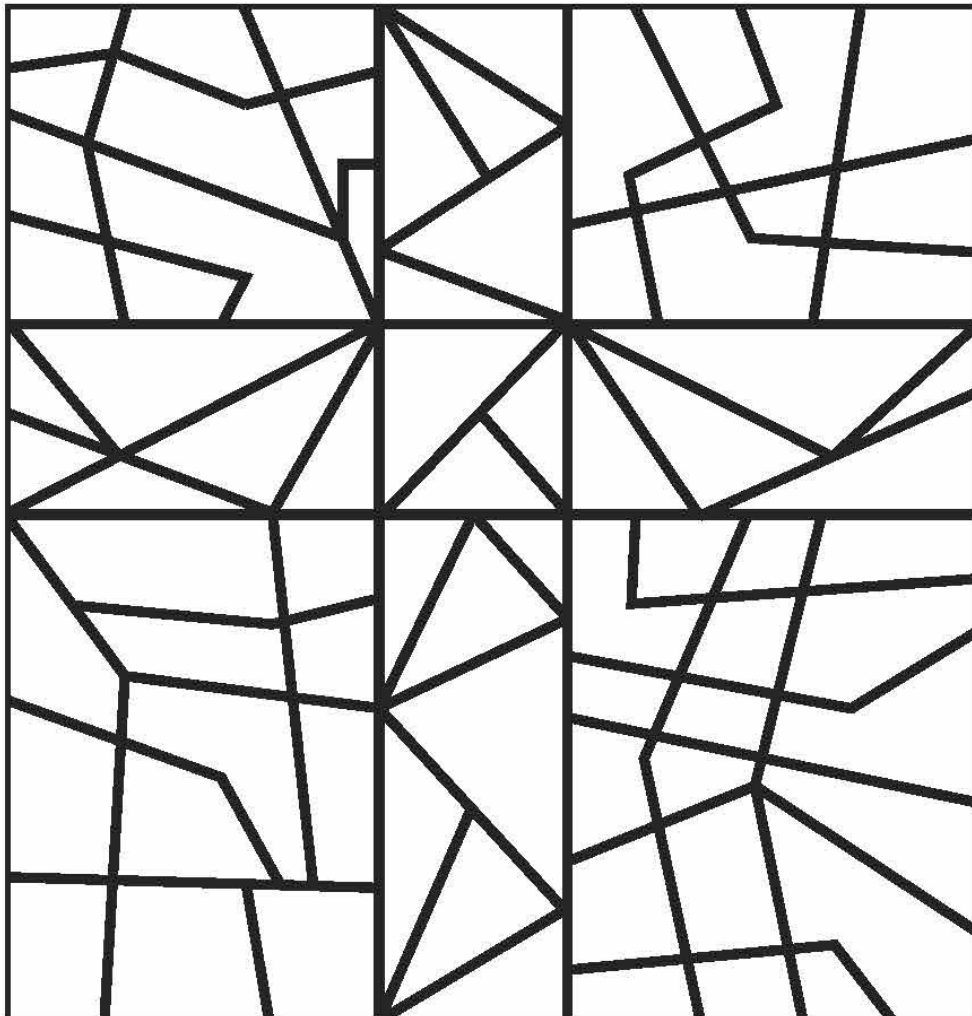
# PRE-READER

Lent 2

- Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in **Lent**.
- Lent lasts **40 days**.
- One symbol of Lent is a **cross**.
- During Lent, we learn about **Jesus' life**.

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**Color in the triangles to see what the symbol of Lent is.**



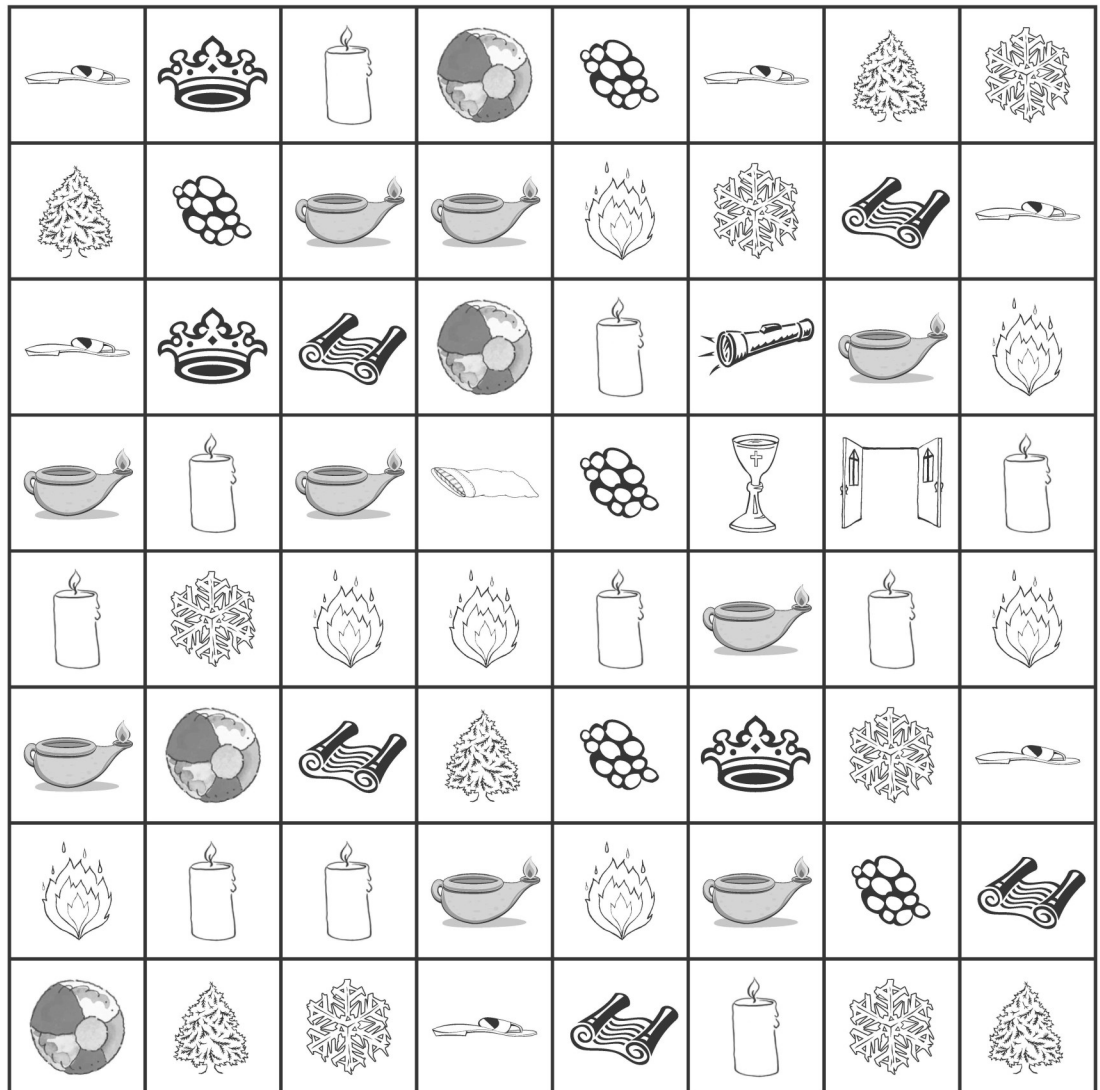


**“You’re the one God sent to save the world!”**



Peter was not sure about God's plan. Following God's plan can be hard work!

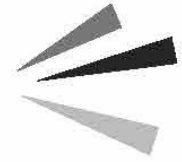
**Help Peter get to Jesus by following the sources of light. You can move up and down and side to side.**



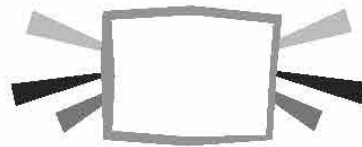


During the season of Lent, the color is purple. Who is wearing purple in your church today? Are there any new purple decorations in your church?

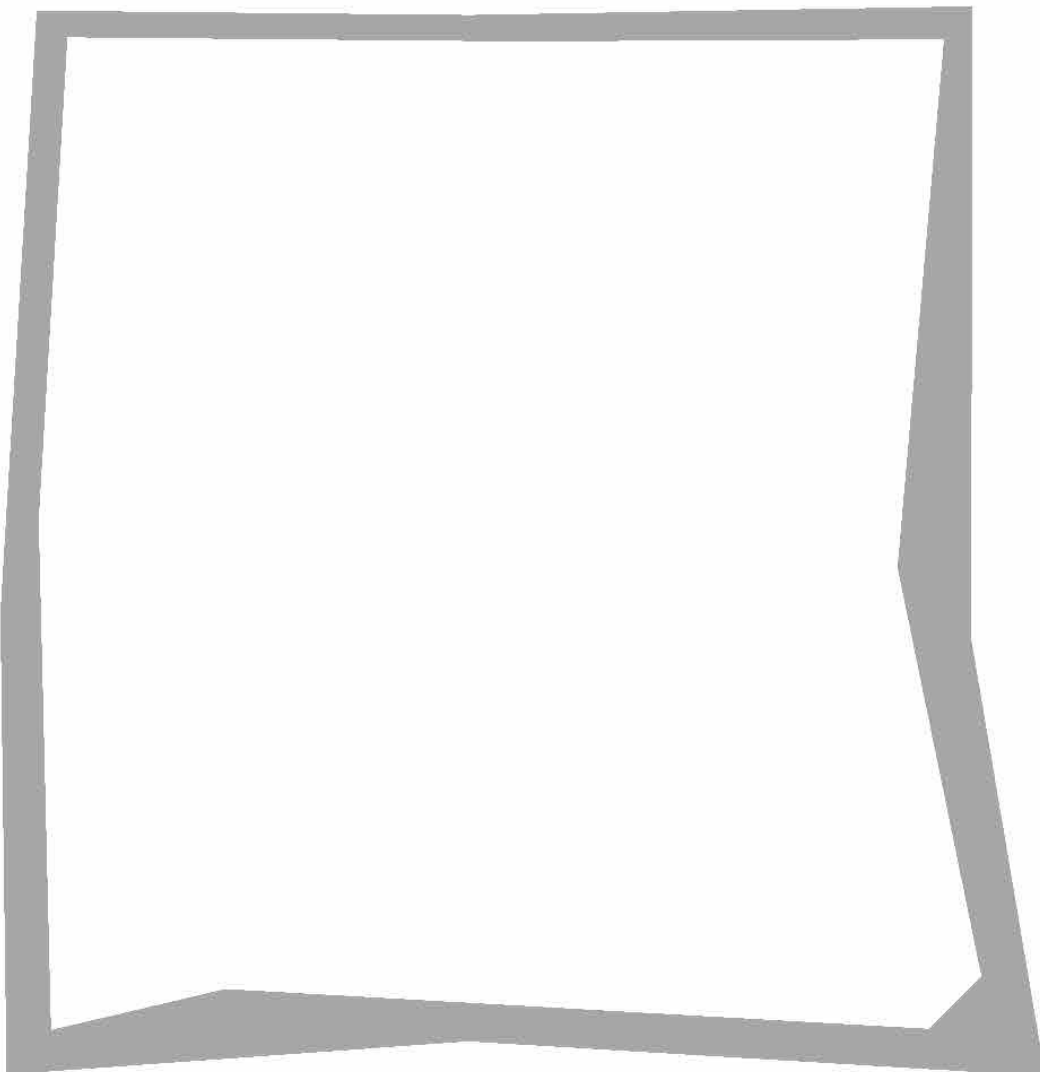
**Draw them below!**



**I counted this many people wearing purple:**



**Here are the purple decorations I see:**



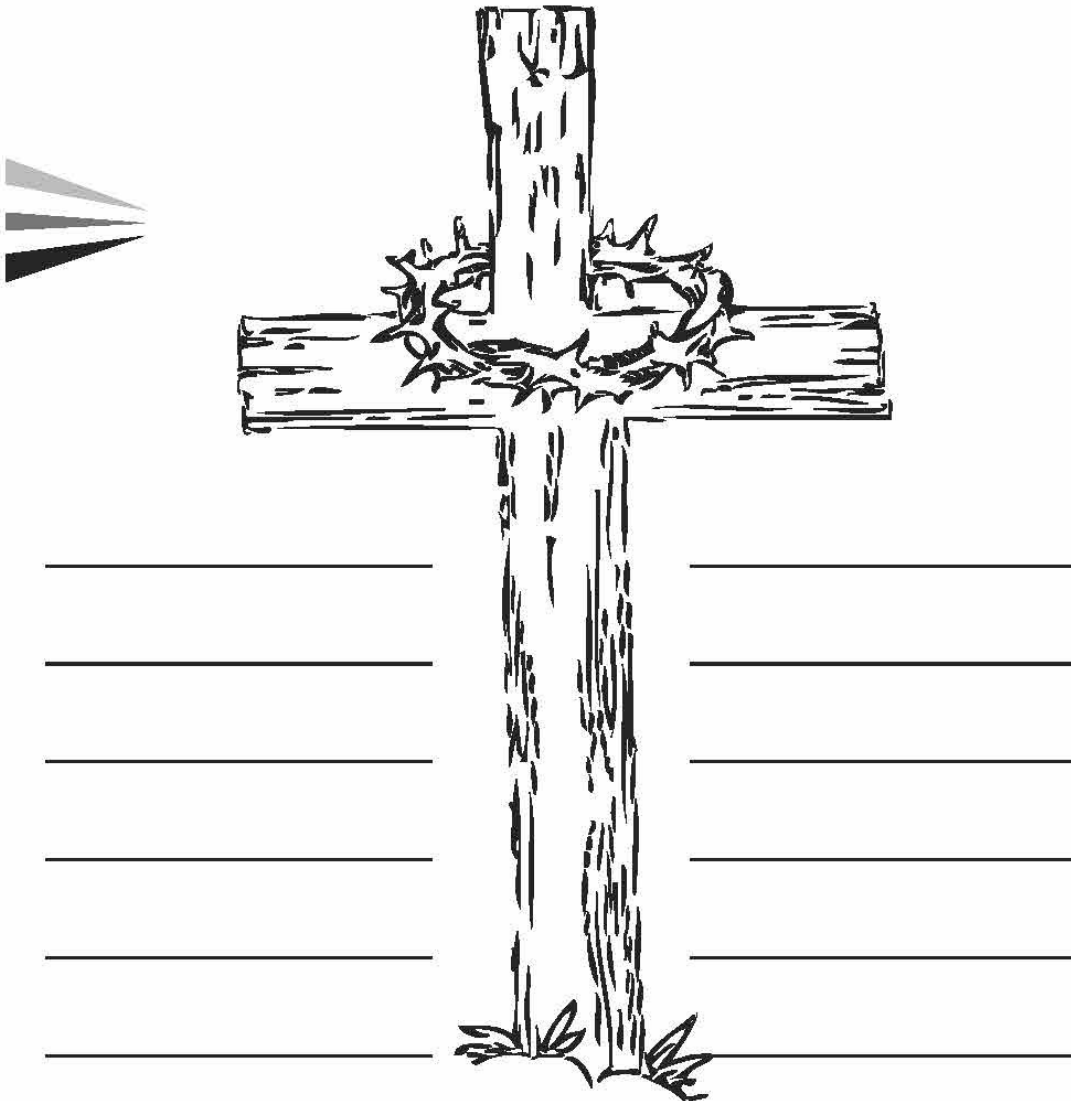


# READER

Lent 2

- Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent.
- During Lent we remember that **Jesus suffered**.
- In our **church family**, we can **support** people who are suffering.

During Lent, we can pay more attention to the ways people may be suffering. In each space write something you can do for other people during Lent.

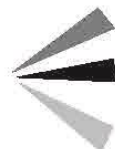


Here is the Bible memory verse, but only the vowels are there! Crack the code to read the whole verse.



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1	9	6	12	3	5	22	23	25

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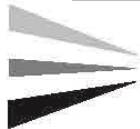
**Bible Tip!** Jesus and his disciples walked and walked and walked. Sometimes just a few people heard his teachings. Other times, big crowds gathered to hear him. Some Bible stories tell us that thousands of people followed Jesus to hear him teach! What is the biggest crowd you have ever joined?

# Who Are You?

Can you find these seven different names for Jesus in the word grid? Words can be up and down, side to side, diagonal, and backwards!

Light of the world Son of Man Son of God	Prince of Peace Lamb of God	The Word Messiah
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T	B	M	P	R	H	C	D	L	B	W	P	Q	V	Q
Q	H	Y	C	S	Y	T	S	S	M	T	E	I	B	C
P	E	A	J	A	G	S	S	C	J	Y	Y	W	W	G
W	R	W	I	E	T	O	H	G	I	E	O	Y	V	B
A	S	I	O	S	N	B	P	J	P	H	L	D	K	X
E	K	D	N	O	S	H	N	Z	T	R	A	A	W	Z
K	W	S	F	C	V	E	B	N	A	O	M	M	Z	T
Y	S	G	G	G	E	W	M	T	D	S	B	F	B	C
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R	O	N	X	Q	M	S	V	P	W	M	G	G	U	W
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N	A	M	F	O	N	O	S	A	H	A	D	Y	T	W
J	Z	T	P	G	O	R	L	A	T	F	C	Y	E	O
Z	V	C	L	O	Q	F	Q	Q	O	C	E	E	T	L



Peter had a different name before he met Jesus.  
Look it up in Mark 3:16.

## Jesus' Life in Art

Many churches have artwork in the worship space that shows stories about Jesus during his life on Earth. Look around your worship space. How many pictures of Jesus' life can you find? Sketch some of them in these spaces.

